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# ELCA GLOBAL LINKS

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## Record number accept call to Young Adults in Global Mission

Ninety-six volunteers from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) have [accepted the call](#) to serve with Young Adults in Global Mission during the 2017-18 program year. This yearlong ELCA program, which started in 1999 with just eight young adults serving in the United Kingdom, has now grown to a record number. [Make a gift to the program today](#) to ensure that more young adults have an opportunity to serve in the future.



## ELCA missionaries in South Sudan

The Rev. Mawien Ariik and the Rev. Wal Luot Reat have returned to their home country of South Sudan to serve as ELCA missionaries. Learn more about their call and the vital work being done by the ELCA and our companions in South Sudan by [watching this inspiring new video](#). Find out how you can lend your support by visiting [ELCA.org/southsudan](http://ELCA.org/southsudan).

## The Lutheran World Federation issues resolutions and public statements

At its Twelfth Assembly in Windhoek, Namibia, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) issued [26 resolutions](#) calling on the communion and its member churches to take action on various areas of concern. In three public statements, the assembly articulated the LWF's position on the genocide in Namibia (1904-1907) and the German-Namibian reconciliation process, unrest in Venezuela and the politicization of religion in Indonesia.

## Choose your own (YAGM) adventure

Mallory Gonia, an ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer serving in Cambodia, [writes an exciting blog](#), offering readers a chance to choose their own adventure. Which adventure will you embark on? You can [support Mallory by visiting her page here](#).

## The new way mission is being done around the world

Did you catch the March issue of *Living Lutheran* magazine? Its feature story was on ELCA missionaries and the incredible work God is doing through them and the companions they are serving alongside. The article, with many great photos, is [now available online](#).

## Interested in having a guest preacher/presenter?

Is your congregation lifting up and celebrating the Global Church this year? Would you like to have a visiting preacher or presenter come and share stories from the Global Church? An ELCA churchwide staff member or speaker would be happy to visit. Please email requests to [globalchurch@elca.org](mailto:globalchurch@elca.org).

## Journey with the Global Church

Don't forget that 2017 is the Global Church theme year for *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*. We have created resources for your congregation, [which can be found here](#).

## Give today!

[Make an online gift](#) to support our companions in Christ who are sharing the good news of Jesus throughout the world.

## Share Global Links

Stay connected with Global Links by sharing resources and content with your congregation. [Download the latest edition of Global Links today!](#)

## Learn more

To find out how you can sponsor a missionary or global ministry or support International Leaders through ELCA Global Church Sponsorship, visit [ELCA.org/globalchurch](http://ELCA.org/globalchurch).

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