

Entering Global Service Questionnaire  
Global Mission, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Please fill in the circles next to your response. Fill in the circle completely ●. Complete one questionnaire per person. If you have previously completed a questionnaire, please do not complete a second. Thanks for your participation.

1. Have you ever considered global service (serving for a period of time—a year or more—in another country on behalf of the church) through the Global Mission (GM) unit of the ELCA? (Pick the one response which comes closest to your experience.)

- No
- I'm not familiar with the option/possibilities
- I have given it much thought
- I have thought about it, but never seriously considered it
- I have seriously thought about short-term service (serving for a year)
- I have seriously thought about long-term service (serving more than a year but not for a career)
- I have seriously thought about global service as a career
- I have actually inquired about service
- I have applied for service (Please go to Question 6.)
- I have served through GM (Please go to Question 6.)

2. If you have never applied for global service, please go through the list below and, in the left-hand column, indicate which items were factors in your decision **not** to apply. (Choose all that apply.) Then, please tell us which THREE items (pick only three) were the most, second and third most important factors in your decision not to apply.

	<u>Most Important</u>	<u>Second Most Important</u>	<u>Third Most Important</u>
<input type="radio"/> I didn't know opportunities were available.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't believe I have the necessary education or skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't like to travel.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't like being in unfamiliar circumstances.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> It would be very difficult for me to learn another language.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't want to give up the familiarity of living in the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't want to be distant from my friends/family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> My friends/family would not support it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I have school, job, or career commitments which I don't want to or cannot interrupt.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I have debts from college or graduate school that I need to pay.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't believe Global Service will pay what I want/need to live comfortably.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't want to commit the time.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I'm not comfortable witnessing to people or trying to convert them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I don't want to be part of a system that potentially imposes its values on people who have other views.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> I think there is plenty of mission work to do right here in the U.S.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<input type="radio"/> If there are other reasons or factors which keep you from considering global service, please describe those reasons or factors here.			

- |  | <u>No</u>  | <u>Yes, somewhat</u>              | <u>Yes, a lot more likely</u> | <u>Not Sure</u>       |
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| 3. Global personnel in service use their educational or occupational skills in cooperation with an existing church/institution. This approach to service is based in a theology of mission which, among other important factors, is intent on sharing decision-making and is careful about imposing Western cultural values. Does this theology of mission make you more likely to consider service? | <input type="radio"/>                                    | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Also, sometimes people believe global service is a long-term commitment. Would being able to commit a single year to service make you more likely to consider it?   | <input type="radio"/>                                    | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. If you are a medical professional, would you be more interested in service if you could serve for as few as three months? (If you are not a medical professional, please go to Question 6.)   | <input type="radio"/>                                    | <input type="radio"/>             | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Some people believe it is very important (even life changing) to serve in another country and experience how people live, how they engage life, culture, and the world. What do you think? (Pick the response which comes closest to your views.)   |  |                                   |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> I believe it would be a very valuable experience.  |  |                                   |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> It might be a valuable experience but I doubt if I will ever serve in another country.   |  |                                   |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> I believe it's possible to have a similar experience in the U.S.   |  |                                   |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> I'm not sure.  |  |                                   |                               |                       |
| 7. Are you?  | 8. In what synod do you live? _____                      |                                   |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Female   |  |                                   |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Male   |  |                                   |                               |                       |
| 9. Are you Latino/Hispanic?  | 10. How do you self-identify?                            | 11. How old are you?              |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> Yes  | <input type="radio"/> African American/Black             | <input type="radio"/> 15 to 19    |                               |                       |
| <input type="radio"/> No   | <input type="radio"/> African National/African Caribbean | <input type="radio"/> 20 to 24    |                               |                       |
|  | <input type="radio"/> American Indian/Alaska Native      | <input type="radio"/> 25 to 34    |                               |                       |
|  | <input type="radio"/> Arab/Middle Eastern                | <input type="radio"/> 35 to 44    |                               |                       |
|  | <input type="radio"/> Asian/Pacific Islander             | <input type="radio"/> 45 to 54    |                               |                       |
|  | <input type="radio"/> Multi-racial                       | <input type="radio"/> 55 to 64    |                               |                       |
|  | <input type="radio"/> White/Caucasian                    | <input type="radio"/> 65 to 74    |                               |                       |
|  | <input type="radio"/> Other                              | <input type="radio"/> 75 or older |                               |                       |
| 12. Please make any other additional comments about your interest in global service and factors which might encourage or discourage your participation. Thanks.  |  |                                   |                               |                       |

Please return to: ELCA/GM, Attn: Toni Daniels, 8765 W Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631.