

Global Church *Sunday*

CELEBRATE ELCA MISSIONARIES AND YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION



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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Each year, more than 225 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) missionaries serve in more than 40 countries.

They are sent by the ELCA in response to invitations from our companion churches around the world. Our missionaries serve in a variety of roles, working alongside our companions to proclaim the gospel, raise up leaders, care for those in need and learn new ways of being church together.



This October, join us in celebrating and supporting this important work through Global Church Sunday! On a Sunday of your congregation's choosing, create opportunities for your members to learn more about how the ELCA is connected globally, support our missionaries and rejoice in our relationships with Lutheran churches around the world. No matter who they are or where they serve, every missionary needs your prayers, support and gifts to live out their ministry. Together, we are building up Christ's global church.

QUESTIONS?

The Global Church Sponsorship team can be reached at globalchurch@elca.org or 800-638-3522.

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Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission

They are **young adults, passionate about their faith and eager to serve.**

They are **pastors, with a call to teach and preach beyond parish walls.**

They are **doctors, with a call to practice where their skills are needed most.**

They are **relationship builders, givers and receivers and catalysts for change.**

They are **our church's missionaries.**

And they need your support!



Cameroon • Kenya • Liberia • Madagascar • Nigeria • Rwanda • Senegal • South Africa
Swaziland • South Sudan • Tanzania • Zimbabwe • Australia • Cambodia • Hong Kong
India • Indonesia • Japan • Korea • Malaysia • Singapore • Thailand • Denmark
Germany • Hungary • Lithuania • Norway • Poland • Russia • Scotland • Slovakia
Sweden • Switzerland • United Kingdom • Argentina • Uruguay • Chile • Colombia
Bolivia • Ecuador • Costa Rica • Jamaica • Mexico • Egypt • Jerusalem/West Bank



As part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, our church is deepening its commitment to support our missionaries, which includes **more than 95 Young Adults in Global Mission serving in 11 country programs** each year. Your gifts will help our long- and short-term missionaries in their ongoing work, as well as expand the Young Adults in Global Mission program for young leaders.

Get Started!

Planning a Global Church Sunday

Start by selecting a Sunday that fits best in your congregation's busy calendar. You may want to consider coordinating your Global Church Sunday celebration with World Communion Sunday (Oct. 1, 2017) or Reformation Sunday (Oct. 29, 2017). If your Global Church Sunday is in September, consider the week of International Day of Peace (Sept. 21, 2017).

Once you select a date, it's time to set a fundraising goal and activities for your Global Church Sunday.

Setting a goal

Meet with your congregation's budget or stewardship committee to determine your goal for Global Church Sunday. Consider setting a per-member goal or select a goal amount from the list below. If you are tying your Global Church Sunday to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, consider setting your goal around \$500 or more.

\$50

One day of life-changing service for a Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer living, working and worshipping in one of 11 country programs.

\$250

Enable an ELCA missionary to lead four village water hygiene workshops with community members.

\$500

Two weeks of service for a long-term missionary working alongside an ELCA global companion in one of 40 countries around the world.

\$5,000

Help a missionary family fly to and from their country of service.

\$15,000

Provide one young-adult missionary with the opportunity to volunteer a year of service as part of the Young Adults in Global Mission program. Cost includes training, airfare, a small living allowance, health insurance and simple room and board.



Fundraising idea: Global Church Jar

A great way to support the ELCA's young-adult volunteers serving around the world is by providing for one day of their year-long service. Depending on the size of your membership, consider asking each member to sponsor a day of one or more Young Adults in Global Mission volunteers at \$50.

Encourage your congregation's members to collect change throughout the month, using the coin jar insert included on page 7, and bring their filled jars on Global Church Sunday. Be sure to report back to your congregation on the final impact of their giving!

Fundraising idea: Global fair

Get your congregation's youth and young adults involved by hosting a global fair. Similar to a traditional science fair, invite youth, young adults or families to choose a country in which ELCA missionaries are doing God's work and host a country booth at your fair.

Booths could feature a variety of items to represent the country, including:

- information, fun facts and pictures
- baked goods, prepared dishes or common ingredients, such as corn or chocolate from Mexico, rice from Japan, etc.
- traditional music or instruments
- clothing, patterns or other art
- fair-trade gifts for purchase
- overview of the ELCA missionary or missionaries in that country (available at ELCA.org/map)

Have a donation basket at the entrance of the fair and encourage gifts to support ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission. Additionally, each booth could feature a giving opportunity, such as purchasing baked goods, fair-trade gifts, homemade art, etc.



Get Started!

Other Global Church Sunday activities

Your celebration might also include:

- music and prayer from the global church in worship
- treats from around the world at coffee hour
- an adult forum or Bible study about our global connections
- a special offering to support our missionaries, including Young Adults in Global Mission
- stories of our church's missionaries*
- a letter, video or visit from an ELCA missionary or a Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer

**See pages 10-11 for available stories and resources to support your Global Church Sunday efforts.*



Consider showing the video “Thad’s Story” during a special offering or a Global Church Sunday event. “Thad’s Story” is about a young leader who dedicated a year of his life to service with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary through Young Adults in Global Mission. Now back in the United States, he says he gained more from his Hungarian hosts than he ever imagined.



You can view and download the video at [ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch](https://elca.org/resources/globalchurch) under the “Global Church Sunday” tab.

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Worship ideas

Reformation Sunday

As we commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, we have the unique opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to serve and love our neighbors throughout the world. Your Reformation Sunday service is a great time to share how we are connected to the global Lutheran church, especially through the work of our missionaries. Reformation worship and service ideas can be found at ELCA500.org.

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in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S
GRACE IN ACTION

Stories from ELCA missionaries

Consider sharing a story from an ELCA missionary or Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer during your service. See pages 10-11 for information on other available stories.

After sharing the story, say a prayer for the missionary or missionaries:

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you send to witness in word and deed among the nations. Bless name/s in the work you have called her/him/them to do, so that she/he/they may faithfully accompany those among whom she/he/they are sent, show your love to all people, and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord (ELW Occasional Services, page 257).

OR

Gracious God, as you have called workers to varied tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called name/s to ministry in global context/s. Grant her/him/them joy and a spirit of bold trust, that her/his/their work may stir up in the church throughout the world lives of fruitful service; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord (ELW Occasional Services, page 256).



You could also invite a missionary or Young Adults in Global Mission volunteer whom you sponsor, or a former missionary, to visit or preach on Global Church Sunday.

For referrals of former missionaries to invite, email globalchurch@elca.org or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2820.

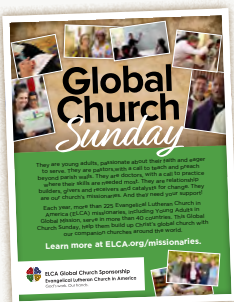
Resources

Order hard copies of these resources
(when applicable) at resources.elca.org under the
“Global Mission” tab or download electronic copies
at ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch under the
“Global Church Sunday” tab.



Our Global Church: 2016-17 Annual Directory highlights
ELCA missionaries, scholarships and ministries, as well as
provides an overview of our church's global engagement.

Distribute the Global Church Sunday bulletin insert,
included in your Global Church Sunday packet, at or
prior to your Global Church Sunday service.



Use the Global Church Sunday poster, included in
your mailed packet, to announce your congregation's
involvement in this day.

Global Church Jar inserts, included in your Global
Church Sunday packet, can be distributed as part
of a coin collection or dollar-a-day initiative
in support of missionaries.





Global Church Story Series is a collection of 12 stories highlighting the ELCA's international evangelism work through Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission, International Women Leaders and Global Ministries. Use these stories for Bible study groups, in your congregation's bulletin or newsletter and as part of your fundraising efforts.

"Thad's Story" is a video about a young leader who dedicated a year of his life to service with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary through Young Adults in Global Mission. Now back in the United States, he says he gained more from his Hungarian hosts than he ever imagined. Watch the video at ELCA.org/resources/globalchurch under the "Global Church Sunday" tab.



The Global Church Passport offers a way to engage youth and young adults in learning about the ELCA's work as part of a global Lutheran community. Order passport packs, which include nine passport books and three sticker sheets, at resources.elca.org under the "Global Mission" tab.

Global Mission Map Brochure 2017 provides an overview of the ELCA's global engagement and mission in 2017. This educational piece shows how the ELCA's global mission is grounded in relationship with our companions around the world. This resource folds out into a world map and is great for displaying in your congregation's foyer and literature racks.



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Online

Make a secure credit card donation by visiting community.ELCA.org/globalchurch. You can designate to Young Adults in Global Mission, Missionaries or make a gift to the general Global Church Sponsorship fund.

Mail

Make a check payable to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship with Young Adults in Global Mission and/or Missionaries on the memo line.

Mail checks to:
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