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- The ELCA belongs to The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of **more than 70 million Lutherans in 79 countries.**
- Over **240 ELCA missionaries** work hand in hand with our neighbors in 40+ countries. Assignments range from a few months to eight years or more.
- In the last 25 years, **800 International Leaders** have received scholarships to complete their studies at colleges, universities and seminaries in the United States and around the world.
- There are more than **60 Young Adults in Global Mission** serving in nine countries this year. As they share their gifts of service, they also learn and grow from their host communities.
- Every year we respond to requests from companion churches for financial support to expand their **Global Ministries** – to start new congregations, extend outreach in urban areas and train pastors and evangelists.

ELCA Global Church Sponsorship offers opportunity for you or your congregation to help build up Christ's church by sending Missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission to work with our companions in Christ, and in 2014, your gifts will begin supporting International Leaders and Global Ministries.

Learn more at [www.ELCA.org/GlobalChurchSunday](http://www.ELCA.org/GlobalChurchSunday)  
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