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HOW TO SERVE

MISSIONARIES

Global missionary positions can vary based on the needs discerned by global companions and the ELCA. To view current open positions and apply, visit ELCA.org/GlobalService and click "View Opportunities."

YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION (YAGM)

Applications for YAGM are open from Nov. 1 through Feb. 1 each year, with priority given to those who apply before Jan. 15, for service starting the following August. To apply or learn more, visit ELCA.org/YAGM.

On the cover: Asia Regional Representative Chandran Paul Martin (far right) visits displaced people from Myanmar in a camp in eastern India. Learn more on p. 8.

REFLECTING ON ACCOMPANIMENT

By the Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director of Service and Justice

"... being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them." —Acts 16:10

This text from Acts comes from the story of a missionary trip that does not go according to plan. Paul, one of the most successful missionaries of the early church, invites Timothy and Silas to join him as he speaks the word in Asia, but the Holy Spirit forbids them to go there. They try to go to Bithynia, but "the spirit of Jesus did not allow them." Then a Macedonian man appears to Paul in a dream, asking for help. When the trio arrive in Macedonia, they go to a place of prayer, as is their custom on the Sabbath. Instead of finding the required number of males gathered for prayer, they find Lydia and her friends. The story closes with the conversion of Lydia and the baptism of her household.

We believe, as Paul believed, that our God is a missionary God. The ELCA Constitution describes us as "called and sent to proclaim God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world." We heed the command of Jesus in the Gospel of John: "As [God] has sent me, so I send you" (20:21). Sentness (the act of being sent) is the essence of being church, connecting us to the mission and to the one who sends. We are sent not only to engage in a task (the doing of mission) but as an expression of our life together as members of the body of Christ (the being in mission).

Mission rooted in relationship means growth — for everyone involved. In response to God's liberating grace, we listen, learn and deepen our understanding of and love for one another. The ELCA organizes its global engagement around the theology and practice of accompaniment, walking together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith siblings around the world. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together.

The Spirit said "no" to Paul's plan and instead led him to deliver the message Lydia needed to hear. As church, we want to create room to listen to the Spirit. From this directory you will discover some of the ways ELCA personnel around the globe are living out that goal by serving with our companion churches. I invite you to pray for them and perhaps identify a partner who might join you in conversation about the ways we all journey together in response to the "winds of the Spirit."

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FIVE CORE ACCOMPANIMENT VALUES TO GUIDE US:

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MUTUALITY	A commitment to relationships in which we receive one another's gifts and expertise.
INCLUSIVITY	A commitment to relationships that address exclusion in communities.
VULNERABILITY	A commitment to relationships that are open to Christ's transformation and reconciliation.
EMPOWERMENT	A commitment to relationships in which we build one another's strengths and capacity for God's mission.
SUSTAINABILITY	A commitment to relationships of accountability that steward God's given gifts for the present and future.

MISSIONARY IMPACT

The Rev. Rachel Eskesen (brown jacket) joins with the Lutheran congregation in Żyrardów, a suburb of Warsaw, Poland, as it celebrates the ordination of the newly ordained Rev. Halina Radacz, the first of the first nine women ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Poland on May 7.

HOW MANY?

131 missionary households, including **24 new missionaries** total for 2021 and 2022, plus **24 YAGM volunteers** serving in 2022-23.





45 countries around the world, including 4 YAGM country programs that encompass 6 countries/territories.

EDUCATION



29 missionaries serve as teachers, professors or trainers.

ADMINISTRATION



32 missionaries serve as representatives, program facilitators or communicators.

WHAT?

PARISH MINISTRY



18 missionaries serve as pastors, pastoral interns or worship assistants.



4 missionaries serve as coordinators for Young Adults in Global Mission.



5 missionaries serve as doctors or health care coordinators.

AFRICA

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Thirty-one mission personnel are serving in 10 countries in Africa in 2022.
- Mission personnel serve through administration, education, evangelism and health care and as regional representatives.

The Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson (far left), regional representative for southern Africa, and Rev. Dr. Elitha Moyo (far right), ELCA regional representative for gender justice and programs, visit the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia, an ELCA companion church. The ELCA provided support for the longplanned construction of a church office, sanctuary and parsonage for Matero Parish in Lusaka. The building is scheduled to be finished before the end of the year.

The Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo (extreme right) attends the biennial convention of the Lutheran Church in Liberia (LCL). The LCL welcomed international visitors from Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Denmark, Bavaria and the ELCA. Seated beside Seyenkulo are (left to right) the Rev. Hawa Flomo, the Rev. Vera Teh and the Rev. Janice Faijue.



Missionaries Anne and Willie Langdji meet with leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (ELC-CAR) and international partners of the church in Yaounde, Cameroon. From left to right: the Rev. Joseph Ngoe, president of the ELC-CAR; Anne Langdji; the Rev. Rachel Doumbaye, vice president of the ELC-CAR; Willie Langdji; and the Rev. Dr. Jeanette Ada Maina, vice president of the Lutheran World Federation, Africa.

AFRICA

Information for each missionary household includes names, positions and giving codes where applicable. To learn more about missionary giving codes, see pages 18-19.

CAMEROON



ANNE AND WILLIE LANGDJI Regional representatives for Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa MSG0260



REV. BRIAN PALMER Theology instructor MSG0688



REV. LINDA JOHNSON SEYENKULO Curriculum adviser and trainer GCS2018

MADAGASCAR

NIGERIA



REV. LANCELOT THEMBA (PICTURED) AND KWENA MKHABELA Regional representative for Madagascar, West Africa and Central Africa MSG0707



MARY BETH AND BAYO OYEBADE Facilitator for HIV/AIDS prevention, coordinator for Mashiah Foundation GCS2074

SOUTH AFRICA

SOUTH SUDAN





QUENTIN BERNHARD YAGM GCS2088

SOL NADAL DIAZ





REV. MYTCH DORVILIER YAGM country coordinator GCS3560



SAMUEL SUSINA YAGM GCS2091



REV. PHILIP AND LOU-MARIE KNUTSON Regional representative for Southern Africa MSG0245



REV. WAL REAT Evangelism GCS2026

TANZANIA



DAVID (DAUDI) AND **KELLEN MSSEEMMAA** Regional representative for East Africa GCS2058



ASTINE AND RYAN BOSE Program coordinators



DR. STEVEN AND **BETHANY FRIBERG** Health care MSG0141



LINDA JACOBSON Health care MSG0462

ZIMBABWE



моуо Regional consultant



ROBERT KASWORM Health care administration

ROBERT AND CAROLEE STUBERG Music education

TANZANIA



DR. STEPHEN AND JODI SWANSON Health care GCS2007



DEACON APRIL TROUT Relationship facilitator

ZAMBIA



REV. KRISTIN ENGSTROM Facilitator for leadership development and capacity building GCS2031



REV. DR. AMBROSE



NOT PICTURED DERRICK MATTHEWS

NIGERIA DORTHEA HUSTOFT-ΗΔΜΜΔΝ Teacher

SOUTH SUDAN

ELIANA LYATUU Senior administrative officer

TANZANIA

REV. MARY JO MAAS Religious and English education

AND DR. DOROTHY BREWSTER-LEE Health care

REV. ELIESHI MUNGURE Theological education

ZIMBABWE

REV. ELITHA MOYO Regional representative for gender justice programs

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ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Twenty-three missionaries are serving in nine countries in Asia and the Pacific in 2022.
- Nearly \$1.5 million in grants supported sustainable development throughout the region
 in fiscal year 2021.
- About **\$500,000 in direct mission and evangelism grants was provided to churches** in the region in 2021.



Photo: James Sack

Asia Regional Representative Chandran Paul Martin listens to the stories of displaced people from Myanmar in a camp in eastern India. Thousands of people, many of whom are from the ELCA companion Mara Evangelical Church, have fled their homes and villages due to oppression and fighting with the military regime that took over the country in 2021. Lutheran Disaster Response is providing continued assistance to these displaced people, both within Myanmar and in neighboring countries.

Photo: Y. Franklin Ishida



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CAMBODIA



REV. PHILLIP BAKER Regional representative



HONG KONG

SAMUEL AND McCALL DUBBELMAN Seminary professor

INDIA



REV. CHANDRAN PAUL MARTIN Regional representative MSG0721



TIMOTHY MELVYN Special consultant





REV. DR. CHARLES PETERSON Seminary professor GMG2005



REV. DR. JEFFREY TRUSCOTT Theological education

JAPAN



REV. HITOSHI AND SATOKO ADACHI Parish ministry GCS2051

JAPAN



PATRICK AND JACKIE BENCKE ESL teacher, music teacher MSG0021



REV. CHARLES FREDRICKSON Parish ministry



HANNAH JENSEN-REINKE ESL teacher GCS2064



MALAYSIA











KATIE NARUM MIYAMOTO

ESL teacher

MSG0358

NEPAL

HAILEY BRENDEN Communications



VOLAMALALA RANAIVOSAN ESL Teacher GCS2070

SOUTH KOREA



REV. DR. JAMES AND CAROL SACK Theological education, music ministry MSG0462



LAURA SLEZAK ESL TEACHER GCS2067



REV. DR. SARAH HINLICKY WILSON AND DR. ANDREW WILSON Parish ministry, theological education









REV. DR. SUK YEON LEE University education, counseling

NOT PICTURED

THAILAND

REV. JESSICA DERISE Regional representative

EUROPE

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Thirty-three mission personnel serve in 12 countries in Europe in 2022.
- The ELCA accompanies Lutheran church bodies in over a dozen former Eastern Bloc countries.
- Eighty-five percent of ELCA World Hunger grants in Europe support work with vulnerable populations, including Roma communities, refugees, asylum-seekers, and children and families living in poverty.

The Rev. Robert Moore speaks at "Picnic in the Park," an event shared by the ELCA and the Lutheran World Federation Wittenberg Center.





Since 1994, the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia have cooperated to welcome volunteer teachers to central Europe. The program welcomes 12-20 new and returning volunteer teachers to serve in Lutheran schools in several towns and cities. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on borders and travel, the ELCA was unable to send any new volunteer teachers in the 2020-2021 academic year. However, in August 2021 the program was able to welcome new volunteer teachers, who joined those about to return. Here, they are pictured at the end of their in-country orientation in Bratislava, Slovakia. The teachers were blessed for their year of ministry by the Rev. Kyle Svennungsen, pastor of Bratislava International Church.

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BELGIUM



REV. KATIE OSWEILER Parish ministry

DENMARK

REV. TIMOTHY AND MARYANN STEWART Parish ministry

SLOVAKIA



SARAH GROW AND REV. PETER HANSON Intersectional justice resource specialists and mission pastor

GERMANY



REV. ZACHARY COURTER AND REV. RACHEL ESKESEN Area desk director GCS2033



REV. DR. ROBERT AND KATHRYN MOORE Director, ELCA Wittenberg Center GCS2036

HUNGARY & SERBIA



REV. DR. JOHN VOELKER Theological education

NORWAY



REV. SHERRI FREDERIKSON

REV. BRADN BUERKLE Pastor MSG0075

SWITZERLAND



MEGAN FREUDENBERG Teacher



ELIZABETH KUSTER Horizon intern



CHRISTINA SUNSTONE Teacher



NAOMI AND NICHOLAS **SVEHOLM** Education coordinator, teacher GCS2069

SLOVAKIA

Parish ministry



REV. KYLE AND ANNA SVENNUNGSEN Parish ministry GCS2059



REV. ANDREW WILLIS Parish ministry



WILLIAM BAIZE YAGM GCS2093



RYAN BARNHOUSE YAGM GCS2092



DYLAN BROWN YAGM GCS2094

HUNGARY

Volunteer

NORWAY

LAUGALAND

Parish ministry

SLOVAKIA

JOHN ROGERS

Teacher

Teacher

Teacher

MICHELLE LAUDERMILK

MITCHELL MCDONALD

REV. INGEBJORG

ANNE MORWASKI



JOHN CHRISTENSEN YAGM GCS2095

UNITED KINGDOM



HEATHER HUFFORD YAGM GCS2096

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GABRIELLE IRLE YAGM GCS2097

AUSTRIA REV. AMANDA OLESON Chaplain



SHELBY RIEDMAN YAGM GCS2098

GERMANY CLAUDIA BERGMANN Professor



ETHAN ROBERTS YAGM GCS2099

REV. PETER ROGNESS Interim pastor

REV. DR. ANJA NICOLE STUCKENBERGER School director and pastor

REV. ANNA BALLAN Parish ministry

SWITZERLAND

CHAD RIMMER Program executive for identity, communion and formation at the Lutheran World Federation

UNITED **KINGDOM**

REV. JEFF MARTIN Pastor

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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Seventeen mission personnel serve in 11 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Over **\$1.2 million supported the global migration engagement** of 12 Lutheran churches and ecumenical partners through an expanding AMMPARO network in Mexico, Central America and South America.
- Over \$350,000 funded project grants to support regional leadership development in Fiscal Year 2021.



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ARGENTINA & URUGUAY



KRISTEN BERGGREN YAGM GCS2076



ALBERTO (GUSTAVO) DRIAU Regional representative GCS2045



JESSICA GEROUX YAGM country coordinator GCS2075



JOANNA HOLLECK YAGM GCS2077



TARA NORTON YAGM GCS2078



SAMANTHA OJEDA YAGM GCS2079

ARGENTINA & URUGUAY



CLAIRE WEISNER YAGM GCS2080

BOLIVIA



REV. AARON DECKER Theological education GCS2073



CHILE

KAREN ANDERSON Director of International School for Health Education (EPES) MSG0676

COLOMBIA



KAITLYNNE LARSON Educator, community organizer GCS2071

COSTA RICA



REV. MICHAEL (MIKE) BUSBEY AND HELLEN RIOS-CARRILLO Regional representative for Central America and Mexico regional representative for the Caribbean and gender justice GMG2004



REV. STEPHEN DEAL AND MARTA GIRÓN Regional representative for AMMPARO in Latin America and the Caribbean MSG0098

JAMAICA



CAROLYN SCHNEIDER Theological education GCS2016



REV. DAVID AND ALICIA BRONDOS Theological education MSG0069

NICARAGUA



REV. DR. CLAUDIA SOLIETTE LOPEZ ORTEGA Mission hospitality coordinator

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BRAZIL

RUBEN BENTO DA SILVA Seminary professor

A LINDA GAWTHORNE Bible translator

HONDURAS

REV. CARLOS AND DR. SORAYA EBERLE Pastor and leadership formation

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Eleven mission personnel serve in three countries in the Middle East and North Africa in 2022.
- The ELCA has expanded financial support for projects benefiting refugees and host communities as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Palestine and Jordan.



The Rev. Gabi Aelabouni attends the Rev. Imad Haddad's installation at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Amman, Jordan.

Photo: Noursat Jordan

Steve Saari with staff and students from the St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) preschool in Cairo, Egypt. Thanks to gifts from generous donors, the students received winter clothes to keep them warm as the seasons changed. They participated in a fashion show before winter break to show off their new outfits.



MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

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ISRAEL/PALESTINE



REV. GABI AND REV. DR. MEGHAN AELABOUNI Director, Middle East and North Africa, theological education GCS2060



REV. JORDAN AND REV. ADAM MILLER-STUBBENDICK YAGM country coordinators



HOLLY BECK YAGM GCS2081



HARPER BOLZ-WEBER YAGM GCS2082



SOPHIA CAESAR YAGM GCS2083



KATIE EUSCHER YAGM GCS2084

ISRAEL/PALESTINE



CETERA JACOBS YAGM GCS2085



BRITTA KOENEN YAGM GCS2086



SOPHIA WARNBERG YAGM GCS2087

EGYPT



REV. CHRISTIE MANISTO AND STEVEN SAARI Parish ministry GCS2061



JENNIFER NORBERG Horizon intern

HOW TO GIVE

There are so many ways Global Mission is working alongside our siblings in Christ to build up God's global church. You can join us in these vital ministries in a number of ways, including prayer, creating a covenant and raising money to support the work that is happening around the world.

BECOME A COVENANT CONGREGATION

Deepen your relationship with a missionary through a commitment of prayer, communication and financial support. Covenant congregations receive regular newsletter updates from their missionary and have the opportunity to request a visit during home assignment.

Download the form at ELCA.org/CovenantForm.

Contact globalchurch@elca.org or 800-638-3522, ext. 2820.

GIVE BY CHECK

Make your check out to "ELCA Missionaries" with one of the designation names and codes* in the memo line. Mail your check to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

*For a list of designation codes, see page 19.

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GIVE BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

Visit ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving or call 800-638-3522.

SIVE TO AN ENDOWMENT

Make a lasting gift! Contribute to one of Global Mission's endowment funds to help support these ministries for generations to come. Visit **ELCA.org/GlobalGive** and select either *ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Endowment* (E272617) or *ELCA International Women Leaders Endowment Fund* (E272671) from the drop-down menu.



If you are a Thrivent member, consider supporting Global Mission through your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

MONTHLY

Set up an automatic monthly gift by calling **800-638-3522**.



An ELCA gift planner can help you plan a legacy gift, such as a bequest, endowment or charitable-gift annuity. Contact **elcafoundation@elca.org** or call **800-638-3522**, **ext. 2299**.

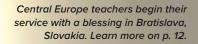
GIVING CODES

Use these codes to designate a gift to a specific ministry or missionary^{*} in the global church. Make your check out to "ELCA" with one of the designation names and codes in the memo line. Mail your check to: ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

ELCA Global Church Sponsorship		Young Adults in Global Mission	GCS3000
 Where needed most 	GCS1000	Young Adults in Global Mission	
		Endowment Fund	E272617
Missionary Sponsorship	GCS2000	YAGM Argentina/Uruguay	GCS3001
Adachi, Hitoshi and Satoko	GCS2051	YAGM Jerusalem/West Bank	GCS3003
Aelabouni, Gabi and Meghan	GCS2060	YAGM Senegal	GCS3142
Anderson, Karen	MSG0676	YAGM United Kingdom	GCS3008
Bencke, Patrick and Jacqueline	MSG0021		
Brondos, David and Alicia	MSG0069	2022-2023 YAGM Volunteers	
Buerkle, Bradn	MSG0075	Baize, William	GCS2093
Busbey, Mike, and Hellen Rios-Carillo	GMG2004	Barnhouse, Ryan	GCS2092
Courter, Zachary, and Rachel Eskesen	GCS2033	Beck, Holly	GCS2081
Deal, Stephen, and Marta Giron	MSG0098	Berggren, Kristin	GCS2076
Decker, Aaron	GCS2073	Bernhard, Quentin	GCS2088
Derise, Jessica	_	Bolz-Weber, Harper	GCS2082
Dorvilier, Mytch	GCS3560	Brown, Dylan	GCS2094
Driau, Gustavo	GCS2045	Caesar, Sophia	GCS2083
Dubbelman, Samuel and McCall	—	Christensen, John	GCS2095
Engstrom, Kristin	GCS2031	Euscher, Katie	GCS2084
Friberg, Steven and Bethany	MSG0141	Holleck, Joanna	GCS2077
Geroux, Jessica	GCS2075	Hufford, Heather	GCS2096
Grow, Sarah	—	Irle, Gabrielle	GCS2097
Jacobson, Linda	MSG0216	Jacobs, Cetera	GCS2085
Jensen-Reinke, Hannah	GCS2064	Koenen, Britta	GCS2086
Johnson, Elisabeth	GCS2018	Nadal Diaz, Sol	GCS2090
Knutson, Philip and Lou-Marie	MSG0245	Norton, Tara	GCS2078
Langdji, Anne and Willie	MSG0260	Ojeda, Samantha	GCS2079
Larson, Kaitlynne	GCS2071	Riedman, Shelby	GCS2098
Martin, Chandran Paul	MSG0721	Roberts, Ethan	GCS2099
Miller-Stubbendick, Adam and Jordan	_	Susina, Samuel	GCS2091
Mkhabela, Themba and Kwena	MSG0707	Warnberg, Sophia	GCS2087
Moore, Robert and Kathy	GCS2036	Weisner, Claire	GCS2080
Msseemmaa, Daudi and Kellen	GCS2058		
Narum Miyamoto, Katie	MSG0358		
Oyebade, Mary Beth and Bayo	GCS2074		
Palmer, Brian	MSG0688	*This list includes only sponsorable missionaries. Any missionaries	
Peterson, Charles	GMG2005	not listed here are not sponsorable at this time, and the ELCA	
Ranaivosan, Volamalala	GCS2070	cannot accept funds designated for	them.
Reat, Wal	GCS2026		
Saari, Steven and Christie Manisto	GCS2061	If you are interested in sponsoring a missionary who is listed here but does not yet have a designation code, contact	
Sack, James and Carol	MSG0462		
Schneider, Carolyn	GCS2016	globalchurch@elca.org.	
Seyenkulo, Linda Johnson	GCS2018		
Slezak, Laura	GCS2067		
Sveholm, Naomi and Nicholas	GCS2069		
Svennungsen, Kyle and Anna	GCS2059		
Swanson, Stephen and Jodi	GCS2007		
Truscott, Jeffrey	MSG0546		
Wilson Sorah and Androw	CC52052		

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Wilson, Sarah and Andrew







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