In the ELCA we believe that, through baptism, God calls us into the world to serve together. ELCA Witness in Society encompasses some of the ELCA’s work and ministry in the public sphere, advancing justice and shining a light on peace and dignity. This work and ministry take place wherever Lutherans are found, in communities across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region, with focused activity through the Lutheran Office for World Community at the United Nations in New York City; in state public policy offices in the ELCA Advocacy Network; through our Corporate Social Responsibility program; and from the ELCA’s federal hub in Washington, D.C.

Meet ELCA staff based in Washington, D.C., including skilled policy advocates who monitor legislative developments pertinent to ELCA federal policy priorities, develop relationships with policy makers, consult with faith-based and issue-focused coalitions, advance accompaniment awareness and goals from ELCA ministries and colleagues, and, at opportune moments, act and facilitate action by members of the ELCA Advocacy Network.

**Senior Director, Witness in Society**
The Rev. Amy Reumann worked in parish ministry and advocacy on both the state and the city level before joining ELCA Witness in Society. She manages federal policy activity in the Washington, D.C., office, coordinates with state public policy offices in the ELCA Advocacy Network, as well as holds responsibility with the Lutheran Office of World Community’s representation at the United Nations. As a master gardener, she plants seeds literally as well as figuratively.

**Sustainability Associate**
Adele Bodog brings an intersectional appreciation to her work coordinating ELCA priorities in care of creation. Touching on infrastructure, water, hunger, food security, climate, disasters and more, her background in international development, communications, private sector engagement and corporate social responsibility help shape ELCA priorities toward common goals.

**Program Director, Housing and Human Needs**
After studying politics and philosophy, Andrew Fuller worked for various local, state and federal campaigns before joining the ELCA staff in 2014. He engages with government office holders and departments, with other advocates and advocacy organizations, and with affinity stakeholders aware of varying housing needs and the impact housing insecurity has in our individual and communal lives. In his free time, he enjoys playing both piano and violin.

**Program Director, Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility**
Originally holding senior positions in the chemical and energy sector, Ruth Ivory-Moore has worked for the ELCA since 2016 on policy issues as they relate to sustainability, climate and the environment. She also works on projects related to Corporate Social Responsibility, an ELCA program that monitors the social implications of company practices and adjusts ELCA investment policy in socially responsible ways. She is passionate about reversing the impact of racism on environmental policy and about creating positive change for current and future generations. She enjoys spending time in nature and planning gatherings for her family.

**Program Director, Domestic Policy**
John Johnson has over 25 years of experience doing advocacy and policy work in D.C. for both secular and faith-based organizations. Strongly shaped by his upbringing in The Episcopal Church, he joined the ELCA in 2014 and now works on domestic policy relating to issues including hunger, poverty, criminal justice, civil rights, health and taxes. When he was in the ROTC, he was able to fly an F-16 aircraft.

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Program Director, International Policy
With a background in international relations and international policy, Patricia Kisare works in a joint role with the ELCA and The Episcopal Church, a full communion partner of the ELCA. She works on a variety of foreign policy and foreign assistance issues, including but not limited to food security and global hunger, global health programs, governance and democracy, and conflict resolution. When she has the opportunity, she enjoys traveling.

Program Director, Advocacy Engagement
Building from her early career in social work, Karen Krueger developed her communication skills after seminary by working with the ELCA Metro D.C. Synod. As part of the staff of the Washington, D.C., office of Witness in Society, she helps connect the wider church with advocacy activity through communications including social media, resources and training, and cultivating stories from ELCA members to support its advocacy endeavors. In her free time she finds recreation and restoration on the Shenandoah River.

Program Director, Migration Policy
Giovana Oaxaca's background in politics, government and economics, and her linguistic proficiency in both English and Spanish, empower her to apply an intersectional lens to her advocacy. She works on dispelling myths surrounding migration, pushing back on restrictions that negatively impact migrating people, and building networks for community-based action. She joined the ELCA in 2020, and in addition to working for the advocacy staff, she leads advocacy for the ELCA AMMPARO strategy (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities). She is a self-proclaimed foodie who enjoys not just trying new foods but re-creating them herself.

Office and Grants Manager
Having worked for the Lutheran Council in the USA while in school in 1985, which merged with the ELCA in 1988, Jackie Maddox has been part of the ELCA since the beginning. She agreed to stay after the merger because she enjoys the justice work and the variety of projects in which she participates. She maintains the D.C. office and manages the budgets for advocacy activity and for grants to advocacy partners. She also offers leadership in the ELCA’s African Decent Strategy Team Justice Table and the Legal/Risk Management Task Force Team for the ELCA. In her free time, she enjoys listening to music, karaoke and spending time with friends and family.

Corporate Social Responsibility Associate
The Rev. Kaari Reierson worked for nearly 10 years with the ELCA Department for Studies, contributed to multiple social teaching documents and served as founding editor of the Journal of Lutheran Ethics. She served as associate pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Evanston, Ill., until her second child robbed her of all hope of sleeping through the night ever again. She is delighted to be engaging with the ELCA through the Corporate Social Responsibility program.

2021-22 Hunger Advocacy Fellow
Sandra Roper studied English and Germanic Studies in college and has worked with other faith-based organizations, including Lutheran World Federation while she was an undergraduate. She shares communications responsibilities, including social media and writing duties, and supports advocacy advancement in various ways. She enjoys hiking in her free time, particularly in the fall.