

Immerse yourself in the ethnically and culturally diverse region of Central Europe



Dominique, Horizon intern / Central Europe teacher

Accompany students with the J-3 program in Japan



Dean, J-3

Bridge cultural gaps and engage teachers and students in Thailand

CENTRAL EUROPE

The Evangelical Lutheran Churches of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia and Poland and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) are looking for volunteers to teach English, literature, history and culture in their church-related schools. English speakers and writers are needed in all areas of society as Slovakia, Poland and Hungary face new challenges and opportunities after their move toward market economies and entrance into the European Union and NATO. Volunteer teachers help students develop language and other skills that will enable them to advance in their chosen careers. In addition, the volunteers serve as spiritual mentors for young adults learning to live in a society where religion was formerly oppressed.

Beginning in mid-August of each year, this program is a one-year commitment, with preference given to candidates who can commit to two years (positions are filled on a rolling basis). Housing, medical insurance, and a local teacher's stipend are all provided. Volunteers raise their own support to cover travel expenses. Student loans are deferrable.

JAPAN

The Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) operates schools and other programs that provide English language instruction as part of the church's ministry. Invited by the JELC to engage in ministry together, the ELCA recruits and sends English speakers to teach English and to support congregational ministries.

The JELC brings a commitment to educational excellence and specialized ministries that reach out to the community. J-3 teachers have the unique opportunity to be a part of this and to witness, through their work and service, to the love of God.

J-3 teachers serve for 33 months. Stipend, housing, international transportation and extensive language training are provided. Full medical and dental coverage as well as partial student loan reimbursement assistance are also provided.

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THAILAND

Volunteers serve in classrooms as teaching assistants in schools operated by the Church of Christ in Thailand. While volunteers are highly involved in the class instruction, the partnership with a Thai teacher is meant to help bridge cultural gaps – even as volunteers may not have an education background – and assist the Thai teachers in their own English improvement. Other duties might include English camps, Christian education, etc. As a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), Thailand is now faced with open national borders and reduced trade restrictions with its neighboring countries, creating an ever-increasing demand for English as English is the only common language of the nations in the association. Additionally, the survival of the Christian schools amid this change makes English instruction essential. Volunteers will have the opportunity to be a part of this new reality for Thailand and its future capacity for diplomatic and economic relevance within ASEAN.

This is a two-year commitment. Housing, health insurance and a monthly stipend (equivalent to a beginning teacher's salary in Thailand) are provided. Volunteers engage in a Thailand-based orientation upon arrival. A bachelor's degree (in any field) is required. No teaching experience is required.

WHAT IS GLOBAL TEACH?

In partnership with various programs and companion churches around the world, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) provides international opportunities for those interested in international service through teaching. While teaching, volunteers grow in relationship with their host communities, immerse themselves in a new culture and way of life, and are transformed by their students, colleagues and the experience of international service. Though helpful, an education degree is not a requirement for most Global Teach placements.

WHY GLOBAL TEACH?

"I've always noticed and felt how God has been present in my life. But while living in Poland, God constantly provided me with angel helpers as I needed them being in new friends and students' smiles. God called me to serve on the other side of the world. Listen for God's call to you wherever you are!"
- **Mary Wirth, Central Europe teacher**

"Upon reaching Japan, I was welcomed into a new life and church community that had been praying and anxiously awaiting my arrival. I met, taught and talked with my students daily at a community center where everyone was eager to learn English and to exchange cultural stories. They were my students, but we became friends and they taught me about life in Japan and how to be a Christian within their context."
- **Dana Dutcher – J-3 Program**

As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.



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Teaching Ministry Opportunities

Central Europe - Japan - Thailand



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