



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

We Are Church Together

Region 8 ELCA Networks for Mission Event

Network Descriptions

ELCA Global Mission/Companion Synod Teams

This network includes synod and congregation members who participate in any synod global mission or companion synod committee but has expanded to also include people who are interested in global engagement with any ELCA global companions or related organizations. You are invited to bring your global passion to the table and get connected to the exciting work in proclamation and service that ELCA companions are doing!

ELCA Mission Interpretation Ministry

This network of lay and rostered volunteers declare how God's work is being done in congregations, synods and through churchwide ministries. Interpreters are equipped with skills and resources to thank people for using their gifts, informing people about new and growing ministries, teaching why God's work is being done and inspiring people with stories. This ministry is shared through training sessions, visits with congregations, ministry talks and providing resources for congregational use. Interpreters strengthen the relationship between the ELCA membership and its leadership with our common mission.

ELCA Synod Communicators

Synod communicators advance the mission and ministries of the ELCA by connecting members and congregations in their synods with information that will equip them to participate fully in the life of the church. Synod communicators have diverse roles and job descriptions, and many wear more than just the communicator hat in their synod offices. All of them, though, facilitate the exchange of information among ELCA churchwide organization staff; their own synod colleagues; and the pastors, lay leaders and members in their synod's congregations.

ELCA World Hunger Leaders and Friends

ELCA World Hunger was born from and is sustained by a thousand-strong network of passionate leaders and congregation members throughout the ELCA. ELCA World Hunger Leaders and Friends host and organizing synod events and activities, educate, advocate, give and invite others to give—all in service to help break the cycle of poverty and hunger. Through creative partnerships, strategic educational and networking events and resources, ELCA World Hunger seeks to build a movement to advocate and serve with audacity and belief in extravagant grace. Together, we are moved by our faith, connecting the hunger advocate leaders of today and tomorrow.

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response has as its core components, Community Resiliency, Emotional and Spiritual Care, Volunteer Coordination and Long Term Recovery which includes construction management and addressing unmet needs. We do our work through a network of affiliates (social ministry organizations) as well as synods. Our affiliates welcome individuals and congregations who are interested in helping their community or another community impacted by a disaster. Because of this, we like to say "Whenever Lutherans respond to a disaster, that is Lutheran Disaster Response."