The Rev. Rocío Morales distributes Holy Communion at worship during the 2017 International Women’s Seminar in Wittenberg, Germany. Rev. Morales serves as the vice bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia). Photo: Kristen Opalinski / ELCA
The ELCA partners with our global companion churches to build up Christ’s church throughout the world. This directory highlights ELCA missionaries, Young Adults in Global Mission, International Leaders and Global Ministries – people and programs that work together to grow the church. Support from ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster Response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign are not included in our giving codes.

WHERE THE ELCA IS AT WORK

In God’s peace,

Pax,

In the Gospel of St. John we are reminded of God’s command to his disciples: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21). This text from John’s Gospel has been used to emphasize the missionary character of “Jesus’ church. We participate in being sent into the world proclaiming the good news of the gospel. “As the Father has sent me ...” tells us about the manner in which we participate in this mission: in the same way as Jesus did, that is, in servant service. However, the preposition points to the mission itself. We participate in Jesus’ project for life, for humankind. The mission has already been set for us.

The ELCA Constitution describe ourselves as “called, gathered, and sent to proclaim God’s creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world.” In the Gospel, this requires the generosity of our congregations and average attendance in the ELCA, it has been inspiring to witness the abundance our congregations and members are choosing to live into. Last year we received more gifts than ever before. As we continue to walk alongside our companions through missionary service, equity, empower and send young adults to grow, be sustained and thrive. As financial giving to global mission continues to grow, I have had the privilege of seeing God’s work in action grow around the world.

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As a “sent church,” we must continue to answer God’s call to share in mutuality and interdependence with our global companions. We do this by sending missionaries, sending young adults to serve through the Young Adults in Global Mission program, receiving International Women Leaders (IWL) scholars at our ELCA colleges and universities, and receiving invitations by our companions to join them in their evangelism and outreach. All of this requires the generosity of our congregations and members. And you have responded.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support for God’s work around the world. Because of you we can continue to walk alongside our companions through missionary service, equity, empower and send young adults in global mission to 10 country programs around the world; provide 27 full-tuition scholarships to young Lutheran women from the “global south” (Africa, Latin America and developing Asia) to attend one of nine partner-ELCA colleges or universities; and support evangelism in countries such as South Sudan, Malaysia and Costa Rica.

As we continue to walk alongside our siblings in Christ around the world, we will continue to offer our thanks and gratitude to you for making our shared ministry possible.

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Engaging in mission through accompaniment, we remember that life in Christ comes through community rooted in mutuality and interdependence. God, who has reconciled all things through Christ’s death and resurrection, calls us to actively participate in the work of reconciliation through relationship. This relationship of reconciliation can be characterized by the following values:

**Mutuality**
A commitment to relationships that 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 that 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.

In action, accompaniment means using these values to guide our mission work in the areas of life together where brokenness and asymmetries of power often are present. These include decision-making, network building, sharing resources and expertise, and the way we understand and tell the stories of others.

Together with our companions, we listen, learn and deepen our understanding of one another. As we recognize and affirm one another’s gifts, we become invested. These investments are the center of global mission.

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**ACCOMPANIMENT HELPS US SEE MISSION DIFFERENTLY.**
In reconciliation, we realize that my story and your story are not divided by boundaries but are both reconciled within God’s story. We bear witness to the transformative and life-giving promise found in the gospel and seek to hear and honor the witness of others.
MISSIONARIES
Invited by companion churches, sent by the ELCA.

HOW MANY?
135 missionaries including 21 new missionaries in 2018
76 volunteers serving in 2018-19

WHERE?
42 countries around the world
10 programs encompassing 14 countries

WHO?
Young adults 21 to 29 with connection to the ELCA

WHAT?
EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATION
PARISH MINISTRY
YAGM
HEALTH

55 missionaries serve as teachers, professors and trainers.
27 missionaries serve as representatives, program facilitators and communicators.
25 missionaries serve as pastors, pastoral interns and worship assistants.
14 missionaries serve as coordinators for Young Adults in Global Mission.
8 missionaries serve as doctors and health care coordinators.

HISTORY: 925 young adults have served with YAGM since it began in 1999.

IMPACT: 30 percent of YAGM alumni go into seminary; 50 percent work in nonprofit organizations; 60 percent get involved in advocacy and justice-related work.

ELCA missionary Rev. Kirsten Fryer (left) with program staff of the St. Andrew’s Refugee Services (StARS) in Cairo, Egypt, where she serves. Photo: Brett Nelson / ELCA

Presiding Bishop Mugabo of the Lutheran Church in Rwanda (LCR) speaks to YAGM volunteers Hannah Sackett (left) and Amanda Vetsch at a parish in Kirehe, Rwanda. Photo: William Nunnally / ELCA

A transformative year of being, serving and growing in faith.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (left) and Rev. Magda Newton (center) pray at a session in YAGM, as Williams Herwirho speaks. Photo: Michelle Nathan / ELCA
The ELCA supports systems and programs of companion churches addressing peace, reconciliation, evangelism, faith formation, food security and diseases intensified by poverty.

Jodi and Steve Swanson, along with their three children, arrived in Tanzania in 2013 to work as global health personnel at Arusha Lutheran Medical Center and Selian Lutheran Hospital. Jodi is a pediatric nurse with a passion for community health and development, and Steve is a pediatrician with advanced training in infectious and tropical diseases. Their focus lies within three areas: training Tanzanian health professionals, developing a neonatal intensive care unit and establishing a feeding program for malnourished children.

One of the greatest joys of their time in service has come through the relationships they have formed with their Tanzanian colleagues. "Though there are some great challenges we face together as we care for sick children," says Jodi, "to be welcomed by a beaming smile and a warm embrace at the beginning of a day of work gives us great encouragement. The Tanzanian nurses and physicians have been receptive and eager to learn, and when we see growth in their ability to care for an 800 gram (28 ounce) baby, there is a deep and satisfying joy."

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### CAMEROON

- **Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson**
  - Theological education
- **Anne and Wilibroad Langdji**
  - Regional representatives for Madagascar, West and Central Africa

### LEBANON

- **Rev. Brian Palmer**
  - Theological education

### MADAGASCAR

- **Rev. Dr. Melvina Meyla**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. Cheri Mirela**
  - Regional representative for Madagascar, West and Central Africa
- **Rev. Joel Jolly**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. Elie Sanda**
  - Regional representative for Madagascar
- **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Johnson**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. Jemil Mihalera**
  - Regional representative for Madagascar, West and Central Africa

### RWANDA

- **Rev. Dr. Eliza Mbabazi**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. John Mukuga**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. Stephen Muhindi**
  - Theological education

### SENEGAL

- **Rev. Dr. Eliza Mbabazi**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. John Mukuga**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. Stephen Muhindi**
  - Theological education

### SOUTH AFRICA & ESWATINI

- **Rev. Philip and Lou Marie Knutson**
  - Regional representatives for Southern Africa
- **Rev. Alex Lachapelle**
  - YAGM country coordinator for Southern and East Africa

### SOUTH SUDAN

- **Rev. Wal Luot Reat**
  - Refugee ministry
- **Rev. Mark and Linda Jacobson**
  - Theological education

### TANZANIA

- **Rev. Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich and Rev. Dr. Mark Rich**
  - Theological education
- **Rev. Dr. Derrick Matthews**
  - Pediatrician
- **Rev. Dr. Stephen and Jodi Swanson**
  - Physician

### NOT PICTURED

- **Stephen Bryant**
  - YAGM
- **April Trout**
  - Program coordinator
- **Sean Bryant**
  - YAGM
- **Rachel Bryant**
  - YAGM
- **Rachel(passport)**
  - YAGM
- **Zebediah Rose**
  - YAGM
- **Andrew Webb**
  - YAGM
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

The ELCA accompanies churches as they renew their Lutheran identity and meet challenges of a religious plurality in today’s context. We work to increase the capacity of churches and development organizations to address critical issues of sustainable development and justice.

THE REV. HITOSHI AND SATOKO ADACHI – JAPAN

The Rev. Hitoshi and Satoko Adachi arrived in Kumamoto in the summer of 2018. Hitoshi serves as co-pastor of the Kuwamizu and Matsubase congregations of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (JELC) and also preaches for the international service at the JELC Kumamoto congregation. Additionally, he serves as chaplain for the Jiai-en social services facility, which has been a JELC ministry for almost 100 years. Satoko serves as pianist/organist for the Matsubase congregation.

Kumamoto, where the Adachis serve, was the center of a devastating earthquake in April 2016. As of July 2018, over 24,000 people were still living in temporary housing. Part of Hitoshi’s ministry is listening to people as they share the fear they felt during that time and the pain and troubles that persist in the aftermath. He is not alone in this ministry, however; he feels the importance of the long-term presence of many Christian caregivers who were trained to listen to and care for those affected by various disasters. Hitoshi says, “Hopefully and prayerfully may these disaster victims find the presence of God’s grace and mercy in the midst of their hardships. Amen.”

AUSTRALIA (CONT’D)

JESSICA STEITZ

YAGM

ISAAC TAYLOR

YAGM

KARISSA VETSCH

YAGM

REV. PHILIP BAKER

Regional representative

STEPHANIE OLSON

YAGM country coordinator

LAUREN ACHEN

YAGM

MARISSA BACHTEL

YAGM

CAMBODIA

WILL DUNCAN

YAGM

CHRISTIANA GIANETTA

YAGM

ALLYSSA HYDE

YAGM

SAMUEL JOHNSTON

YAGM

REV. DORCAS WANG

Pastor ministry, international congregation

JENNA BERGESSON

ESL Teacher

STEPHANIE OLSON

YAGM country coordinator

LAUREN ACHEN

YAGM

MARISSA BACHTEL

YAGM

AUSTRALIA

REV. SARA BISHOP

Parish ministry

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AUSTRALIA

REV. KIM CRAWFORD

Parish ministry

HERANI GEBRE

YAGM country coordinator

MOLLY HEFFNER

YAGM

GRANT HOLINGER

YAGM

ALMA (ANJELICA) PADILLA

YAGM

HALEY PENK

YAGM

MATTHEW STAN

YAGM

CAMBODIA

JAPAN

PATRICK AND JACQUELINE BENCKE

ESL teacher, music teacher

ERICA BRYER

ESL teacher

JORDAN COLLINS-BROWN

ESL teacher

JENNIFER JARVIE

ESL teacher

HANNAH JENSEN-REINSE

ESL teacher

MALAYSIA

KATIE NARUM MIYAMOTO

ESL teacher

GAYLE (EMMA) NELSON

ESL teacher

ERIN RYAN

ESL teacher

RANDALL TALLENT

ESL teacher

REV. DR. SARAH HINLICKY AND DR. ANDREW WILSON

Parish ministry, theological education

TOM GEHRING

Horizon Intern

SOUTH KOREA

REV. SUK YEON LEE (JANG)

University education, counseling

THAILAND

ANNA AND AARON SILCO

Teachers

NOT PICTURED

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JAPAN (CONT’D)

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Parish ministry

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YAGM

ALAN (JORDAN) FADDELLA

YAGM

HALEY PENK

YAGM

MATTHEW STAN

YAGM

JAPAN

REV. ERIC & REV. WENDOLYN TROZZO

Theological education

HAYLEY BRENDEN

Communications

REV. DR. JEFFREY TRUSCOTT

Theological education

MALAYSIA

REV. DR. JAMES & CAROL SACK

Theological education, music ministry

REVS. HERMAN B. MUNROE AND WILLIAM P. MACKENZIE

Parish ministry, theological education

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Theological education

HAYLEY BRENDEN

Communications

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Theological education
EUROPE

The ELCA accompanies and builds the capacity of minority Lutheran churches re-emerging in a postcommunist era for evangelism, mission, and lay and pastoral leadership development.

THE REV. VIKING AND MARISSA DIETRICH – GERMANY

The Rev. Viking and Marissa Dietrich live in Berlin, Germany, where he serves as Global Mission’s regional representative for Europe, the Middle East and North Africa (EuMENA). The Dietrichs live with their youngest of four children, Margaret, who will finish her secondary school program this year. After a career spanning 28 years with Global Mission in West Africa, Viking and Marissa are enjoying the discovery of a new region, new cultures and new ministries.

As regional representative, Viking serves as a liaison with companion churches and organizations. To foster these relationships, he makes regular visits to the companions, monitors grants and projects, and provides support to ELCA missionaries and associates. Through these ministries in the EuMENA region, ELCA congregations and members support the well-being and witness of minority churches, promote gender equity, seek justice for refugees and migrants, and advocate for the Roma people. Viking says the best part of his work is “the privilege of meeting so many faithfully committed people who are dedicated to improving the lives of the people they serve.”

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Viking and Marissa, during the 2017 Summer Missionary Conference in Woodstock, IL

Photo: William Nunnally / ELCA
LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

The ELCA supports holistic ministries that blend Word and sacrament, advocacy and ministries in human rights, gender and economic justice, education and health. The issue of unaccompanied and migrant children requires advocacy and coordinated work in the United States, Central America and Mexico.

THE REV. DR. ELISEO PÉREZ-ALVAREZ AND DR. REGINA MUSSELMAN DE PÉREZ – JAMAICA

The Rev. Dr. Eliseo Pérez-Alvarez and Dr. Regina Musselman de Pérez have served as missionaries in Kingston, Jamaica, for three years, where Eliseo is a professor at the United Theological College of the University of the West Indies (UTCWI). Since it was founded in 1966, UTCWI has been educating Protestant and Roman Catholic laity and clergy leaders from across the Caribbean. Unsurprisingly, this ecumenical environment can spark interesting topics of conversation, like a Reformation 500 panel discussion led by Eliseo about the history of the Virgin Mary in Latin American Lutheranism.

Neither Eliseo nor Gina are strangers to missionary service – Gina’s parents were Mennonite missionaries in Brazil for 36 years, and Eliseo served for six years in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands through the ELCA before this current call. Both have been very appreciative of being able to do ministry in diverse languages, cultures and countries. Throughout 40 years of marriage and of ordained ministry, Gina and Eliseo say they are “still enjoying and learning other ways of being missionaries, of conceiving God, of envisioning the reign of God and its justice, of worshiping, of dreaming and drumming, of feasting and of eating.”

NOT PICTURED

COLOMBIA

NICARAGUA
Throughout my year, seeing God’s love in action in this way gave me the desire to adopt this approach to service and caring for one another. Hospitality is deeply embedded in Palestinian culture and it made quite an impression on her time as a YAGM, Hannah says, “I felt so blessed to be serving in such a rich community and to be reminded of the importance of building relationships with them for nonviolent paths to more peaceful and just societies and a kingdom that is already breaking in.”

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Through the International Women Leaders initiative, the ELCA is making a bold investment in the crucial role of women as leaders in the life of the church and society. Thanks to close partnerships with global companion churches and the ELCA's excellent colleges and universities, this initiative is supporting both established and emerging women leaders in their pursuits of further education. The International Women Leaders initiative provides scholarships for young women from companion churches to pursue a four-year degree at an ELCA undergraduate institution and also offers scholarships for women from companions to study at ELCA seminaries and at institutions in their home contexts. The initiative is also funding short-term networking and teaching events that bring together women from around the world to share perspectives on leadership, culture, and gender justice. Since 2015, more than 30 women have received International Women Leaders scholarships, and nearly 100 women from 40 countries have participated in women's leadership and networking events.

The International Leaders Program and International Women Leaders

The ELCA has a long history of providing scholarships to international leaders. Since the ELCA formed in 1987, the church has partnered with global companions to equip more than 1,000 individuals from around the world to complete their studies at universities, colleges and seminaries as part of the International Leaders Program. These leaders pursue their studies in their home contexts or in the United States and return home to build the capacity of their sending churches and institutions. International Leaders Program alumni are leading the global Lutheran movement as church presidents, bishops, principals of seminaries, and Lutheran World Federation officers, and in other key roles.

In April 2018, Sarah Abendanon became the first International Women Leaders (IWL) scholarship recipient to complete her degree program, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in marketing from Augsburg University in Minneapolis. Sarah grew up in Paramaribo, Suriname, and is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname. She was part of the first group of IWL scholarship recipients, who began their studies in 2015.

For Sarah, the experience of being an IWL scholar has been one of connectedness among her peers. She saw herself as a leader within the program, helping fellow IWL scholars navigate shared challenges as they transitioned into life as students in the United States. The sense of community that exists among IWL scholars has been one of the most valuable takeaways from the program for Sarah. She reflects:

"We had never met each other, we came from different countries, speak different languages, but still, we feel like family." Through the program, Sarah says she has “personally witnessed how much can be done when people come together and work toward a vision they all believe in.”

The IWL program has shaped Sarah’s view of herself as a leader and the possibilities for other youth in her home church. “I want them to be aware never to settle but to always seek more and ask questions. Do not be afraid to go out of their comfort zone because by doing so only great things can happen. I want to be a part of the church community where I can help others be themselves and empower them in their dreams.”

Through the IWL initiative, 26 women like Sarah have received academic scholarships to study at ELCA colleges and universities.

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GLOBAL MINISTRY PROJECTS

THE ELCA has deep, long-standing relationships with Lutheran churches around the world and at the same time is helping build and support new relationships with Lutheran churches that are just beginning. Through these partnerships, we walk in solidarity, mutuality, interdependence, vulnerability and inclusivity.

As part of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, we have identified 11 priorities that will help strengthen, support and empower our companion churches in the ministry to which they are called. Each of these 11 Global Ministry Projects supports the expansion of ministries – from building new congregations, to extending youth outreach, training pastors and evangelists, to helping found a Lutheran church in a new country, and so much more.

Invited by our companions, together (as the ELCA), we have accepted this invitation and will work to reach these goals. Together, we can do more.

WEST AFRICA: PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL IN URBAN AREAS (GCS4035) ~ $700,000

SENEGAL & THE GAMBA: GROWING THE CHURCH (GCS4031) ~ $100,000

SOUTH SUDAN: A NEW CHURCH FOR A NEW NATION (GCS4032) ~ $1,225,000

TANZANIA: EFFECTIVE OUTREACH IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (GCS4034) ~ $300,000

ZAMBIA: CONSTRUCTING NEW CHURCHES (GCS4036) ~ $500,000

ZIMBABWE: BUILDING UP THE CHURCH (GCS4037) ~ $800,000

CAMBODIA: EXPANDING OUTREACH (GCS4005) ~ $300,000

MALAYSIA: OUTREACH AMONG INDIGENOUS NEIGHBORS (GCS4021) ~ $500,000

SIBERIA: EQUIPPING THE FAITHFUL (GCS4030) ~ $500,000

HONDURAS & COSTA RICA: STRENGTHENING SMALL CHURCHES (GCS4018) ~ $500,000

JERUSALEM & THE WEST BANK: STRENGTHENING ARAB CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL WITNESS (GCS4009) ~ $400,000

To learn more about and donate to these 11 Global Ministry Projects, please visit, please visit ELCA.org/globalchurch and click on “Supporting Global Ministries.”
There are so many ways ELCA Global Church Sponsorship 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.

1 IN 6 ELCA CONGREGATIONS GAVE A DIRECT GIFT IN SUPPORT OF A GLOBAL CHURCH MINISTRY IN 2017.

SOME EXAMPLES OF YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN ACTION

$15,000 YAGM VOLUNTEER
THE COST TO SUPPORT A YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION VOLUNTEER DURING A YEAR OF SERVICE. COST INCLUDES TRAINING, AIRFARE, A SMALL LIVING ALLOWANCE, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND SIMPLE ROOM AND BOARD.

$25,000 IWL SCHOLARSHIP FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR
THE COST TO SUPPORT ONE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN LEADERS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR A YEAR OF STUDY AT AN ELCA COLLEGE OR INSTITUTION. COST INCLUDES TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD, AND HEALTH INSURANCE.

$33,000 A NEW CHURCH BUILDING
THE COST TO BUILD A NEW CHURCH IN ZAMBIA THROUGH THE ELCA’S GLOBAL MINISTRY PROJECTS. EACH GLOBAL MINISTRY PROJECT DIFFERS, FROM BUILDING CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS, TO FUNDING LEADERSHIP AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS. ALL PROJECTS SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF OUR COMPANION CHURCHES TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS IN THEIR REGIONS.

$80,000 MISSIONARY HOUSEHOLD FOR ONE YEAR
THE COST TO SUPPORT ONE MISSIONARY HOUSEHOLD FOR A YEAR. ELCA MISSIONARIES SERVE IN MORE THAN 40 COUNTRIES IN ASSIGNMENTS THAT RANGE FROM A FEW MONTHS TO EIGHT YEARS OR MORE.

Please note that the amounts listed represent the approximate costs associated with our outreach and ministry projects and should serve only as a reference.

HOW TO GIVE

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 the possibility of a visit every two years.
Contact globalchurch@elca.org or 800-638-3522, ext. 2820.

GIVE BY CHECK
Make your check out to “ELCA Global Church Sponsorship” with one of the designation names and codes* in the memo line. Mail your check to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Gifts Processing Center
P.O. Box 1100
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

*For a list of designation codes, visit page 27.

GIVE BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD
Visit ELCA.org/Globalchurch/donate or call 800-638-3522.

GIFT TO AN ENDOWMENT
Make a lasting gift! Contribute to one of ELCA Global Church Sponsorship’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.

GIFT THROUGH MONTHLY
If you are a Thrivent member, consider supporting ELCA Global Church Sponsorship through your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

CREATE A LEGACY
Contact elcafoundation@elca.org or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2299.

Visit ELCA.org/Give and select either ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission Endowment (E272617) or ELCA International Women Leaders Endowment Fund (E272671) from the drop-down menu.

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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 Dec. 1 through Feb. 15 each year for service starting the following August. To apply, visit ELCA.org/YAGM and click “Apply Now.”

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 Global Church Sponsorship” 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

MISSIONARIES

How to Serve

With Dignity where Colter served. Photo: Kristen Opalinski / ELCA

Leooff, Donna GCS3454
Lindahl, Madeline GCS3459
Lisicki, Arin GCS3448
Launa-Overstreet, Gracia GCS3418
McCarthy, Patrick GCS3478
Meat, Leah GCS3455
Nicholson, Charles GCS3481
Noya, Courtney GCS3487
Oikon, Rachel GCS3471
Ophardt, Kathryn GCS3456
Palluda, Alma GCS3421
Pent, Haley GCS3480
Perkins, Rachel GCS3480
Peterson, Rachel GCS3480
Rodecker, Elizabeth GCS3417
Roebec, Renee GCS3457
Roez, Zebibah GCS3472
Sanderson, Tabitha GCS3451
Sandia, Mariah GCS3464
Scheid, Owen GCS3459
Schurke, Amelia GCS3459
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