REV. LOUISE JOHNSON
Executive for Administration
MISSION SUPPORT

$816,007

from the St. Paul Area Synod was shared with the churchwide organization to support our ministry together.

Thank you.
FUTURE CHURCH: LOVE MADE REAL

Vision
• A world experiencing the difference God’s grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

Purpose
• Activate each of us so more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice and love.

Priorities
• A Welcoming Church: Engaging new, young and diverse people.
• A Thriving Church: Rooted in tradition and radically relevant.
• A Connected, Sustainable Church: Raising the bar together.
Look for opportunities in the months ahead to offer your thoughts through a survey and by participating in a listening session.

Your ideas, thoughts, hopes and dreams are essential to our work together.
LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

$23,349,632
LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

“This humanitarian response connects us. These kinds of boundaries fall, and we are helping each other.”

Photo: Peter Roman
LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

“Our staff are Ukrainian; our clients are Ukrainian. It feels good to be able to help people cope with the situation.”

Photo: Emily Sollie
ELCA WORLD HUNGER

$19,194,022
ELCA WORLD HUNGER

“I always had heard that the Lutherans excel at helping churches in need, but after having experienced it firsthand, I’m just really so happy and proud to be a member of this church.”
"My life has really changed. I am able to provide food for my family, and I sell some of the produce to my neighbors. I feel better, my children are in good health, and I get some money from selling my farm products."
FUND FOR LEADERS

$3,062,418
“Without the Fund for Leaders, I would not have become a pastor. That allowed me to do the thing that I thought God was calling me to and to do something that I love.”
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN LEADERS

$615,766
“I am very, very grateful for the sponsors of [International Women Leaders]. I just want to let you know that your support is literally changing lives. It has changed my life. I’m not the same person I was four years ago, when I came here. I am really, truly grateful and blessed to be a part of this.”
In 2022, 131 missionary households, including 24 new missionaries, served in 54 countries around the world.

MISSIONARIES

$1,861,762
MISSIONARIES

“Through your generous donation, you are helping me and Hongo Student Center to not only teach English, Bible class and discussions, but also to be a sunny corner of grace, a cozy place radiating God’s amazing grace in the community.” —Vola Ranaivovson (center), short-term missionary in Tokyo, Japan
YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

$652,763

In 2022, 24 volunteers served in six country programs. This was the first YAGM cohort to enter service since 2019.
YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

“I am more than grateful for what I am discovering every day here in Senegal: Love and presence, which is the reflection of the greatness of God in this world.”

—Sol Namir (right), YAGM participant in Senegal
NEW STARTS

311 ACTIVE NEW START MINISTRIES
33 APPROVED IN 2022
18 NEW STARTS
15 EXPLORATIONS

33% OF 33 2022 NEW STARTS IN ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED AREAS
50% OF 33 2022 NEW STARTS IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR
33% OF 33 2022 NEW STARTS IN SMALL COMMUNITIES
AMMPARO RESOURCES

Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

- Learn how you can make a difference at ELCA.org/ammparo
- Sign up for the ELCA Advocacy Network: ELCA.org/advocacy
- Follow on Facebook: Facebook.com/ELCAammparo
- AMMPARO blog: http://blogs.elca.org/ammparo/concord/
SERVICE & JUSTICE GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

WHO IS SERVING?

- As of March 2023 there are 130 missionary households,
- 6 YAGM country coordinators,
- 23 YAGM volunteers
- 3 new missionaries are entering service April 2023

WHERE DO WE SERVE?

- 70 countries around the world, including 4 YAGM country programs
- 2 new YAGM programs in 2023: Mexico and Central Europe

HOW DO WE ENGAGE?

- Education
  - 29 missionaries serve as teachers, professors or trainers

- Healthcare
  - 5 missionaries serve as doctors or health care coordinators

- Parish Ministry
  - 18 missionaries serve as pastors and pastoral interns

- Relationships
  - 120 Companion Synod Relationships between ELCA Synods and Global Companions

- Regional Reps
  - 13 serve as regional representatives

MARCH 2023
COMMISSION FOR A RENEWED LUTHERAN CHURCH

• The purpose of the commission is from the 2022 Churchwide Assembly action “…shall reconsider the statements of purpose for each of the expressions of this church, the principles of its organizational structure, and all matters pertaining thereunto, being particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism…”

• The first meeting of the commission will be July 13-15.

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JULY 17-20, 2023
PHOENIX, AZ

Registration open through June 30
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Multicultural Youth Leadership Event of the ELCA
JULY 13-16, 2024

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An ELCA Gathering of Youth with Disabilities
JULY 13-16, 2024

Young Adult Gathering
A new ELCA Gathering for Young Adults
JULY 16-20, 2024

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Registration opens September 15

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