



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
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# Covenant Sponsorship Form

Supporting ELCA missionaries and Young Adults in Global Mission through a covenant is one of the most powerful ways to help lift up Christ's global church. This covenant is a promise of prayer, communication and financial support.

## Primary contact person

.....  
Sponsor name (congregation, organization or individual)

.....  
Your name and role in the organization

.....  
Email address

.....  
Address

.....  
City, state and ZIP

## Additional newsletter recipients

**Contact name**

**Contact email**

1. ....

2. ....

3. ....

## Choose a missionary, one Young Adult in Global Mission or one Young Adults in Global Mission country program to support.

**We are making a covenant promise of prayer, communication and financial support for:**

.....  
Name of missionary, YAGM or YAGM country program:

.....  
Country of service:

*Please complete a separate covenant sponsorship form for each individual or YAGM country program you wish to support. Download form at [ELCA.org/CovenantForm](http://ELCA.org/CovenantForm).*

**This covenant:**     is a new relationship.                       renews a relationship.  
 replaces a relationship we had with .....

**You're encouraged to consider covenant support in the amount of \$1,000 or more.** (Please note that the ELCA churchwide organization's financial year runs from Feb. 1 to Jan. 31, so we will calculate your annual sponsorship on that schedule.)

We are making a **one-year commitment** for 20 ..... (year) of \$.....

**We expect to fulfill this sponsorship with payments sent:**

monthly     quarterly     annually     unsure

This is a **multiyear commitment** for ..... years, beginning in.....

**We expect to send \$ ..... per year, with payments sent:**

monthly     quarterly     annually     unsure

**Return this form via email to:** [globalchurch@elca.org](mailto:globalchurch@elca.org) (or return with your check).

Download form at [ELCA.org/CovenantForm](http://ELCA.org/CovenantForm).

More information about future giving opportunities will be sent to you when our office receives this covenant form.

**To give by phone, call us at 800-638-3522. To give by mail, make your check out to "ELCA Missionaries," write your missionary's name and giving code (if known) on the memo line, and mail to:**

ELCA Gift Processing Center  
P.O. Box 1809  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

## What is missionary sponsorship?

Missionary sponsorship is a promise of prayer, communication and financial support for the global work of our church as we accompany companion churches and partners around the world in their communities. Together, we are teaching, preaching, building, growing, and giving and receiving the gift of God's love for all our neighbors.

**Missionaries** serve terms of two or more years alongside global partners around the world. They are pastors, teachers, advisers, doctors and more. They are called to ministry by the invitation of global companions and the needs of the local community. Missionaries communicate about their ministry through regular newsletters to their sponsors. Every two years, missionaries return home for approximately two months to complete their "home assignment," which includes storytelling and relationship-building visits to some of their sponsoring congregations. On average, supporting a missionary household costs about \$100,000 annually. *(Note: If more funds are received than are needed to fully fund a particular program or person, then these funds will be used to address a similar need.)*



**Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM)** serve for a year, living and working alongside global companions around the world. To support a YAGM participant for a year costs about \$15,000; each YAGM is asked to raise \$5,000 toward that overall cost. You can support individual YAGM participants, a whole cohort of YAGM in a particular country program, or the YAGM program as a whole.

For more information about YAGM, including a current list of country programs, visit [ELCA.org/yagm](http://ELCA.org/yagm).



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## Benefits of your covenant relationship

- Certificate of appreciation
- Regular newsletters from your missionary via email
- Resources about your missionary and Global Mission, so you can share their story with your congregation and community
- Ability to request a visit during your missionary's home assignment, or a visit with a returned YAGM

**Questions?** Please contact the Global Mission Funding team at [globalchurch@elca.org](mailto:globalchurch@elca.org) or 773-380-2895.



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