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HOW TO SERVE

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 year-round, with priority given to those who apply before Jan. 15 for service starting the following August. To apply or learn more, visit ELCA.org/YAGM.

On the cover: Asia Regional Representative Chandran Paul Martin (far right) visits displaced people from Myanmar in a camp in eastern India. Learn more on p. 8.

REFLECTING ON ACCOMPANIMENT

By the Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director of Service and Justice

"... being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them." -Acts 16:10

This text from Acts comes from the story of a missionary trip that does not go according to plan. Paul, one of the most successful missionaries of the early church, invites Timothy and Silas to join him as he speaks the word in Asia, but the Holy Spirit forbids them to go there. They try to go to Bithynia, but "the spirit of Jesus did not allow them." Then a Macedonian man appears to Paul in a dream, asking for help. When the trio arrive in Macedonia, they go to a place of prayer, as is their custom on the Sabbath. Instead of finding the required number of males gathered for prayer, they find Lydia and her friends. The story closes with the conversion of Lydia and the baptism of her household.

We believe, as Paul believed, that our God is a missionary God. The ELCA Constitution describes us as "called and sent to proclaim God's creative, redeeming, and sanctifying activity in the world." We heed the command of Jesus in the Gospel of John: "As [God] has sent me, so I send you" (20:21). Sentness (the act of being sent) is the essence of being church, connecting us to the mission and to the one who sends. We are sent not only to engage in a task (the doing of mission) but as an expression of our life together as members of the body of Christ (the being in mission).

Mission rooted in relationship means growth - for everyone involved. In response to God's liberating grace, we listen, learn and deepen our understanding of and love for one another. The ELCA organizes its global engagement around the theology and practice of accompaniment, walking together with Lutheran, ecumenical and interfaith siblings around the world. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world - together.

The Spirit said "no" to Paul's plan and instead led him to deliver the message Lydia needed to hear. As church, we want to create room to listen to the Spirit. From this directory you will discover some of the ways ELCA personnel around the globe are living out that goal by serving with our companion churches. I invite you to pray for them and perhaps identify a partner who might join you in conversation about the ways we all journey together in response to the "winds of the Spirit."

Pax,

FIVE CORE ACCOMPANIMENT VALUES TO GUIDE US:

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MUTUALITY

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A commitment to relationships in which we 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

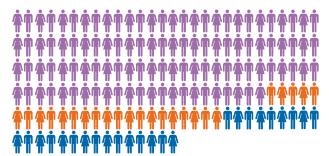
A commitment to relationships in which we build one another's strengths and capacity for God's mission.

SUSTAINABILITY

A commitment to relationships of accountability that steward God's given gifts for the present and future.



HOW MANY?



131 missionary households, including **24 new missionaries** total for 2021 and 2022, plus **24 YAGM volunteers** serving in 2022-23.

WHERE?



45 countries around the world, including **4 YAGM country programs** that encompass **6 countries/territories**.

EDUCATION



29 missionaries serve as teachers, professors or trainers.

ADMINISTRATION



32 missionaries serve as representatives, program facilitators or communicators.

WHAT? PARISH MINISTRY



18 missionaries serve as pastors, pastoral interns or worship assistants.

YAGM



4 missionaries serve as coordinators for Young Adults in Global Mission.

HEALTH



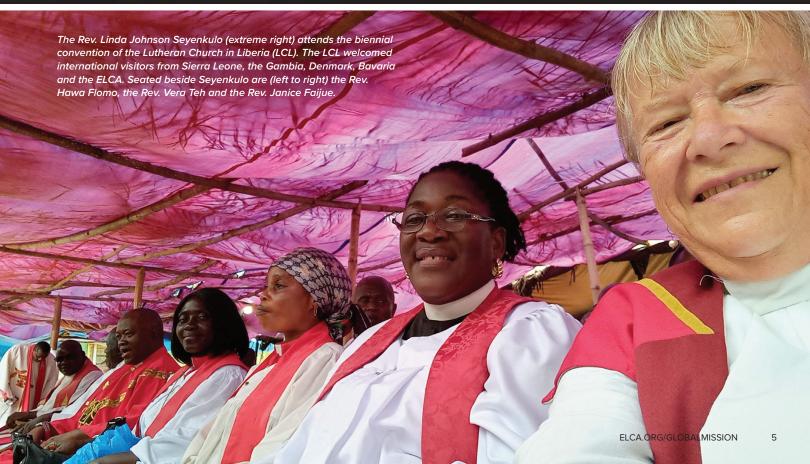
5 missionaries serve as doctors or health care coordinators.

AFRICA

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Twenty-nine mission personnel are serving in nine countries in Africa in 2023.
- Mission personnel serve through administration, education, evangelism and health care and as regional representatives.







Missionaries Anne and Willie Langdji meet with leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (ELC-CAR) and international partners of the church in Yaounde, Cameroon. From left to right: the Rev. Joseph Ngoe, president of the ELC-CAR; Anne Langdji; the Rev. Rachel Doumbaye, vice president of the ELC-CAR; Willie Langdji; and the Rev. Dr. Jeanette Ada Maina, vice president of the Lutheran World Federation, Africa.

AFRICA

Information for each missionary household includes names, positions and giving codes where applicable. To learn more about missionary giving codes, see pages 18-19.

CAMEROON



WILLIE LANGDJI
Regional representative
for Madagascar, West Africa
and Central Africa
MSG0260

LIBERIA



REV. BRIAN PALMER Theology instructor MSG0688



REV. LINDA JOHNSON SEYENKULO Curriculum adviser and trainer GCS2018

NIGERIA



MARY BETH AND BAYO OYEBADE Facilitator for HIV/AIDS prevention, coordinator for Mashiah Foundation GCS2074

SENEGAL



MICAH BRANDSRUD YAGM GCS2118



REV. MYTCH DORVILIER YAGM country coordinator GCS3560



CECILIA HOOK YAGM GCS2119



JOSHUA KENST YAGM GCS2120



CARL NORQUIST YAGM GCS2121



ABIGAIL SWIGERD YAGM GCS2122



GRACE WEISSER YAGM GCS2123

SOUTH AFRICA



REV. LANCELOT THEMBA (PICTURED) AND KWENA MKHABELA Regional representative for Southern Africa MSG0707

SOUTH SUDAN



REV. WAL REAT Evangelism GCS2026

TANZANIA



DAVID (DAUDI) AND KELLEN MSSEEMMAA Regional representative for East Africa GCS2058



DR. STEVEN AND BETHANY FRIBERG Health care MSG0141



ROBERT KASWORM
Health care administration



SUSAN SEIDEL
Program coordinator



ROBERT AND CAROLEE STUBERG Music education

ZAMBIA



REV. KRISTIN ENGSTROM Facilitator for leadership development and capacity building GCS2031

ZIMBABWE



REV. DR. AMBROSE MOYORegional consultant



DR. STEPHEN AND JODI SWANSON Health care GCS2007



DEACON APRIL TROUT Relationship facilitator

NIGERIA

DORTHEA HUSTOFT- HAMMANTeacher

NOT PICTURED

SOUTH SUDAN

ELIANA LYATUUSenior administrative officer

TANZANIA

REV. MARY JO MAAS Religious and English education

DERRICK MATTHEWS AND DR. DOROTHY BREWSTER-LEE Health care

REV. ELIESHI MUNGURE Theological education

ZIMBABWE

REV. ELITHA MOYORegional representative for gender justice programs

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Eighteen missionaries are serving in five countries in Asia and the Pacific in 2023.
- Nearly \$1.5 million in grants supported sustainable development throughout the region in fiscal year 2021.
- About \$500,000 in direct mission and evangelism grants was provided to churches in the region in 2021.



Carol Sack (center right) provides leadership and training through the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Association (foundation) in pastoral harp ministry, which seeks to offer comfort and tranquility, especially to the dying, through contemplative song and music. Carol appeared briefly in the 2010 Japanese film Otouto ("Younger Brother"), directed by renowned flimmaker Yoji Yamada, which features a hospice care home similar to the one where she volunteers.

Photo: James Sack



Asia Regional Representative Chandran Paul Martin listens to the stories of displaced people from Myanmar in a camp in eastern India. Thousands of people, many of whom are from the ELCA companion Mara Evangelical Church, have fled their homes and villages due to oppression and fighting with the military regime that took over the country in 2021. Lutheran Disaster Response is providing continued assistance to these displaced people, both within Myanmar and in neighboring countries.

Photo: Y. Franklin Ishida



ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

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HONG KONG



SAMUEL AND McCALL DUBBELMAN Seminary professor

INDIA



REV. CHANDRAN PAUL MARTIN Regional representative MSG0721

JAPAN



REV. HITOSHI AND SATOKO ADACHI Parish ministry GCS2051



PATRICK AND JACKIE BENCKE ESL teacher, music teacher MSG0021



REV. CHARLES FREDRICKSON Parish ministry



KATIE NARUM MIYAMOTO ESL teacher MSG0358

JAPAN



VOLAMALALA RANAIVOSAN ESL Teacher GCS2070



REV. DR. JAMES AND CAROL SACK Theological education, music ministry MSG0462



LAURA SLEZAK ESL TEACHER GCS2067



WILSON AND DR. ANDREW WILSON Parish ministry, theological education GCS2052

MALAYSIA



JUSTIN MAUNEY Horizon intern

NEPAL



HAILEY BRENDEN Communications

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



REV. ANDREW AND MEREDITH RONNEVIK Seminary professor GCS2129

SOUTH KOREA



REV. DR. SUK YEON LEE University education, counseling

EUROPE

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Thirty-one mission personnel serve in 12 countries in Europe in 2023.
- The ELCA accompanies Lutheran church bodies in over a dozen former Eastern Bloc countries.
- Eighty-five percent of ELCA World Hunger grants in Europe support work with vulnerable populations, including Roma communities, refugees, asylum-seekers, and children and families living in poverty.







Since 1994, the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovakia have cooperated to welcome volunteer teachers to central Europe. The program welcomes 12-20 new and returning volunteer teachers to serve in Lutheran schools in several towns and cities. Unfortunately, because of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on borders and travel, the ELCA was unable to send any new volunteer teachers in the 2020-2021 academic year. However, in August 2021 the program was able to welcome new volunteer teachers, who joined those about to return. Here, they are pictured at the end of their in-country orientation in Bratislava, Slovakia. The teachers were blessed for their year of ministry by the Rev. Kyle Svennungsen, pastor of Bratislava International Church.

EUROPE

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BELGIUM



REV. KATIE OSWEILER Parish ministry

CENTRAL EUROPE



SYLVIA HWANG YAGM GCS2103



SARA LARSON YAGM GCS2104



CONNOR MOORE YAGM GCS2105



MADELINE TROSVIG YAGM GCS2106



DENMARK

REV. TIMOTHY AND MARYANN STEWART Parish ministry

FRANCE



KARLEIGH CREPIN Horizon intern

SARAH GROW AND REV. PETER HANSON Intersectional justice resource specialists and mission pastor

GERMANY



REV. ZACHARY COURTER AND REV. RACHEL **ESKESEN** Area desk director GCS2033



REV. BRIDGET GAUTIERI ELCA Wittenberg Center coordinator GCS2130

HUNGARY & SERBIA NORWAY



REV. DR. JOHN VOELKER Theological education



REV. SHERRI FREDERIKSON Parish ministry

SERBIA



SOPHIE WARNBERG Horizon intern

SLOVAKIA



REV. BRADN BUERKLE Pastor MSG0075



MEGAN FREUDENBERG Teacher



KELLY SCHUMACHER FULLER Parish ministry and YAGM country coordinator



JULIA KONTUR Teacher



NAOMI AND NICHOLAS **SVEHOLM** Education coordinator, teacher GCS2069

SWITZERLAND



REV. ANDREW WILLIS Parish ministry

NOT

Chaplain



EMMA ALPERN YAGM GCS2124

Professor



REV. DR. ANJA NICOLE STUCKENBERGER School director and pastor



MICHAEL NOVOTNY YAGM GCS2126

HUNGARY ANNE MORWASKI Volunteer



LUCY SLETTA YAGM GCS2127

NORWAY REV. INGEBJORG LAUGALAND Parish ministry



JENNIFER UDDENBERG YAGM GCS2128

SLOVAKIA MICHELLE LAUDERMILK Teacher

SWEDEN REV. ANNA BALLAN Parish ministry

SWITZERLAND

CHAD RIMMER Program executive for identity, communion and formation at the Lutheran World Federation

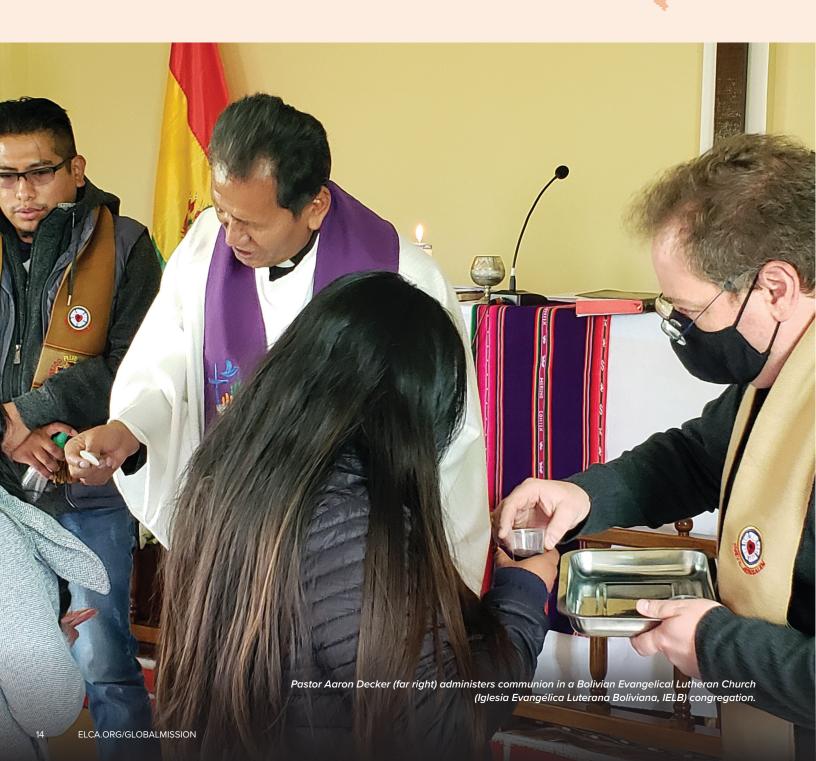
UNITED KINGDOM REV. JEFF MARTIN Pastor

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LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Fourteen mission personnel serve in 11 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Over \$1.2 million supported the global migration engagement of 12 Lutheran churches and ecumenical partners through an expanding AMMPARO network in Mexico, Central America and South America.
- Over \$350,000 funded project grants to support regional leadership development in Fiscal Year 2021.



LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

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ARGENTINA & URUGUAY



HANNAH BUDNER YAGM GCS2100



ELISABETH DIERINGER YAGM GCS2101



KERRY DOLAN YAGM GCS2102

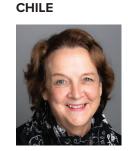


ALBERTO (GUSTAVO) DRIAU Regional representative GCS2045



BOLIVIA

REV. AARON DECKER Theological education GCS2073



KAREN ANDERSON
Director of International
School for Health Education
(EPES)
MSG0676

COLOMBIA



KAITLYNNE LARSON Educator, community organizer GCS2071

COSTA RICA



REV. MICHAEL (MIKE) BUSBEY AND HELLEN RIOS-CARRILLO Regional representative for Central America and Mexico regional representative for the Caribbean and gender justice GMG2004



REV. STEPHEN DEAL AND MARTA GIRÓN Regional representative for AMMPARO in Latin America and the Caribbean MSG0098

GUYANA



CAROLYN SCHNEIDER Lutheran identity professor and pastoral ministry advisor GCS2016

MEXICO



REV. DAVID AND ALICIA BRONDOS Theological education MSG0069



REV. DR. CLAUDIA SOLIETTE LOPEZ ORTEGAYAGM country coordinator

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ARGENTINA

PAOLA LEDEZMAYAGM country coordinator

BRAZIL

RUBEN BENTO DA SILVA Seminary professor

COLOMBIA

LINDA GAWTHORNE Bible translator

HONDURAS

REV. CARLOS AND DR. SORAYA EBERLE

Pastor and leadership formation

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT

- Eight mission personnel serve in three countries in the Middle East and North Africa in 2023.
- The ELCA has expanded financial support for projects benefiting refugees and host communities as they respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises in Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Palestine and Jordan.



The Rev. Gabi Aelabouni attends the Rev. Imad Haddad's installation at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Amman, Jordan.

Photo: Noursat Jordan

Steve Saari with staff and students from the St. Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) preschool in Cairo, Egypt. Thanks to gifts from generous donors, the students received winter clothes to keep them warm as the seasons changed. They participated in a fashion show before winter break to show off their new outfits.



MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

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EGYPT

ISRAEL/PALESTINE



REBEKAH (BEKAH) DAVIS AND ROB FORREST Parish ministry GCS2131



REV. GABI AND REV. DR. MEGHAN AELABOUNI Director, Middle East and North Africa, theological education GCS2060



ABIGAIL DORAN YAGM GCS2108



CASSIDI DOZIER YAGM GCS2109



KARI GOODRICH YAGM GCS2110



BRADEN HAYES YAGM GCS2111

ISRAEL/PALESTINE



REV. JORDAN AND REV. ADAM MILLER-STUBBENDICK YAGM country coordinators GCS2132



DANIEL REICHERT YAGM GCS2112

HOW TO GIVE

There are so many ways Global Mission 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.



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 have the opportunity to request a visit during home assignment.

Download the form at ELCA.org/CovenantForm.

Contact globalchurch@elca.org or 800-638-3522, ext. 2820.

$oxed{oxed}$ GIVE BY CHECK

Make your check out to "ELCA Missionaries" with one of the designation names and codes* in the memo line. Mail your check to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America **Gift Processing Center** P.O. Box 1809 Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

*For a list of designation codes, see page 19.





GIVE BY CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD

Visit ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving or call 800-638-3522.



SIVE TO AN ENDOWMENT

Make a lasting gift! Contribute to one of Global Mission'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.





If you are a Thrivent member, consider supporting Global Mission through your Thrivent Choice Dollars.



MONTHLY

Set up an automatic monthly gift by calling 800-638-3522.



CREATE A LEGACY

An ELCA gift planner can help you plan a legacy gift, such as a bequest, endowment or charitable-gift annuity. Contact elcafoundation@elca.org or call 800-638-3522, ext. 2299.

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" 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	Sponso	rship
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ELCA Global Church Sponsorship				
- Where needed most	GCS1000	Young Adults in Global Mission Young Adults in Global Mission	GCS3000	
Missionary Sponsorship	GCS2000	Endowment Fund	E272617	
Adachi, Hitoshi and Satoko	GCS2051			
Aelabouni, Gabi and Meghan	GCS2060			
Anderson, Karen	MSG0676	2023-2024 YAGM Volunteers		
Bencke, Patrick and Jackie	MSG0021	Alpern, Emma	GCS2124	
Brondos, David and Alicia	MSG0069	Brandsrud, Micah	GCS2118	
Buerkle, Bradn	MSG0075	Budner, Hannah	GCS2100	
Busbey, Mike, and Hellen Rios-Carillo	GMG2004	Dieringer, Elisabeth	GCS2101	
Courter, Zachary, and Rachel Eskesen	GCS2033	Dolan, Kerry	GCS2102	
Davis, Rebekah, and Rob Forrest	GCS2131	Doran, Abigail	GCS2108	
Deal, Stephen, and Marta Giron	MSG0098	Dozier, Cassidi	GCS2109	
Decker, Aaron	GCS2073	Goodrich, Kari	GCS2110	
Dorvilier, Mytch	GCS3560	Hayes, Braden	GCS2111	
Driau, Gustavo	GCS2045	Hook, Cecilia	GCS2119	
Dubbelman, Samuel and McCall	_	Hwang, Sylvia	GCS2103	
Engstrom, Kristin	GCS2031	Kenst, Joshua	GCS2120	
Friberg, Steven and Bethany	MSG0141	Larson, Sara	GCS2104	
Gautieri, Bridget	GCS2130	Moore, Connor	GCS2105	
Grow, Sarah, and Peter Hanson	_	Norquist, Carl	GCS2121	
Langdji, Willie	MSG0260	Novotny, Michael	GCS2126	
Larson, Kaitlynne	GCS2071	Reichert, Daniel	GCS2112	
Martin, Chandran Paul	MSG0721	Sletta, Lucy	GCS2127	
Miller-Stubbendick, Adam and Jordan	GCS2132	Swigerd, Abigail	GCS2122	
Mkhabela, Themba and Kwena	MSG0707	Trosvig, Madeline	GCS2106	
Msseemmaa, Daudi and Kellen	GCS2058	Uddenberg, Jennifer	GCS2128	
Narum Miyamoto, Katie	MSG0358	Weisser, Grace	GCS2123	
Oyebade, Mary Beth and Bayo	GCS2074			
Palmer, Brian	MSG0688			
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Ronnevik, Andrew and Meredith	GCS2129	not listed here are not sponsorable at t		
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Schneider, Carolyn	GCS2016	If you are interested in spensoring a mi	esionany who is listed	
Schumacher Fuller, Aaron and Kelly	_	If you are interested in sponsoring a missionary who is listed here but does not yet have a designation code, contact		
Seyenkulo, Linda Johnson	GCS2018	globalchurch@elca.org.		
Slezak, Laura	GCS2067	g. 2.2 2 2 4 6 C 5.64.6. g.		
Sveholm, Naomi and Nicholas	GCS2069			
Swanson, Stephen and Jodi	GCS2007			
Wilson, Sarah and Andrew	GCS2052			



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