

International opportunities

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Following are other churches, organizations and institutions that offer various ways in which you can serve around the world. You may wish to contact them for more information. While this list in no way constitutes an endorsement by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, these churches, organizations and institutions do have similar mission understandings to that of the ELCA and therefore may be helpful to you.

Lutheran Affiliated Organizations *Worldwide*

- [Lutheran World Relief](#) extends the hand of Christian love to people overcoming poverty and injustice in 50 countries.
- [Global Health Ministries](#) (GHM) helps provide a gift of life -- both physical and spiritual -- through Lutheran health care work across the world.
- [Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry](#) is a global mission advocacy organization that offers ministry opportunities in various parts of the world through congregational education, projects, travel and volunteerism.
- [Youth Encounter](#) a Christian non-profit organization, has been partnering with Christian communities of all denominations throughout 30 countries to provide year-long volunteer opportunities for young adults.
- The [Center for Global Education](#) at Augsburg College provides cross-cultural semester and short-term educational opportunities to the Two-Thirds World.

Region or country-specific

- The [ELCA Wittenberg Center](#) is a place for learning in the heart of Luther land in Germany. Study tours and conferences are a regular part of the program. Some volunteer opportunities are available.
- [Lutheran Health Care Bangladesh](#) helps provide health care and community development ministry in Bangladesh. It offers short- and long-term mission experiences in health care, education and community development. An ESL program is also operated in cooperation with Global Mission.
- [Cristo Rey Lutheran Church](#) of El Paso, Texas, offers a [Border Immersion Experience](#) – an opportunity to learn about the issues that affect lives of people living on the border.

- [China Service Ventures](#) offers opportunities for service in Henan, China in the areas of education, community, health, and good news.
- [Guyana Mission](#) provides short-term medical and construction opportunities several times each year. Coordinated by Fellowship Lutheran Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Guyana Mission involves participants in projects supported by the Lutheran Church in Guyana.
- AMEXTRA (an ELCA companion who has World Hunger projects) has a [Seeds for Transformation](#) immersion experience in Mexico.

Disaster Relief Organizations

- [Lutheran Disaster Response](#) offers volunteer opportunities in response to disasters in the United States.
- [National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#) is a partnership in disaster response. Links to other disaster response agencies are listed.

Church-Related Organizations

- [The Network for International Congregations](#) is a network of congregations in more than 65 countries with a special ministry among English-speaking people living in lands other than their own.
- [AICEME](#) is an association of Christian congregations among English-speaking people throughout Europe and the Middle East.
- The [Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel](#) is an initiative of the World Council of Churches. Its mission is to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and concerted advocacy efforts to end the illegal occupation of Palestine.
- [Catholic Network of Volunteer Services](#) includes a comprehensive searchable directory to Catholic and other Christian overseas volunteer organizations (most focus on areas such as social justice, relief and development).
- [Christian Peacemaker Teams](#) is a grassroots effort that is informed by the scriptural encouragement for creative public ministry and enemy loving in the spirit of Jesus. Teams are trained in the skills of documentation, observation, nonviolent intervention, and various ministries of presence -including patience - through which it is hoped to make a striking difference in explosive situations and bring about objective of violence reduction in crisis situations.

Other Organizations

- [Action Reconciliation Service for Peace](#) is a German organization that offers possibilities for volunteer service in Germany, especially in areas of social justice, holocaust education, and with social service organizations.
- [Beyond Borders](#) works to build understanding and solidarity across economic and cultural borders, based on the belief that we all grow richer when we reach beyond what divides us. Beyond Borders facilitates one week cultural immersion experiences in Haiti.

- [Bridges to Community](#), Inc. is a non-profit community development organization that takes volunteers to developing countries to work, learn, and reflect.
- [DevNetJobs](#) is a gateway for International Environment and Development Jobs.
- [ELDIS](#) is a gateway to information on development issues, providing access to online resources. ELDIS provides a guide on where to find a job in the development sector.
- [Idealist](#) connects people, organizations, and resources to help build a world where all people can live free and dignified lives. Visit their International Volunteerism Resource Center for resources and postings.
- [InterAction](#) is a diverse coalition of more than 165 US-based relief, development, environmental and refugee agencies working in more than 100 countries around the world.
- [International Medical Volunteers Association](#) has a very comprehensive site on volunteer opportunities in the health field. Designed for those contemplating international health service as well as for those already involved.
- [International Volunteer Programs Association](#) (IVPA) is an alliance of nonprofit, non-governmental organizations based in North America, that are involved in international volunteer and internship exchanges.
- [Reuters Foundation: AlertNet](#) provides global news, communications and logistics services to the international disaster relief community and the public. The jobs market link relates to positions with non-governmental aid agencies working in international relief and development.
- [ReliefWeb](#) posts vacancies in humanitarian and development jobs around the world.
- [Saint Andrew's Refugee Services \(StARS\)](#), Saint Andrew's Refugee Services (StARS) was founded in 1979 by Saint Andrew's United Church in Cairo. StARS is a refugee service provider in central Cairo that works to enhance the quality of life for refugees and vulnerable migrants through four broad program areas: education, psychosocial, legal, and community outreach.
- [Vital Links for Humanity](#), a Christian organization dedicated to the improvement of health care in SE Asia through educational programs, exchange of expertise, and provision of vital medical equipment and supplies. Vital Links offers short term assignments and/or mission trips.
- [Volunteer Abroad](#) is an on-line source for international volunteer positions, teaching positions around the world, Jobs Abroad, study abroad, etc. This is a sub-site of www.goabroad.com which offers travel services, travel gear, and travel insurance.
- [Volunteers for Peace \(VFP\)](#) offers intercultural education through community service both overseas and in the USA