



Mission Interpreters

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

Sharing the Good News of the ELCA Ministries

Working together as the whole Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are making Christ known in ways that no individual or congregation could do alone. We are 5 million members in 10,657 congregations across 65 synods in nine regions across the United States and Caribbean.

Our Mission Statement...

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered, and sent for the sake of the world.

Mission Interpreters tell the stories of how we are fulfilling that mission together; doing what none of us can do alone.

For further **information or questions** about the Mission Interpreter Program in the NJ Synod, please contact:

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MISSION INTERPRETER RESOURCES

Bulletin Inserts

- Lutheran Adoption Network
- Priesthood of Believers in Guyana *Customize for your congregation!*
- Songs of Thanks and Hope Uganda *Customize for your congregation!*
- You Can Be Proud

Planning Tools

[Annual Planning Sheet](#)

Helpful Mission Interpreter links

Augsburg Fortress: The ELCA publishing house

[Click here](#) or Call 800-328-4648. Have your congregation's account number handy and the item numbers of resources that you are ordering www.augsburgfortress.org

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America – Home Page www.elca.org

ELCA Global Mission www.elca.org/globalmission

ELCA Global Mission Stories www.elca.org/globalmission/story

Order ELCA Global Mission Country Packets www.elca.org/countrypackets

Explore ELCA Global Mission service opportunities www.elca.org/globalserve

ELCA Global Mission Events www.elca.org/gme

Prayer Ventures – a guide to daily prayer for the global and outreach ministry of the church
www.elca.org/prayerventures

ELCA Global mission stewardship and special giving opportunities www.elca.org/globalgifts

ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission www.elca.org/globalserve/youngadults

ELCA Missionary Sponsorship Program www.elca.org/missionarysponsorship

ELCA Companion Synod Program www.elca.org/companionsynod

Lutheran Center- Mexico City www.elca.org/mexico

Wittenberg Center, Wittenberg, Germany www.elca.org/wittenberg

ELCA Global Mission activities for kids, including children's bulletin inserts www.elca.org/mission4kids

ELCA World Hunger www.elca.org/hunger

The top 40 World Hunger Resource Catalog www.elca.org/hunger/resources/top40.html

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Peace Not Walls: ELCA Campaign in the Holy Land www.elca.org/peacenotwalls

Stand With Africa: ELCA World Hunger and LWR campaign in Africa www.standwithafrica.org

ELCA Domestic and International Disaster Response www.elca.org/disaster

ELCA Advocacy: Issues of Social Justice on Domestic & Foreign Policy www.elca.org/advocacy

[Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service](http://www.lirs.org) www.lirs.org

[Lutheran Adoption Network](http://www.lanadopt.org) www.lanadopt.org

[Lutheran World Relief](http://www.lwr.org) www.lwr.org

[Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey](http://www.lsmnj.org) www.lsmnj.org

Cross Roads Outdoor Ministries- a NJ spiritual retreat center and camp www.crossroadsoutdoorministries.org

Camden Lutheran Housing, Inc. www.clhi.org

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia www.ltsp.edu

Lutheran Campus Ministry at Rutgers University www.rutgersministry.org

The Lutheran magazine: Get online access using your congregation address label info as well as the item numbers of resources you are ordering. www.thelutheran.org

DOES YOUR CONGREGATION HAVE A MISSION INTERPRETER?

What is a Mission Interpreter?

Mission Interpreters are active Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) members who volunteer to serve as a bridge connecting local congregations with the mission and ministries of the ELCA, by telling the stories of God's amazing grace that are made possible by doing together what we cannot do alone.

What is the purpose of the Mission Interpreter Program?

- Share how the gospel of Jesus Christ is brought to light through ELCA ministries around the world with those who make it all possible: the people of the ELCA.
- Tell the story of the ELCA ministries to members of the church in an effective and compelling manner.
- Provide a vehicle for two-way communication
- Provide an opportunity to thank the people of the ELCA

How do Congregations Benefit?

- Mission-minded congregations are growing in membership and spirit!
- Members see how they are personally connected to mission and ministry around the world!
- Increased understanding of the work we do together beyond the congregation.
- When members understand their identity as partners in a wider church, they become strong advocates supporting the mission and ministry we share in our local communities throughout the Synod and the Churchwide organization.

What does the Mission Interpreter Program Provide?

- Training Workshops

- Resource Materials
- Coaching
- Inspiration
- Networking
- Annual gathering to share ideas and information

What are the responsibilities of a Mission Interpreter?

- Present at least one talk per quarter. This presentation may be in the form of a temple talk, Sunday School lesson, address to church council, etc. You decide which method works best for you and your congregation.
- Communicate with the congregation monthly via newsletter, bulletin board, or other means. You make it as simple or elaborate as you choose.
- Attend one training workshop and, if possible, one annual gathering per year. These gatherings enable attendees to share ideas and experiences and to learn new ways to share and celebrate the message of hope in Jesus Christ.
- Commit to serve at least one congregation for at least one year.

How can I learn more about the Mission Interpreter Program?

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