



New Jersey Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands

Together we are God's Tapestry of Love

"I want you woven into a tapestry of love, in touch with everything there is to know of God. Then you will have minds confident and at rest, focused on Christ, God's great mystery." Colossians 2:2

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God's mission and the work of the Holy Spirit are at the heart of our mission starts. We are blessed with passionate mission developers who joining God in their neighborhoods. Thanks for your prayers and support!



Pastor José Escalera leads Misión Luterana Reconciliación, our newest Spanish-language mission start in building relationships with the **Latine community in Pennsauken**.

Pastor Haydée Colón Hernández leads **Misión Pan de Vida** in Passaic by sharing food, prayers, worship, and hope with **day laborers at the Home Depot parking lot**.




Pastor Eunyoung Kim leads Morning Star Fellowship in Ridgefield by offering ESL classes, Bible study, and worship for first- and second-generation **Koreans**.

Pastor Ramon Collazo leads **Santa Isabel Lutheran Church & Santa Isabel Ministry with Immigrants in Detention in Elizabeth**. Santa Isabel is a **Latine** worshipping community with a commitment to organizing around **immigrants' rights issues**.



For additional information and resources, contact our DEM, Pastor Maristela Freiberg by email maristela.freiberg@elca.org or cell (201) 407 6000



The New Jersey Synod's priorities are strengthening congregational vitality and raising up leaders. Thank you for supporting our strategic ministries!

We celebrate and support 4 strategic ministries, which are sharing Jesus' love, connecting with new people, and serving neighbors.



Pastor Giselle Coutinho serves **Bridge of Peace Community Church** in **Camden**.



Pastor Erich Kussman serves **St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church** in **Trenton**.

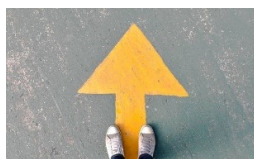


Pastor Damaris Porsch-Ortega serves **St. Luke Lutheran Church** in **Dunellen**.



Pastor Jesse Brown, Jr serves **Christus Evangelical Lutheran Church** in **Camden**.

Cohorts of Learning Communities - LISTEN, ACT & SHARE



If you have an interest in **evangelism and outreach**:

Go and ... is a **monthly virtual gathering** on the last Thursday of the month at 7 PM. Visit <https://www.njsynod.org/>

- **Caminando Unidos en Cristo** and **Faithful Journey** are two cohorts engaging in the spiritual practice of listening to God, each other, and the neighborhood. They are being encourage to experiment with new actions, share learnings with others, ask God questions, and act into new learnings.
- If you are **interested in learning** more about **Go and...**, or other **cohorts**, or are **curious to explore collaborating or sharing ministry** with a neighboring congregations, please **reach out** to our **DEM, Pastor Maristela Freiberg** at maristela.freiberg@elca.org or call (201) 407 6000.

The ELCA's purpose is to activate each of us so more people know the way of Jesus and discover community, justice, and love. God is inviting us to engage with new, young and diverse people.

