


A WELCOMING CHURCH  
A THRIVING CHURCH  
A CONNECTED AND SUSTAINABLE CHURCH

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**ABOUT ME**

**WHERE I LIVE**  
Currently – Yardville (Trenton), NJ  
Originally – Cleveland, OH

**WHERE I'VE SERVED**  
Assistant to the Bishop, NJ Synod  
Pastoral ministry – SWTX, NE OH, SE Michigan  
Youth ministry, outdoor ministry & student campus ministry – all Ohio  
Seminary – Lutheran School of Theology @ Chicago




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## ABOUT ME

I care deeply for justice, equity and living into who God calls us to be in God's just world. I trust God always...

Yes, I grew up Lutheran.




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## MISSION SUPPORT

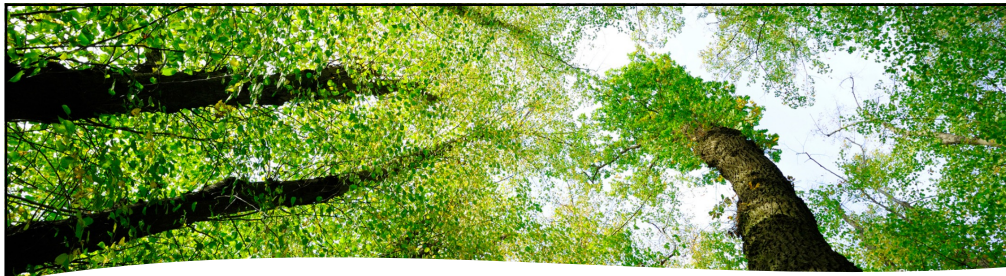
**\$743,941** was shared with the churchwide organization to support our ministry together.

**Thank you!**



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### Commission for a Renewed Lutheran Church

- The purpose of the commission is from the 2022 Churchwide Assembly action "...shall reconsider the statements of purpose for each of the expressions of this church, the principles of its organizational structure, and all matters pertaining thereunto, being particularly attentive to our shared commitment to dismantle racism..."
- The first meeting of the commission will be July 13-15.



Stay updated: [ELCA.ORG/CRLC](https://www.elca.org/crlc)

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### FEDERAL CHAPLAINS

160+ Federal Chaplains serve across the nation and around the world in the military, VA hospitals, and other government agencies, under ELCA Church Council calls, as well as the 450+ Chaplains who minister to those in healthcare systems, nursing homes and retirement villages, social service agencies, private practice, public prisons, police, and fire departments through Synod Council calls.



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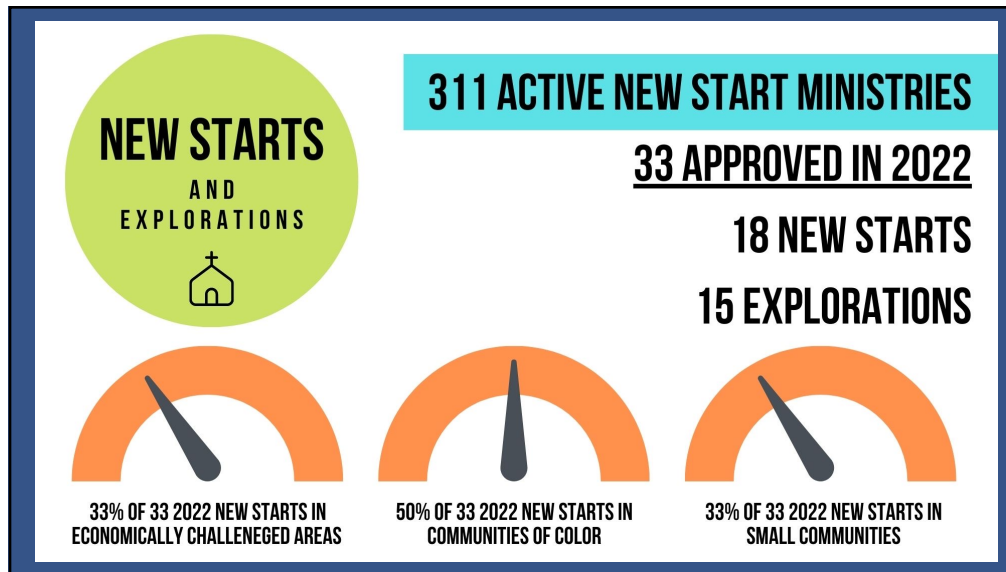
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## FEDERAL CHAPLAINS

Gena Koberl	Domestic
Hannah Olson	Domestic
Rebekah Timm Barnhart	Navy



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# LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE

**\$23,349,632**  
**(Southeastern Minnesota Synod: \$281,195)**



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## LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE





Photo: Peter Roman

“This humanitarian response connects us. These kinds of boundaries fall, and we are helping each other.”



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LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE





Photo: Emily Sollie

"Our staff are Ukrainian; our clients are Ukrainian. It feels good to be able to help people cope with the situation."




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**ELCA WORLD HUNGER**

**\$19,194,022**  
**(Southeastern Minnesota Synod: \$335,408)**



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## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

"For the last two years I have been planting more and more. ... This last year I have already stopped working [as a cleaner] in some houses. At the moment I work only in two houses that I intend to leave soon and make my income only from the garden — because, besides giving me much more joy, it has also given me a great financial return."



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## ELCA WORLD HUNGER

"I always had heard that the Lutherans excel at helping churches in need, but after having experienced it firsthand, I'm just really so happy and proud to be a member of this church."



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## FUND FOR LEADERS


**\$3,062,418**

David "DJ" Chatelaine	Luther Seminary
Krysta Flaharty	Luther Seminary
Yang Tut	Wartburg Theological Seminary




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FUND FOR LEADERS



"Without the Fund for Leaders, I would not have become a pastor. That allowed me to do the thing that I thought God was calling me to and to do something that I love."

*"You are the salt of the earth but if salt has lost its taste, how can it be restored? You are the light of the world"*




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FUND FOR LEADERS



“I am the vine  
you are the  
branches  
Those who abide in  
me and I in them  
bear much fruit  
because apart from  
me you can do  
nothing

“When we support leaders financially, when we launch them into their first call debt-free, when we put the weight of the whole church behind them and we say, ‘You are called’ — we are setting people up for success.”



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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN LEADERS

**\$615,766**  
(This Synod: \$2,620)




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"The IWL program has proven to me that young women are powerful, intelligent and capable of paving their paths to a brighter future, not just for themselves but also for their church community."




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**MISSIONARIES**

\$1,861,762  
(SE Minnesota Synod: \$50,167)

In 2022, 131 missionary households, including 24 new missionaries, served in 54 countries around the world.



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## SE MINNESOTA MISSIONARY SPONSORSHIP

Linda Jacobson  
Stephen & Jodi Swanson  
Kristin Engstrom  
Karen Anderson  
Patrick & Jacqueline Bencke  
Stephen Deal



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MISSIONARIES

Asia Regional  
Representative Chandran  
Paul Martin (far right) listens  
to the stories of displaced  
people from Myanmar in a  
camp in eastern India.



Photo: Y. Franklin Yishida



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MISSIONARIES

“Through your generous donation, you are helping me and Hongo Student Center to not only teach English, Bible class and discussions, but also to be a sunny corner of grace — a cozy place radiating God’s amazing grace in the community.” —Vola Ranaivoson (center), short-term missionary in Tokyo, Japan

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**YOUNG ADULTS IN  
GLOBAL MISSION**

\$652,763  
(SE Minnesota Synod: \$1,565)

In 2022, 24 volunteers served in six country programs.  
This was the first YAGM cohort to enter service since 2019.



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## 2023-2024 SERVICE YEAR Young Adults in Global Mission

### 37 APPLICANTS PLACED FOR 2023-2024 SERVICE

While we yearn for the larger groups from before COVID, we celebrate our continued trend of growth in placed candidates at this stage of the process.

Year	Number of Candidates Placed
2019	~45
2020	~55
2021	~25
2022	~35
2023	37

### Geographic Distribution

### 6 COUNTRY PROGRAMS

We are thrilled to welcome back Central Europe (Hungary) and Mexico! These countries have been added back to the YAGM program network through faithful discussion with our partners and hosts. We are grateful to be invited.

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### YOUNG ADULTS IN GLOBAL MISSION

“My host family has truly embraced me as one of their own, and they have become my family. They not only look after me, but they also find ways to engage with me every day. We are building our relationship. ... I am more than grateful for what I am discovering every day here in Senegal: Love and presence, which is the reflection of the greatness of God in this world.” —Sol Namir (right) YAGM participant in Senegal

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## INTERNATIONAL LEADERS PROGRAM

*Equipping globally-minded leaders for church and society*

- 200 scholarships each year support leaders from global companion churches, equipping and connecting leaders of the Lutheran communion worldwide
- The International Camp Counselor Program brings young adults from around the world to work at ELCA summer camps
- Program participants enrich ELCA ministries by sharing the diverse gifts of the global church through their witness, insights, and impact stories

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# ROSTERED MINISTERS GATHERING

*Rekindle the Gift Within You*

[www.elca.org/RMG](http://www.elca.org/RMG)  
JULY 17-20, 2023  
PHOENIX, AZ

Registration open through June 30

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**CREATED TO BE**

**2024 ELCA YOUTH GATHERING  
NEW ORLEANS - JULY 16-20, 2024**

**MYLE**  
Multicultural Youth Leadership Event of the ELCA  
JULY 13-16, 2024  
**NEW** registration fees waived first 1,000 participants

**the tAble**  
An ELCA Gathering of Youth with Disabilities  
JULY 13-16, 2024  
**NEW** registration fees waived first 200 participants

**Young Adult Gathering**  
A new ELCA Gathering for Young Adults  
JULY 16-20, 2024

**#ELCAYG2024**

**LEARN MORE @  
ELCA.ORG/GATHERING**

**Registration opens September 15**

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**SERVING THE ELCA – THANK YOU!**

Ms. Lori Lewis	Portico Board of Pensions
Mr. Fred Halvin	1517 Board of Trustees
Ms. Heather Marx	Endowment Fund

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**DIRECTOR FOR EVANGELICAL MISSION**

REV. EMILY CARSON

THANK YOU!!

*"Your young  
visions  
and you  
old ... shall  
dream  
dreams*




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**SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

BISHOP REGINA HASSANALY!!

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