# $YOUR \, {}^{\text{OPPORTUNITIES}}_{\text{ to serve}}$

# **INTERNATIONAL**

# MERCY MEDICAL TEAMS

Be part of a team that reaches out to individuals in underserved areas of the world by providing needed health-care services to nurture both their physical and spiritual needs.

Serve the underserved: *lcms.org/mercyteams* 

### **SHORT-TERM TEAMS**

Come together with other youth and adults to form a team to serve for one to two weeks in various locations around the world.

Take the first step:

*lcms.org/service* 

### **SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERS**

Adults (18+) can serve as short-term volunteers in various locations around the world for one week to six months. Serve alongside LCMS missionaries and partner churches, or be placed with a short-term team.

You get to tell them: *lcms.org/service* 

# NATIONAL

# **BLACK MINISTRY**

Adult volunteers fulfill a specialized ministry of encouragement and assistance to congregations and schools within the LCMS that serve large black populations, reaching out with the Gospel in mercy and compassion for their neighbor.

PROMOTE FAITHFULNESS AMONG OUR COMMUNITIES: lcms.org/blackministry

### **CHURCH PLANTING**

Youth and adults can support national mission work in locations across the country through *Mission Field: USA*, the Synod's church-planting initiative. This initiative sends national missionaries to serve in communities



like Ferguson, Mo.; Brownsville, Texas; Gary, Ind.; and Albuquerque, N.M. Volunteers can support one of these national missionaries as they strive to provide a spiritual home for people who are searching for hope and healing through Jesus Christ.

SUPPORT NATIONAL MISSIONARIES: lcms.org/churchplanting

## DISASTER RESPONSE

Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT) are trained and prepared to show Christ's love through mercy work when a disaster strikes.

RESPOND TO THE CALL: lcms.org/disaster/resources facebook.com/LCMSDisasterResponse disaster@lcms.org

### **EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS**

Pastors, church workers and laypeople are needed to contribute to *Every One His Witness*<sup>\*</sup> context modules. These modules address witnessing to people in a variety of situations using the LASSIE approach that is taught in the core module workshop. Contributors are recorded on video for distribution through the program's website.

HELP PEOPLE SPEAK OF JESUS: lcms.org/witness-outreach everyonehiswitness.org

## **HEALTH MINISTRY**

Parish nurses help individuals in need using a combination of professional nursing and spiritual caregiving skills.

Help FOSTER HEALTH: lcms.org/health/parishnursing

# LCMS SERVANT EVENTS

Youth and adults grow in their faith through serving, sharing Christ and developing relationships. They serve in communities across the U.S., working on construction, outreach, human-care and other projects.

Make a difference: servantevents.lcms.org

# LCMS YOUTH GATHERING



Hundreds of adults and young adults (ages 19– 25) share their skills and love for others by serving during the LCMS Youth Gathering. The next Gathering will be held July 11–15, 2019, in Minneapolis. Young Adult Volunteers (Orange Nation) can learn more at *facebook.com/groups/OrangeNationYoungAdult/*.

FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN SERVE: lcmsgathering.com/volunteer

# LUTHERAN SCHOOL CONSULTING SERVICES

Experienced Lutheran school leaders can serve as consultants through Lutheran School Consulting Services to help strengthen and revitalize Lutheran elementary schools, so God's children are served and His Kingdom expanded.

Help BUILD FUTURE GENERATIONS: *lcms.org/schools* ("Consultations" tab)



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#### **LUTHERAN YOUNG ADULT CORPS**

High-school and college graduates can serve full time 10 weeks in the summer or 10 months through a school year in urban areas across the country.

BE EMPOWERED BY SERVICE:

lcms.org/yacorps

#### MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES — OPERATION BARNABAS

Youth and adults can organize events locally to support military members, veterans and their families.

GIVE BACK TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED: *lcms.org/operationbarnabas* 

#### re:Vitality

Adults and young adults have opportunities to serve as facilitators and coaches to assist congregations through the Synod's revitalization initiative, *re:Vitality*. Resources address various aspects of congregation vitality, including outreach, serving inactive members and strategic planning.

Help strengthen congregations: *lcms.org/revitalization* 

### **RURAL & SMALL TOWN MISSION**

Youth and adult volunteers seeking episodic service engagements can consider LCMS Rural & Small Town Mission. Events are held throughout the country, and your service empowers the

ministry to equip congregational leaders to meet the unique challenges of leading Christ-centered outreach in rural and small-town communities.

Support rural and small-town congregational growth: lcms.org/rstm

#### SCHOOL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Lutheran school administrators who have completed the School Leadership Development Project (SLED) can mentor potential Lutheran school leaders throughout the academic year.

TRAIN OTHERS FOR A BETTER TOMORROW: lcms.org/schools ("Leadership" tab)

#### SPECIALIZED PASTORAL MINISTRY

Chaplains are pastors or deaconesses who serve individuals who are ill, imprisoned, aging or isolated. Through chaplaincy, pastoral counseling and clinical pastoral education, these ordained or commissioned ministers encounter people in everyday settings as they bear witness to the love of God in Christ Jesus.

WITNESS TO THOSE IN NEED: lcms.org/spm

#### **URBAN & INNER-CITY MISSION**

Youth and adults can serve in locations around the country in our Synod's inner-city and urban ministries.

CONNECT TO A COMMUNITY: lcms.org/citymission

# LOCAL

#### Campus Ministry (LCMS U)

Youth and adults can volunteer to serve at a campus ministry at a college or university in their area. Visit *lcms.org/lcmsu/findcampus* to find a chapter.

LEARN MORE: lcms.org/lcmsu facebook.com/lcmsu

#### **LUTHERAN SCHOOLS**

Lutheran schools engage volunteers to meet the multi-faceted roles of education. Contact schools directly to learn

more about their opportunities





**MISSION CENTRAL, MAPLETON, IOWA** 

Mission Central volunteers are essential to telling more people about Jesus, so that there will be more people in our real home in heaven. Volunteer support is critical to furthering LCMS mission work around the world.

Assist missionaries: missioncentral.us

#### **RECOGNIZED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

Recognized Service Organizations (RSOs) offer a wide variety of service opportunities. Contact RSOs directly to learn about specific opportunities.

SUPPORT SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES:

lcms.org/rso

#### **VOLUNTEER CONNECTION, ST. LOUIS**

Adults in the St. Louis area can volunteer at the LCMS International Center in fulfilling tasks that support national ministries, international ministries and other LCMS entities.

ENGAGE AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER: *lcms.org/volunteer-connection* 

