



“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity” (Psalm 133:1).

Q: What is the alliance missionary program?

A: It is a collaborative program between The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and partner churches by which missionaries from Lutheran churches in other countries are sent to serve alongside LCMS missionaries around the world.

Q: What are the goals of the program?

A: The alliance missionary program:

- › Supports the LCMS Office of International Mission’s strategic plan to spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and show mercy;
- › Encourages collaboration between the LCMS and partner churches and supports strategic opportunities in the mission fields where the LCMS works; and
- › Aims to walk alongside church partners to assist them in developing their own sustainable mission arm.

Q: What distinguishes an alliance missionary from an LCMS missionary?

A: An alliance missionary is called and sent by their own church body, not the LCMS.

Q: Who is an alliance missionary?

A: Alliance missionaries:

- › Are pastors ordained by a national church body that is in fellowship or seeking fellowship with the LCMS;
- › Have received a divine call from their national or local church body to be sent to a different country; and
- › Have met all criteria to be considered for the program.

Q: How are alliance missionaries supported?

A: They are supported by the LCMS, by their sending church and by the regional mission team of which they are a part.

The regional care team, in conjunction with the sending church body, supports alliance missionaries with needs in the areas of spiritual care, health care, expenses, fellowship and education.

Alliance missionaries are financially supported by contributors mainly from within the United States.

Q: What does the work of an alliance missionary look like?

A: Alliance missionaries are pastors who serve in a variety of roles. Many of them serve as a parish pastor, church planter or theological educator. They spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and show mercy.

Q: How many alliance missionaries are serving?

A: Currently, there are more than 20 alliance missionary pastors serving.

Q: Where do alliance missionaries serve?

A: Alliance missionaries serve alongside LCMS missionaries in all four regions: Africa, Asia, Eurasia, and Latin America and the Caribbean. Some locations of service include Ethiopia, Guatemala, Jamaica, Macau, Peru, Spain, Taiwan, Uganda and Uruguay.

Q: How long do alliance missionaries serve?

A: An initial term of service is three years, with a review every two years.