

# The Lutheran World Federation 2006 Membership Figures

## Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 140 LWF member churches (M), including two associate member churches (AM), 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council (R), as well as other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations (C).

### General Summary 2006

140 LWF member churches, 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council .....	66,681,599
Lutherans outside LWF constituency .....	3,518,800
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>70,200,399</b>

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
<b>Africa</b>	15,258,892	15,202,823	56,069
<b>Asia</b>	8,314,337	8,174,160	140,177
<b>Europe</b>	37,469,585	37,429,405	40,180
<b>Latin America &amp; the Caribbean</b>	1,118,247	841,760	276,487
<b>North America</b>	8,039,338	5,033,451	3,005,887
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,200,399</b>	<b>66,681,599</b>	<b>3,518,800</b>

### Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

<b>Germany*</b>	12,732,991	<b>Madagascar</b>	3,000,000
<b>USA*</b>	7,782,398	<b>Netherlands</b>	2,300,000
<b>Sweden</b>	6,895,840	<b>India</b>	1,860,888
<b>Indonesia</b>	5,165,137	<b>Nigeria</b>	1,501,445
<b>Finland</b>	4,556,612	<b>Namibia</b>	1,007,395
<b>Denmark</b>	4,506,552	<b>Papua New Guinea</b>	954,188
<b>Ethiopia</b>	4,500,296	<b>Brazil</b>	945,329
<b>Norway</b>	3,960,880	<b>South Africa</b>	705,794
<b>Tanzania</b>	3,500,000		

\* These figures include the membership of the Baltic churches abroad.

### Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

<b>Church of Sweden</b>	6,895,840	<b>Protestant Church in the Netherlands</b>	2,300,000
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America</b>	4,850,776	<b>North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>	2,109,960
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland</b>	4,556,612	<b>The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria</b>	1,364,420
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark</b>	4,506,442	<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony</b>	833,826
<b>The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus</b>	4,500,296	<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea</b>	815,000
<b>Church of Norway</b>	3,939,044	<b>Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>	800,000
<b>Protestant Christian Batak Church</b>	3,750,000	<b>Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil</b>	719,756
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania</b>	3,500,000	<b>The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)</b>	652,195
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover</b>	3,045,354	<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa</b>	589,502
<b>Malagasy Lutheran Church</b>	3,000,000		
<b>Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria</b>	2,640,724		
<b>Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**</b>	2,440,864		
<b>Evangelical Church in Württemberg</b>	2,322,865		

\*\* Not an LWF member church

