

The Lutheran World Federation 2004 Membership Figures

Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 138 LWF member churches (M), including three associate member churches (AM), 11 recognized congregations and one recognized council (R), as well as other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations (C).

General Summary 2004

138 LWF member churches, 11 recognized congregations and 1 recognized council	65,927,334
Lutherans outside LWF constituency	3,600,483
Total	69,527,817

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	14,133,572	14,079,022	54,550
Asia	7,391,102	7,229,661	161,441
Europe	38,635,572	38,594,553	41,019
Latin America	1,116,913	842,096	274,817
North America	8,250,658	5,182,002	3,068,656
Total	69,527,817	65,927,334	3,600,483

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

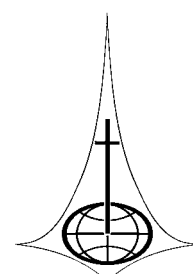
Germany*	13,103,946	Tanzania	3,000,000
USA*	7,975,094	Netherlands	2,530,000
Sweden	7,220,694	India	1,814,395
Finland	4,586,414	Nigeria	1,340,000
Denmark	4,499,628	Papua New Guinea	953,072
Indonesia	4,304,284	Namibia	946,782
Ethiopia	4,164,066	Brazil	934,638
Norway	3,945,080	South Africa	726,355
Madagascar	3,000,000		

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

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	7,220,694	Evangelical Church in Württemberg	2,346,879
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,984,925	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,151,450
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,586,414	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,205,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,499,501	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	895,000
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	4,164,066	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea	815,000
Church of Norway	3,922,265	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	3,127,000	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	710,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)	640,282
Protestant Christian Batak Church	3,000,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa	589,502
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	3,000,000		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,700,000		
Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,530,000		
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**	2,488,936		

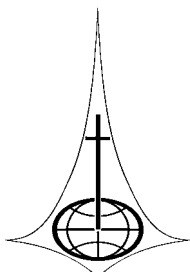
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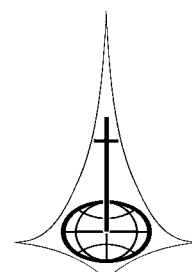
The Lutheran World Federation 2004 Membership Details

- (M) Member Church
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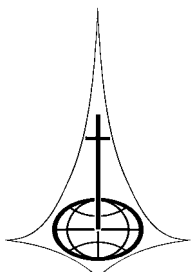
Africa	Individual Churches	National Total
Angola		22,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola (M)	22,000	
Botswana		21,110
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (M)	21,110	
Cameroon		282,352
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon (M)	105,994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (M)	172,000	
The Lutheran Church of Cameroon (C)	4,358	
Central African Republic		55,000
Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (M)	55,000	
Chad		21,305
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Chad (C)	21,305	
Congo, Democratic Republic		136,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Congo (M)	136,000	
Congo, Republic		1,268
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (C)	1,268	
Eritrea		12,000
The Evangelical Church of Eritrea (M)	12,000	
Ethiopia		4,164,066
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (M)	4,164,066	
Ghana		26,400
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (M)	26,400	
Kenya		85,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (M)	55,000	
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	30,000	
Liberia		71,179
Lutheran Church in Liberia (M)	71,179	
Madagascar		3,000,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (M)	3,000,000	
Malawi		50,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (M)	50,000	



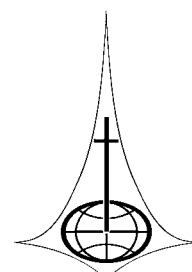
	Individual Churches	National Total
Mozambique		5,987
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (M).....	5,987	
Namibia		946,782
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN-GELC) (M).....	6,500	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) (M).....	300,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) (M).....	640,282	
Nigeria		1,340,000
The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (M).....	1,205,000	
The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (M).....	135,000	
Rwanda		20,000
Lutheran Church of Rwanda (M)	20,000	
Senegal		3,620
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Senegal (C).....	no data	
The Lutheran Church of Senegal (M)	3,620	
Sierra Leone		2,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (M)	2,500	
South Africa		726,355
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) (M).....	4,099	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (M).....	589,502	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (N-T) (M).....	9,900	
Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa (C).....	2,654	
Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (C).....	20,000	
Moravian Church in South Africa (M).....	100,200	
Tanzania		3,000,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (M).....	3,000,000	
Togo		4,965
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Togo (C).....	4,965	
Zambia		5,683
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (M)	5,683	
Zimbabwe		130,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (M)	130,000	
Asia		
Australia		75,050
Lutheran Church of Australia (AM).....	75,050	
Bangladesh		11,603
Bangladesh Lutheran Church (M)	3,000	
Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	8,603	
Hong Kong (China)		46,728
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church (M)	2,459	



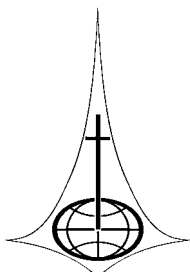
Lutheran Church, Hong Kong Synod (C).....	8,300	
The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (M)	14,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (M)	13,789	
Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong (M).....	8,180	
India.....		1,814,395
Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	800,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (M).....	15,880	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Himalayan States (C)	24,750	
Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	9,837	
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam (M)	380,135	
India Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	56,493	
Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	133,000	
North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	106,800	
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	85,000	
<i>(see Nepal)</i>		
South Andhra Lutheran Church (M)	45,500	
The Arcot Lutheran Church (M)	37,000	
The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	120,000	
Indonesia.....		4,304,284
Batak Christian Community Church (M).....	20,000	
Christian Communion of Indonesia Church in Nias (Gereja AMIN) (M)	18,561	
Christian Protestant Angkola Church (M).....	27,986	
Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia (M).....	255,601	
Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (M)	16,895	
Pakpak Dairi Christian Protestant Church (M).....	30,490	
Protestant Christian Batak Church (M)	3,000,000	
Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai (M).....	38,211	
Simalungun Protestant Christian Church (M)	198,479	
The Indonesian Christian Church (M)	350,000	
The Protestant Christian Church (M)	338,061	
The United Protestant Church (M).....	10,000	
Israel		190
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission – Shalhevetyah Christian Center and Congregation (C).....	80	
Lutheran Church in Israel Elijah Church (C)	80	
Lutheran Church in Israel Immanuel Church (C)	30	
Japan		32,510
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	22,000	
Japan Lutheran Brethren Church (C).....	1,188	
Japan Lutheran Church (AM)	2,880	
Kinki Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,742	
West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C).....	3,700	
Jordan		3,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land (M).....	3,000	
Korea, Republic.....		4,698
Lutheran Church in Korea (M)	4,698	
Malaysia		92,352
Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (M)	50,000	



	Individual Churches	National Total
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M).....	3,000	
Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (M).....	6,900	
The Protestant Church in Sabah (M)	32,452	
Myanmar		1,800
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) (M)	1,800	
Nepal		
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M) (<i>see India</i>)		
New Zealand		962
Lutheran Church of New Zealand (C).....	962	
<i>(a district of the Lutheran Church of Australia)</i>		
Papua New Guinea		953,072
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (M).....	815,000	
Gutnius Lutheran Church – Papua New Guinea (M)	138,072	
Philippines		27,000
Lutheran Church in the Philippines (M)	27,000	
Singapore		4,126
Lutheran Church in Singapore (M)	4,126	
Sri Lanka		1,200
Lanka Lutheran Church (M)	1,200	
Taiwan		15,548
China Evangelical Lutheran Church (C).....	2,621	
China Lutheran Gospel Church (C).....	225	
Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church (C)	1,668	
Taiwan Lutheran Church (M)	8,220	
The Lutheran Church of Taiwan (Republic of China) (M).....	1,614	
The Lutheran Church of the Republic of China (C).....	1,200	
Thailand		2,584
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (M).....	2,584	
<i>(including the Lutheran Mission in Thailand)</i>		
Europe		
Austria		322,321
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria (M)	322,321	
Belgium		809
Lutheran Church of Belgium: Arlon and Christian Mission (R).....	809	
Croatia		3,500
Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia (M)	3,500	
Czech Republic		154,445
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (M).....	114,445	
Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (M).....	40,000	



Denmark (including Faroë Islands and Greenland)	4,499,628
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M)	4,499,501
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark (C)	127
Estonia	200,000
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	200,000
Faroë Islands	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Finland	4,586,414
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (M)	4,586,414
<i>(including ELCF members abroad)</i>	
France	258,697
Church of the Augsburg Confession of Alsace and Lorraine (M).....	210,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church - Synod of France and Belgium (C).....	697
Evangelical Lutheran Church of France (M)	40,000
Malagasy Protestant Church in France (M)	8,000
Germany	13,103,946
Church of Lippe [Lutheran Section] (M)	32,600
Evangelical Church in Württemberg (M)	2,346,879
Evangelical Church of Pomerania (M).....	115,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baden (M)	3,710
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (M)	2,700,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick (M).....	417,576
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldenburg (M).....	470,471
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thuringia (M)	476,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (M)	3,127,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg (M)	225,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (M).....	895,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schaumburg-Lippe (M)	63,915
Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Germany (C).....	1,470
Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (C).....	37,375
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	40,000
North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,151,450
Greenland	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Hungary	305,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (M)	305,000
Iceland	250,051
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (M).....	250,051
Ireland	3,100
The Lutheran Church in Ireland (R)	3,100
Italy	7,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy (M).....	7,000
Latvia	250,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (M)	250,000



Individual Churches National Total

Liechtenstein

Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M) *(see Switzerland)*

Lithuania **21,000**

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania (M)..... 21,000

Netherlands..... **2,530,000**

Protestant Church in the Netherlands (M).....2,530,000

Norway **3,945,080**

Church of Norway (M)..... 3,922,265

The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (AM)..... 22,815

Poland **80,000**

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (M)..... 80,000

Romania **45,856**

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (M)..... 14,606

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (M)..... 31,250

Russian Federation **266,000**

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) 250,000

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (M) 16,000

Serbia-Montenegro **50,000**

Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia and Montenegro (M).... 50,000

Slovak Republic..... **372,858**

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic (M) 372,858

Slovenia **20,000**

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia (M) 20,000

Sweden **7,220,694**

Church of Sweden (M)..... 7,220,694

Switzerland *(including Liechtenstein)*..... **4,853**

Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland

and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M)..... 4,853

United Kingdom **134,320**

Lutheran Church in Great Britain (M)..... 2,370

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (C) 1,350

The Lutheran Council of Great Britain (R) 130,600

Latin America

Argentina **87,960**

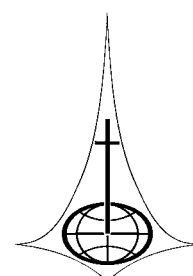
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M)..... 45,000

(see Paraguay, Uruguay)

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C) 30,000

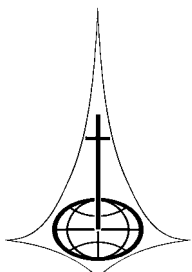
(see Chile, Uruguay)

Protestant Congregation in Tandil (C) 160



Individual Churches National Total

Protestant Society in Southern Argentina – Lutheran Church (C).....	3,800
Protestant Society of the South-East (C).....	2,000
United Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	7,000
Bolivia	19,700
Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	18,000
Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia (C).....	no data
German-Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Bolivia (R).....	1,000
Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Bolivia (C).....	700
Brazil	934,638
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C).....	1,050
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (M).....	710,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (C).....	223,588
Chile.....	14,970
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile (M).....	3,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C) (<i>see Argentina</i>)	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Republic of Chile (C).....	170
Lutheran Church in Chile (M).....	11,800
Colombia	3,496
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (M).....	3,000
St Martin's Congregation (R).....	160
St Matthew's Congregation (R).....	336
Costa Rica.....	1,737
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Costa Rica (R).....	600
Lutheran Costarican Church (M).....	1,137
Ecuador	2,020
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ecuador (R).....	520
<i>(includes the El Adviento Evangelical Lutheran Church in Quito, and The Savior Church in Guayaquil)</i>	
Evangelical Lutheran Indigenous Church of Ecuador (C).....	1,500
El Salvador.....	12,000
Salvadoran Lutheran Synod (M).....	12,000
Guatemala	200
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation "La Epifanía" (R).....	200
Lutheran Church of Guatemala (C).....	no data
Guyana.....	11,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (M).....	11,000
Haiti	no data
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (C).....	no data
Honduras Republic	1,000
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (M).....	1,000
Mexico.....	9,144
All Saints' Lutheran Church (C).....	191
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico (C).....	3,000
German-Speaking Evangelical Congregation in Mexico (R).....	3,110



	Individual Churches	National Total
Lutheran Synod of Mexico (C).....	1,211	
Mexican Lutheran Church (M).....	1,500	
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (C)	132	
Nicaragua		4,000
Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua “Fe y Esperanza” (M)	4,000	
Panama		no data
Brotherhood of Popular Pastoral Action Lutheran Coordination (C).....	no data	
Paraguay		3,981
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay (C).....	3,981	
Peru		3,660
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru (R)	400	
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Cristo Rey (C).....	100	
Norwegian Lutheran Mission (C).....	2,060	
Peruvian Evangelical Lutheran Church (R)	1,100	
Suriname		4,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname (M).....	4,000	
Uruguay		190
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Uruguay (C).....	190	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Venezuela		3,217
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (M).....	2,233	
Lutheran Church of Venezuela (C).....	984	
 North America		
Canada		275,564
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	12,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (M)	182,077	
Lutheran Church – Canada (C).....	81,487	
United States of America		7,975,094
Apostolic Lutheran Church of America (C)	7,707	
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	39,319	
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (C).....	14,335	
Church of the Lutheran Confession (C)	8,631	
Conservative Lutheran Association (C).....	994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (M).....	4,984,925	
Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C).....	24,000	
Lithuanian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Diaspora (M).....	3,000	
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (C).....	2,488,936	
Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (C)	1,500	
The Protestant Conference [Lutheran] (C)	1,125	
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C).....	400,622	

These statistics are based on data received by 31 January 2005. Compiled by Janet Bond-Nash (LWF/OCS)

