

The Lutheran World Federation 2005 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 2005

140 LWF member churches, 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council	66,214,048
Lutherans outside LWF constituency	3,543,522
Total	69,757,570

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	15,038,072	14,981,175	56,897
Asia	7,416,992	7,280,313	136,679
Europe	38,035,928	37,995,074	40,854
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,111,947	835,460	276,487
North America	8,154,631	5,122,026	3,032,605
Total	69,757,570	66,214,048	3,543,522

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

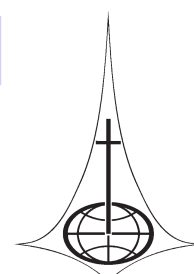
Germany*	12,912,101	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA*	7,889,834	Netherlands	2,530,000
Sweden	6,995,000	India	1,829,183
Finland	4,572,611	Nigeria	1,501,445
Denmark	4,499,611	Namibia	1,007,395
Ethiopia	4,312,407	Papua New Guinea	954,188
Indonesia	4,309,317	Brazil	937,508
Norway	3,952,764	South Africa	706,023
Tanzania	3,500,000		

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

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,995,000	Evangelical Church in Württemberg	2,346,879
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,930,429	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,129,100
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,572,611	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,364,420
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,499,501	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	843,296
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	4,312,407	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea	815,000
Church of Norway	3,930,946	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	3,500,000	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	711,935
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	3,072,622	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)	652,195
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa	589,502
Protestant Christian Batak Church	3,000,000		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,700,000		
Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,530,000		
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**	2,463,747		

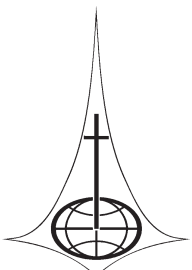
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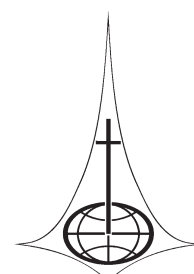
The Lutheran World Federation 2005 Membership Details

- (M) Member Church
- (AM) Associate Member Church
- (R) Recognized Congregation or Recognized Council
- (C) Other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations

Africa	Individual Churches	National Total
Angola		26,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola (M).....	26,000	
Botswana		21,110
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (M).....	21,110	
Cameroon		305,352
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon (M).....	105,994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (M).....	195,000	
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		1,828
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (C).....	1,828	
Eritrea		12,000
The Evangelical Church of Eritrea (M).....	12,000	
Ethiopia		4,312,407
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (M).....	4,312,407	
Ghana		26,400
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (M).....	26,400	
Kenya		105,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (M).....	75,000	
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	30,000	
Liberia		71,196
Lutheran Church in Liberia (M).....	71,196	
Madagascar		3,000,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (M).....	3,000,000	
Malawi		50,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (M).....	50,000	

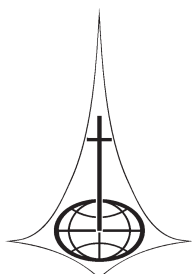


	Individual Churches	National Total
Mozambique		5,987
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (M)	5,987	
Namibia		1,007,395
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN-GELC) (M)	5,200	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) (M)	350,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) (M)	652,195	
Nigeria		1,501,445
The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (M)	1,364,420	
The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (M)	137,025	
Rwanda		20,000
Lutheran Church of Rwanda (M)	20,000	
Senegal		3,687
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Senegal (C)	no data	
The Lutheran Church of Senegal (M)	3,687	
Sierra Leone		2,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (M)	2,500	
South Africa		706,023
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)	9,770	
Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa (C)	2,652	
Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (C)	20,000	
Moravian Church in South Africa (M)	80,000	
Tanzania		3,500,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (M)	3,500,000	
Togo		6,754
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Togo (C)	6,754	
Zambia		5,683
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (M)	5,683	
Zimbabwe		135,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (M)	135,000	
Asia		
Australia		75,000
Lutheran Church of Australia (AM)	75,000	
Bangladesh		12,884
Bangladesh Lutheran Church (M)	4,000	
Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	8,884	
Hong Kong (China)		47,534
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church (M)	2,470	
Lutheran Church, Hong Kong Synod (C)	8,300	

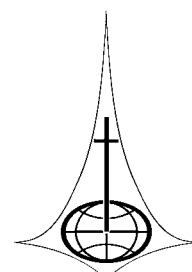


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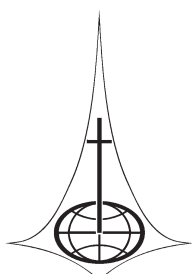
The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (M)	14,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (M)	14,264
Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong (M).....	8,500
India.....	1,829,183
Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (M).....	15,825
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Himalayan States (M)	24,750
Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	9,837
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam (M)	400,000
India Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	56,493
Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	133,000
North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	106,778
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	80,000
<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	4,309,317
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)	34,384
Protestant Christian Batak Church (M).....	3,000,000
Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai (M).....	38,907
Simalungun Protestant Christian Church (M)	198,479
The Indonesian Christian Church (M)	350,000
The Protestant Christian Church (M)	338,504
The United Protestant Church (M).....	10,000
Israel	130
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission – Shalhevetyah Christian Center and Congregation (C).....	80
Lutheran Church in Israel (Immanuel Church) (C)	50
Japan	32,568
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	22,027
Japan Lutheran Brethren Church (C).....	1,219
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	91,516
Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (M)	48,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M).....	3,000
Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (M).....	7,644
The Protestant Church in Sabah (M)	32,872



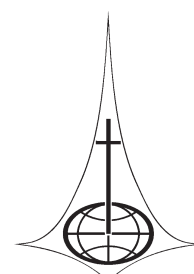
	Individual Churches	National Total
Myanmar		1,860
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) (M)	1,860	
Nepal		
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M) (<i>see India</i>)		
New Zealand		1,001
Lutheran Church of New Zealand (C)	1,001	
<i>(a district of the Lutheran Church of Australia)</i>		
Papua New Guinea		954,188
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (M)	815,000	
Gutnius Lutheran Church – Papua New Guinea (M)	139,188	
Philippines		27,000
Lutheran Church in the Philippines (M)	27,000	
Singapore		4,056
Lutheran Church in Singapore (M)	4,056	
Sri Lanka		1,200
Lanka Lutheran Church (M)	1,200	
Taiwan		19,357
China Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	2,621	
China Lutheran Gospel Church (C)	225	
Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church (C)	1,668	
Taiwan Lutheran Church (M)	12,029	
The Lutheran Church of Taiwan (Republic of China) (M)	1,614	
The Lutheran Church of the Republic of China (C)	1,200	
Thailand		2,500
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (M)	2,500	
<i>(including the Lutheran Mission in Thailand)</i>		
Europe		
Austria		325,429
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria (M)	325,429	
Belgium		812
Lutheran Church of Belgium: Arlon and Christian Mission (R)	812	
Croatia		3,500
Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia (M)	3,500	
Czech Republic		149,445
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (M)	114,445	
Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (M)	35,000	
Denmark (<i>including Faroe Islands and Greenland</i>)		4,499,611
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M)	4,499,501	
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark (C)	110	



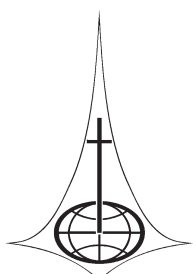
Estonia	200,000
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	200,000
 Faroe Islands	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Finland	4,572,611
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (M)	4,572,611
<i>(including ELCF members abroad)</i>	
France	260,600
Church of the Augsburg Confession of Alsace and Lorraine (M).....	210,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church – Synod of France and Belgium (C)	600
Evangelical Lutheran Church of France (M)	40,000
Malagasy Protestant Church in France (M)	10,000
Germany	12,912,101
Church of Lippe [Lutheran Section] (M)	32,000
Evangelical Church in Württemberg (M).....	2,346,879
Evangelical Church of Pomerania (M)	106,587
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baden (M)	3,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (M).....	2,700,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick (M).....	410,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldenburg (M).....	470,471
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thuringia (M)	459,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (M)	3,072,622
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg (M)	212,455
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (M)	843,296
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schaumburg-Lippe (M).....	62,300
Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Germany (C)	1,470
Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	36,921
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	25,000
North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,129,100
 Greenland	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Hungary	305,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (M)	305,000
Iceland	250,661
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (M).....	250,661
Ireland	3,500
The Lutheran Church in Ireland (R)	3,500
Italy	7,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy (M)	7,000
Latvia	250,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (M)	250,000
 Liechtenstein	
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M) (<i>see Switzerland</i>)	



	Individual Churches	National Total
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		3,952,764
Church of Norway (M)	3,930,946	
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (M)	21,818	
Poland		77,500
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (M)	77,500	
Romania		46,960
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (M)	14,460	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (M)	32,500	
Russian Federation		91,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M)	75,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (M)	16,000	
Serbia-Montenegro		49,000
Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia and Montenegro (M) ...	49,000	
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		6,995,000
Church of Sweden (M)	6,995,000	
Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)		4,853
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M)	4,853	
United Kingdom		134,723
Lutheran Church in Great Britain (M)	2,370	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (C)	1,753	
The Lutheran Council of Great Britain (R)	130,600	
 Latin America & the Caribbean		
Argentina		72,260
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M)	25,300	
<i>(see Paraguay, Uruguay)</i>		
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C)	30,000	
<i>(see Chile, Uruguay)</i>		
Protestant Congregation in Tandil (C)	160	
Protestant Society in Southern Argentina – Lutheran Church (C)	3,800	
Protestant Society of the South-East (C)	2,000	
United Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	11,000	



	Individual Churches	National Total
Bolivia		24,400
Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	22,000	
Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia (C)	700	
German-Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Bolivia (R)	1,000	
Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Bolivia (C)	700	
Brazil		937,508
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	1,050	
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (M)	711,935	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (C)	224,523	
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		3,596
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (M)	3,100	
St Martin's Congregation (R)	160	
St Matthew's Congregation (R)	336	
Costa Rica		1,849
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Costa Rica (R)	600	
Lutheran Costarican Church (M)	1,249	
Ecuador		2,020
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ecuador (R)	520	
<i>(including 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		1,200
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (M)	1,200	
Mexico		9,179
All Saints' Lutheran Church (C)	191	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico (C)	3,000	
German-Speaking Evangelical Congregation in Mexico (R)	3,110	
Lutheran Synod of Mexico (C)	1,211	
Mexican Lutheran Church (M)	1,500	
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (C)	167	



	Individual Churches	National Total
Nicaragua		7,000
Iglesia Luterana de Nicaragua Fe y Esperanza (M)	7,000	
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 Lutheran Evangelical Church (M)	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		2,934
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (M)	1,950	
Lutheran Church of Venezuela (C)	984	
 North America		
Canada		264,797
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	6,620	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (M)	182,077	
Lutheran Church – Canada (C)	76,100	
USA		7,889,834
Apostolic Lutheran Church of America (C)	7,707	
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	39,319	
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (C)	8,860	
Church of the Lutheran Confession (C)	8,631	
Conservative Lutheran Association (C)	994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (M)	4,930,429	
Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C)	24,000	
Lithuanian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Diaspora (M)	2,900	
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (C)	2,463,747	
Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (C)	1,500	
The Protestant Conference [Lutheran] (C)	1,125	
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C)	400,622	

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