

The Lutheran World Federation 2007 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 2007

140 LWF member churches, 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council	68,322,299
Lutherans outside LWF constituency.....	3,501,124
Total	71,823,423

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	17,185,299	17,129,230	56,069
Asia	8,415,776	8,275,418	140,358
Europe	37,177,468	37,137,374	40,094
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,104,194	822,074	282,120
North America	7,940,686	4,958,203	2,982,483
Total	71,823,423	68,322,299	3,501,124

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

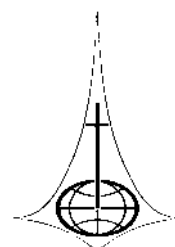
Germany*	12,627,746	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA*	7,682,436	Netherlands	2,300,000
Sweden	6,893,901	Nigeria	1,880,050
Indonesia	5,190,672	India	1,850,588
Ethiopia	4,869,157	Papua New Guinea	1,040,000
Tanzania	4,632,480	Namibia	1,007,395
Finland	4,533,629	Brazil	934,265
Denmark	4,493,263	South Africa	696,873
Norway	3,893,333		

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

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,893,901	Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,300,000
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	4,869,157	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,099,315
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,774,203	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,745,050
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	4,632,480	Evangelical Lutheran Church	900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,533,629	of Papua New Guinea	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,493,168	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	823,487
Church of Norway	3,871,513	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Protestant Christian Batak Church	3,750,000	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession	703,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	3,023,897	in Brazil	
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	The Evangelical Lutheran Church	652,195
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,600,000	in Namibia (ELCIN)	
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**	2,417,997	Evangelical Lutheran Church	580,377
Evangelical Church in Württemberg	2,304,062	in Southern Africa	

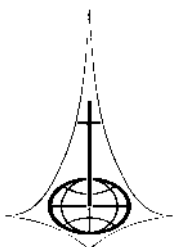
*** Not an LWF member church*



2007 World Lutheran Membership Details

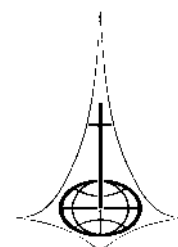
- (M) Member Church
- (AM) Associate Member Church
- (R) Recognized Congregation or Recognized Council
- (C) Other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations

Africa	Individual Churches	National Total
Angola		29,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola (M)	29,000	
Botswana		21,110
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (M)	21,110	
Cameroon		325,372
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon (M)	105,994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (M)	215,020	
The Lutheran Church of Cameroon (C)	4,358	
Central African Republic		55,000
Evangelical 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		11,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Eritrea (M)	11,000	
Ethiopia		4,869,157
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (M)	4,869,157	
Ghana		27,521
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (M)	27,521	
Kenya		129,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (M)	85,000	
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	44,000	
Liberia		71,196
Lutheran Church in Liberia (M)	71,196	
Madagascar		3,000,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (M)	3,000,000	
Malawi		60,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (M).....	60,000	
Mozambique		6,482
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (M).....	6,482	

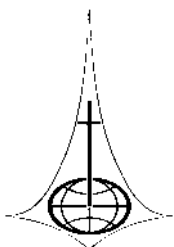


Individual Churches National Total

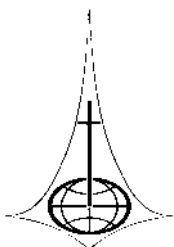
Namibia	1,007,395
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN-GELC) (M)	5,200
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) (M).....	350,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) (M).....	652,195
Nigeria	1,880,050
The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (M)	1,745,050
The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (M).....	135,000
Rwanda	35,724
Lutheran Church of Rwanda (M).....	35,724
Senegal	4,053
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Senegal (C).....	no data
The Lutheran Church of Senegal (M)	4,053
Sierra Leone	3,150
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (M)	3,150
South Africa	696,873
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) (M).....	4,108
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (M).....	580,377
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Natal-Transvaal) (M).....	9,730
Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa (C).....	2,658
Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (C).....	20,000
Moravian Church in South Africa (M)	80,000
Tanzania	4,632,480
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (M)	4,632,480
Togo	5,920
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Togo (C).....	5,920
Zambia	5,683
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (M).....	5,683
Zimbabwe	150,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (M).....	150,000
Asia	
Australia	75,000
Lutheran Church of Australia (AM).....	75,000
Bangladesh	13,684
Bangladesh Lutheran Church (M)	4,800
Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	8,884
Georgia	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) (<i>see Russian Federation</i>)	
Hong Kong (China)	48,983
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church (M).....	2,065
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)	15,118
Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong (M).....	9,500



India	1,850,588
Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (M).....	15,850
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).....	80,000
Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	133,500
North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (C).....	110,301
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).....	108,850
Indonesia	5,190,672
Batak Christian Community Church (M)	20,000
Christian Communion of Indonesia Church in Nias (Gereja AMIN) (M).....	18,561
Christian Protestant Angkola Church (M)	28,592
Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia (M)	355,316
Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (M).....	23,000
Pakpak Dairi Christian Protestant Church (M)	35,798
Protestant Christian Batak Church (M).....	3,750,000
Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai (M).....	38,907
Simalungun Protestant Christian Church (M)	210,659
The Indonesian Christian Church (M).....	350,000
The Protestant Christian Church (M)	348,689
The United Protestant Church (M).....	11,150
Israel	130
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission – Shalhevetyah Christian Center and Congregation (C)	80
Lutheran Church in Israel Immanuel Church (C)	50
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M) <i>(see Jordan and Palestinian Territories)</i>	
Japan	32,544
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	22,056
Japan Lutheran Brethren Church (C).....	1,219
Japan Lutheran Church (AM).....	2,732
Kinki Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	2,745
West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	3,792
Jordan	3,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M)	3,000
<i>(see Israel and Palestinian Territories)</i>	
Kazakhstan	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>	
Korea, Republic	5,239
Lutheran Church in Korea (M).....	5,239
Kyrgyzstan	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>	
Malaysia	93,942
Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (M)	50,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M).....	3,000
Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (M)	8,942
The Protestant Church in Sabah (M).....	32,000



Denmark (including Faroe Islands and Greenland).....	4,493,263
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M).....	4,493,168
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark (C).....	95
Estonia	163,500
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	163,500
Faroe Islands	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Finland	4,533,629
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (M).....	4,533,629
(including ELCF members abroad)	
France	271,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church – Synod of France and Belgium (C).....	1,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of France (M).....	40,000
Malagasy Protestant Church in France (M).....	10,000
Protestant Church of the Augsburg Confession of Alsace and Lorraine (M).....	220,000
Germany	12,627,746
Church of Lippe [Lutheran Section] (M).....	31,000
Evangelical Church in Württemberg (M).....	2,304,062
Evangelical Church of Pomerania (M).....	101,576
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baden (M).....	3,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (M).....	2,600,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick (M).....	405,614
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldenburg (M).....	463,448
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thuringia (M).....	440,866
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (M).....	3,023,897
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg (M).....	208,532
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (M).....	823,487
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schaumburg-Lippe (M).....	60,800
Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Germany (C).....	1,470
Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (C).....	36,029
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M).....	24,150
North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	2,099,315
Greenland	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Hungary	213,125
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (M).....	213,125
Iceland	252,234
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (M).....	252,234
Ireland	770
The Lutheran Church in Ireland (R).....	770
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>)	

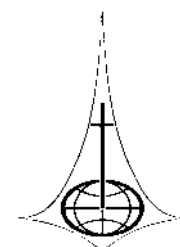


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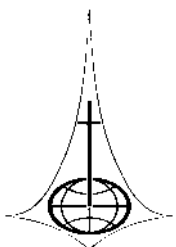
Lithuania	20,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania (M)	20,000
Netherlands	2,300,000
Protestant Church in the Netherlands (M)	2,300,000
Norway	3,893,333
Church of Norway (M)	3,871,513
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (M)	21,820
Poland	75,000
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (M)	75,000
Romania	45,927
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (M)	13,927
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (M)	32,000
Russian Federation	90,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M)	75,000
<i>(see Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)</i>	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (M)	15,000
Serbia	49,500
Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia (M)	49,500
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	6,893,901
Church of Sweden (M)	6,893,901
Switzerland	5,370
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M)	5,370
<i>(see Liechtenstein)</i>	
Ukraine	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>	
United Kingdom	134,910
Lutheran Church in Great Britain (M)	2,810
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (C)	1,500
The Lutheran Council of Great Britain (R)	130,600

Latin America & the Caribbean

Argentina	71,960
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M)	25,000
<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



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	934,265
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C).....	1,050
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (M)	703,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (C).....	230,215
Chile	13,450
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).....	10,280
Colombia	3,483
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (M)	3,000
St Martin's Congregation (R).....	160
St Matthew's Congregation (R).....	323
Costa Rica	1,924
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Costa Rica (R).....	600
Lutheran Costarican Church (M)	1,324
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	211
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation "La Epifanía" (R).....	211
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	1,200
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (M)	1,200
Mexico	6,705
All Saints' Lutheran Church (C)	191
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico (C)	3,000
German-Speaking Evangelical Congregation in Mexico (R)	636
Lutheran Synod of Mexico (C)	1,211
Mexican Lutheran Church (M).....	1,500
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (C).....	167
Nicaragua	7,050
The Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope (M).....	7,050



Individual Churches National Total

Panama no data

Brotherhood of Popular Pastoral Action – Lutheran Coordination (C).....no data

Paraguay 3,981

Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) (*see Argentina*)

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay (C)..... 3,981

Peru..... 3,421

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru (R)..... 220

Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Cristo Rey (C) 41

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) (*see Argentina*)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Uruguay (C)190

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C) (*see Argentina*)

Venezuela..... 2,934

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (M).....1,950

Lutheran Church of Venezuela (C).....984

North America

Canada 258,250

Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)..... 8,000

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (M).....174,500

Lutheran Church – Canada (C)..... 75,750

United States of America 7,682,436

Apostolic Lutheran Church of America (C) 7,707

Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C) 43,360

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) 4,774,203

Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C).....20,559

Lithuanian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Diaspora (M) 1,500

Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (C)..... 2,417,997

Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (C) 1,500

The Protestant Conference [Lutheran] (C) 1,125

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C)..... 396,000

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