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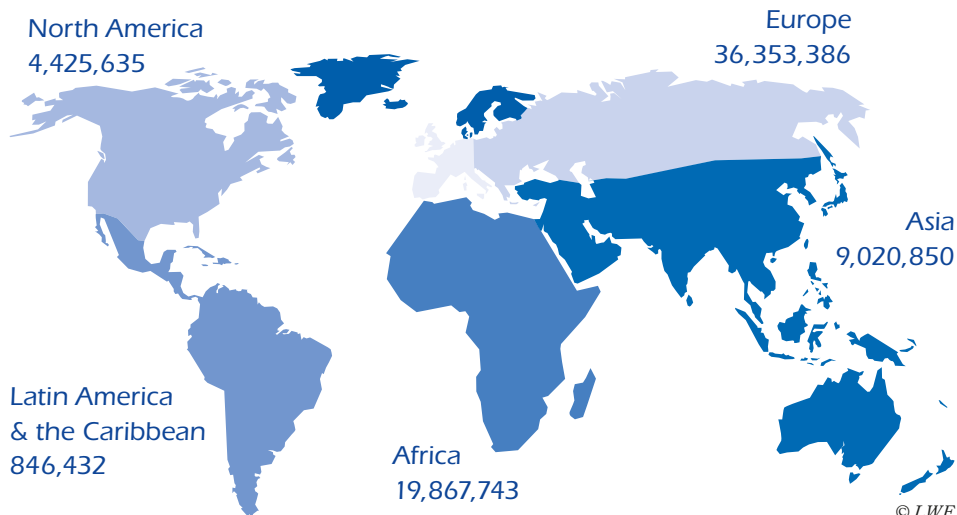
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LWF 2011 Membership Figures

Slight Increase Globally with Growth in Africa and Asia

GENEVA (LWI) – The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) member churches continued to show slight growth globally in 2011, according to statistics gathered by the LWF Communion Office.

The 145 churches belonging to the LWF, ten recognized congregations and one recognized council in 79 countries had a combined total of 70,514,046 members, an increase of 205,752 or 0.3 percent over the previous year.

LWF churches in Africa and Asia mainly contributed to the growth, with Africa adding 658,752 new members (3.4 percent), and Asia 217,905 (2.5 percent), according to the 2011 annual statistical survey conducted by the LWF Office for Communication Services.

Churches in the North America, Europe, and Latin America and the Caribbean regions experienced decreases in membership. North America membership declined by 274,265 (5.8 percent), while in Europe membership dropped by 396,133 (around one percent) and in Latin America and the Caribbean the decrease was 507 members, 0.06 percent.

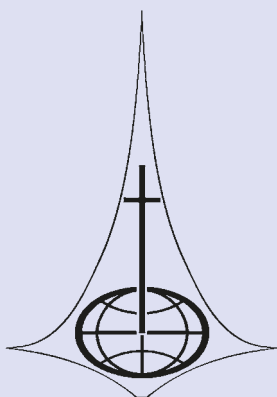
In 2011, membership of churches in the wider Lutheran family, which includes non-

LWF churches, rose by 196,667 to reach 74,192,243, representing an average increase of 0.3 percent according to the LWF survey.

Fifteen LWF member churches registered more than 1 million members. Among the largest churches are the Church of Sweden (6.5 million); Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (5.84 million); Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (5.82 million); Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (nearly 4.5 million); Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (over 4.3 million); Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (over 4.2 million); Protestant Christian Batak Church [Indonesia] (4.1 million); Church of Norway (over 3.8 million); and Malagasy Lutheran Church [Madagascar] (3 million); and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover [Germany] (2.9 million).

Germany continues to be the country with the highest numbers of members affiliated to Lutheran churches with 12.5 million, followed by the United States

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LWF Leaders Urge Efforts to Enhance Religious and Community Co-existence in Nigeria

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) strongly condemned the wave of violence against citizens and places of worship in Nigeria last December and January, and expressed its deep concern that such attacks undermined community co-existence and the expression of religious freedom.

Dozens of people were killed in attacks by extremists in the northern part of the country. Reports suggested they were led by the Boko Haram Islamist group, with at least one incident of retaliation.

“These heinous activities must be rejected by people of all religious convictions, civil society organizations and political groups,” said LWF General Secretary Rev. Martin Junge in a 12 January statement.

He said the killings threatened peace and security in Nigeria and undermined the harmonious community life that had been forged through patient relationship building over a long period.

“Senseless killing and destruction of human life and property must not continue. Bombs and guns can neither create a harmonious society nor lead to a peaceful existence,” Junge added.

In a 16 January pastoral letter to the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria and the Lutheran Church of Nigeria, LWF President Bishop Dr Munib A. Younan urged churches in the West African country to continue to work for forgiveness and reconciliation.

“Remain steadfast in your calling. Remain committed to sharing God’s love with all. Overcome evil with good, so that extremism is given no opportunity to control or intimidate,” he wrote.

Younan, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, noted that “attacks that use religion for political ends show disregard for the universal human right of the freedom of religion and are opposed to all standards of international law and stand in opposition against the teachings of all religion.”

The LWF statement can be found on the LWF Website at www.lutheranworld.org/lwf/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/Statement_Nigeria-12Jan2012.pdf

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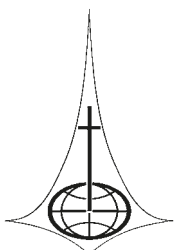
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with 7.1 million and Sweden with 6.5 million. Ethiopia and Tanzania each have some 5.8 million Lutherans.

Africa

In Africa, membership in the 31 churches belonging to the LWF grew in 2011 to reach 19,867,743 members. The number of non-LWF Lutheran members on the continent declined by 14,867 members to 184,830, or 7.4 percent.

Among the LWF member churches in Africa showing growth were two smaller churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic, which recorded a 94 percent increase for its current 107,000 members. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi noted a 25 percent increase, giving it 100,000 members.

Asia

The 52 LWF member churches in Asia reported an increase, to reach a total of 9,020,850 members. Membership outside the LWF-affiliated churches grew by 7,448 (3.9 percent) to 198,552 members.

The Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia recorded 587,985 members in 2011, a 63.4 percent increase, while the Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai grew by 28.5 percent to 50,000 members. Indonesia retains a strong Lutheran presence with more than 5.8 million Lutherans in the 12 LWF member churches.

Europe

While Europe is home to almost half of the world's Lutherans, the 43 LWF member churches there recorded 396,133 fewer members in the past year, around one percent, to reach 36.3 million members. Membership in churches that are not affiliated to the LWF in Europe declined to count 78,934.



Women's choir during Sunday worship at The Indonesian Christian Church in Medan, Northern Sumatra.
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The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (in Germany) added 830 members, a growth of 3.3 percent, bringing its total to 25,850 members. The Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein recorded an additional 150 members, an increase of 2.2 percent to reach a total of 7,040 members. A 6.7 percent decline or 5,000 members in the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland brought the membership to 70,000.

The countries with the highest number of Lutherans on the continent continued to show a decline in membership. Germany's 14 LWF member churches declined by 124,437, nearly one percent, while Church of Sweden recorded a drop of 111,023 members, or 1.6 percent.

Latin America and the Caribbean

Membership in the 16 churches belonging to the LWF in Latin America and the Caribbean declined slightly in 2011, reporting 507 fewer members and a current membership of 846,432. Non-LWF churches recorded a loss of 820 members.

The region's largest Lutheran church, the Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil,

counted 717,127, a slight increase from the previous year.

North America

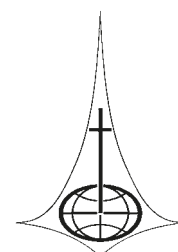
The three LWF member churches in North America posted a membership decrease of 274,265, or 5.8 percent, to 4,425,635 members.

The region's largest Lutheran church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, lost 270,349 members, or 5.95 percent, down to 4,272,688 members. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada declined by 3,916, or 2.6 percent, bringing its current membership to 144,947 members.

The LWF membership statistics are based on information received by late February 2012 from the LWF member churches, recognized churches and congregations and council that are affiliated to the LWF, as well as from other Lutheran bodies. Figures recorded for the preceding year were used for churches that did not indicate if there were any changes. In the future, this survey will be conducted every two years.

A one-page summary of the 2011 LWF statistics as well as full membership details can be downloaded in PDF format at: www.lutheranworld.org/lwf/index.php/statistics-2011.html

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The Lutheran World Federation 2011 Membership Figures

Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 145 LWF member churches (M), including two associate member churches (AM), 10 recognized churches and congregations and one recognized council (R), as well as other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations (C).

General Summary 2011

145 LWF member churches, 10 recognized churches and congregations and one recognized council	70,514,046
Lutherans outside LWF constituency.....	3,678,197
Total	74,192,243

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	20,052,573	19,867,743	184,830
Asia	9,219,402	9,020,850	198,552
Europe	36,432,320	36,353,386	78,934
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,130,962	846,432	284,530
North America	7,356,986	4,425,635	2,931,351
Total	74,192,243	70,514,046	3,678,197

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

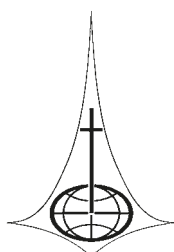
Germany*	12,551,580	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA	7,152,389	Netherlands	2,096,774
Sweden	6,589,769	Nigeria	2,048,000
Ethiopia	5,866,407	India	1,988,318
Tanzania	5,825,312	Namibia	1,131,764
Indonesia	5,812,489	Papua New Guinea	1,049,455
Denmark	4,469,204	Brazil	951,593
Finland	4,353,352	South Africa	654,614
Norway	3,874,279		

** This figure includes the membership of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.*

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,589,769	Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,096,774
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	5,846,407	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	1,996,391
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	5,825,312	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,469,109	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea	900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,353,352	Evangelical Church in Central Germany	839,916
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,272,688	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Protestant Christian Batak Church	4,100,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	773,851
Church of Norway	3,852,608	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	717,127
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)	706,664
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	2,859,851	Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia	587,985
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,600,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa	580,000
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**	2,400,000		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg	2,212,190		

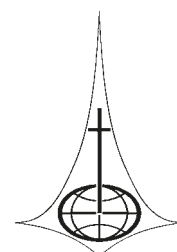
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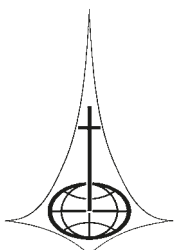
(M) Member Church
 (AM) Associate Member Church
 (R) Recognized Church, Congregation or Recognized Council
 (C) Other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Africa		
Angola		48,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola (M)	48,000	
Botswana		18,800
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (M)	18,800	
Burundi		1,850
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burundi (C)	1,850	
Cameroon		406,702
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon (M)	105,994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (M)	296,350	
The Lutheran Church of Cameroon (C)	4,358	
Central African Republic		107,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (M)	107,000	
Chad		113,684
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Chad (C)	113,684	
Congo, Democratic Republic		136,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Congo (M)	136,000	
Congo, Republic		2,128
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (M)	2,128	
Eritrea		11,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Eritrea (M)	11,000	
Ethiopia		5,866,407
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (M)	5,846,407	
The Lutheran Church in Ethiopia (C)	20,000	
Gambia		2,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Gambia (C)	2,000	
Ghana		27,521
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (M)	27,521	
Guinea		922
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea (C)	922	
Kenya		144,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (M)	100,000	
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	44,000	
Liberia		71,196
Lutheran Church in Liberia (M)	71,196	



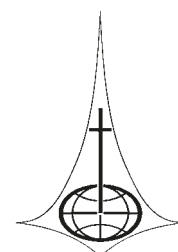
Individual Churches National Total

Madagascar	3,000,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (M)	3,000,000
Malawi	100,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (M)	100,000
Mozambique	12,606
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (M)	12,606
Namibia	1,131,764
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN-GELC) (M)	5,100
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) (M)	420,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) (M)	706,664
Nigeria	2,048,000
The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (M)	1,900,000
The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (M)	148,000
Rwanda	40,000
Lutheran Church of Rwanda (M)	40,000
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	654,614
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (M)	580,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) (M)	4,266
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Natal-Transvaal) (M)	9,986
Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa (C)	5,362
Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (C)	5,000
Moravian Church in South Africa (M)	50,000
Sudan	16,650
Sudan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	6,000
The Lutheran Church of Sudan (C)	10,650
Tanzania	5,825,312
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (M)	5,825,312
Togo	5,920
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Togo (C)	5,920
Uganda	9,084
Uganda Lutheran Church Foundation (C)	9,084
Zambia	2,210
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (M)	2,210
Zimbabwe	242,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (M)	242,000
Asia	
Australia	80,000
Lutheran Church of Australia (AM)	80,000

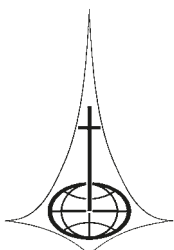


Individual Churches National Total

Bangladesh	15,050
Bangladesh Lutheran Church (M)	5,050
Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	10,000
Georgia	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) (<i>see Russian Federation</i>)	
Hong Kong, China	49,699
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church (M)	1,999
Lutheran Church - Hong Kong Synod (C)	8,300
The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (M)	13,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (M)	15,800
Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong (M)	10,600
India	1,988,318
Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (M)	17,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Himalayan States (M)	24,750
Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	57,635
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	15,400
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam (M)	421,000
India Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	80,000
Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	175,000
North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	118,283
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	85,000
South Andhra Lutheran Church (M)	45,500
The Arcot Lutheran Church (M)	40,000
The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	108,250
Indonesia	5,812,489
Batak Christian Community Church (M)	25,000
Christian Communion of Indonesia Church in Nias (Gereja AMIN) (M)	18,500
Christian Protestant Angkola Church (M)	29,311
Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia (M)	587,985
Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (M)	18,560
Pakpak Dairi Christian Protestant Church (M)	38,120
Protestant Christian Batak Church (M)	4,100,000
Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai (M)	50,000
Simalungun Protestant Christian Church (M)	217,000
The Indonesian Christian Church (M)	355,000
The Protestant Christian Church (M)	360,956
The United Protestant Church (M)	12,057
Israel	160
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M) (<i>see Jordan and Palestinian Territories</i>)	
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission - Shalhevetyah Christian Center & Cong. (C)	80
Immanuel Lutheran Church (C)	80
Japan	32,606
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	21,990
Japan Lutheran Brethren Church (C)	1,219
Japan Lutheran Church (AM)	2,723
Kinki Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,741
West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	3,933
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	4,824
Lutheran Church in Korea (M)	4,824
Kyrgyzstan	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>	
Malaysia	104,153
Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (M)	59,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M)	4,200
Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (M)	8,453
The Protestant Church in Sabah (M)	32,000
Myanmar	27,170
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) (M)	1,900
Lutheran Church of Myanmar (M)	1,620
Myanmar Lutheran Church (M)	2,150
The Mara Evangelical Church (M)	21,500
Nepal	941
Nepal Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	941
New Zealand	1,130
Lutheran Church of New Zealand (C)	1,130
<i>(District of the Lutheran Church of Australia)</i>	
Palestinian Territories	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M) <i>(see Israel and Jordan)</i>	
Papua New Guinea	1,049,455
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (M)	900,000
Gutnius Lutheran Church – Papua New Guinea (M)	149,455
Philippines.....	18,000
Lutheran Church in the Philippines (M)	18,000
Singapore	2,790
Lutheran Church in Singapore (M)	2,790
Sri Lanka	5,324
Lanka Lutheran Church (M)	5,324
Taiwan.....	20,769
China Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	2,621
China Lutheran Gospel Church (C)	225
Chinese Lutheran Brethren Victory Church (C)	3,846
Taiwan Lutheran Church (M)	11,050
The Lutheran Church of Taiwan (Republic of China) (M)	1,827
The Lutheran Church of the Republic of China (C)	1,200
Thailand	3,524
Lutheran Mission in Thailand (C)	no data
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (M)	3,524
Uzbekistan	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>	
Europe	
Austria.....	310,097
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria (M)	310,097



Individual Churches National Total

Belarus

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) *(see Russian Federation)*

Belgium 975

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium (C) 160
 Lutheran Church of Belgium: Arlon and Christian Mission (R) 815

Croatia 3,329

Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia (M) 3,329

Czech Republic 131,500

Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (M) 115,000
 Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (M) 16,500

Denmark (including Greenland) 4,469,204

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) 4,469,109
 The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark (C) 95

Estonia 180,000

Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M) 180,000

Faroe Islands 40,280

The Evangelical Lutheran Church on the Faroe Islands (C) 40,280

Finland 4,353,352

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (M) 4,353,352
(including ELCF members abroad)

France 255,957

Evangelical Lutheran Church - Synod of France (C) 957
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of France (M) 35,000
 Malagasy Protestant Church in France (M) 10,000
 Union of Protestant Churches of Alsace and Lorraine (M) 210,000

Germany 12,551,580

Church of Lippe (Lutheran Section) (M) 31,000
 Evangelical Church in Central Germany (M) 839,916
 Evangelical Church of Pomerania (M) 92,677
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baden (M) 3,120
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (M) 2,600,000
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick (M) 386,329
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldenburg (M) 443,285
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg (M) 2,212,190
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (M) 2,859,851
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg (M) 194,395
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (M) 773,851
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schaumburg-Lippe (M) 56,783
 Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Germany (C) 1,400
 Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (C) 34,542
 Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M) 25,850
 North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M) 1,996,391

Greenland

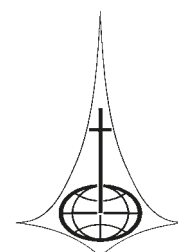
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) *(see Denmark)*

Hungary 213,125

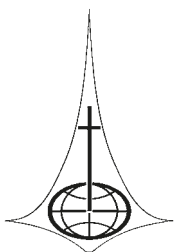
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (M) 213,125

Iceland 247,245

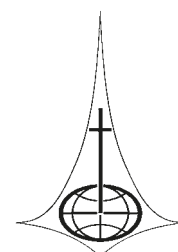
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (M) 247,245



	Individual Churches	National Total
Ireland		420
The Lutheran Church in Ireland (R)	420	
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>		
Lithuania		20,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania (M)	20,000	
Netherlands		2,096,774
Protestant Church in the Netherlands (M)	2,096,774	
Norway		3,874,279
Church of Norway (M)	3,852,608	
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (M)	21,671	
Poland		70,000
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (M)	70,000	
Romania		43,991
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (M)	13,271	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (M)	30,720	
Russian Federation		91,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M)	76,000	
<i>(see Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)</i>		
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (M)	15,000	
Serbia		49,000
Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia (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		6,589,769
Church of Sweden (M)	6,589,769	
Switzerland		7,040
Fed. of Evang. Luth. Churches in Switzerland & in the Principality of Liechtenstein (M)	7,040	
<i>(see Liechtenstein)</i>		
Ukraine		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>		
United Kingdom		183,545
Lutheran Church in Great Britain (M)	2,745	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (C)	1,500	
The Lutheran Council of Great Britain (R)	179,300	



Latin America & the Caribbean	Individual Churches	National Total
Argentina		73,160
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M)	27,500	
<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)	2,500	
Protestant Society of the South-East (C)	2,000	
United Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	11,000	
Bolivia		23,950
Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	22,000	
Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia (C)	1,000	
German-Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Bolivia (R)	250	
Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Bolivia (C)	700	
Brazil		951,593
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	1,050	
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (M)	717,127	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (C)	233,416	
Chile		13,630
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)	350	
Lutheran Church in Chile (M)	10,280	
Colombia		2,502
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (M)	1,998	
St Martin's Congregation (R)	160	
St Matthew's Lutheran Church (R)	344	
Costa Rica		1,607
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Costa Rica (R)	220	
Lutheran Costa Rican Church (M)	1,387	
Ecuador		1,737
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ecuador (R)	237	
<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		20,000
Salvadoran Lutheran Church (M)	20,000	
Guatemala		211
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation "La Epifania" (R)	211	
Lutheran Church of Guatemala (C)	no data	
Guyana		13,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (M)	13,000	
Haiti		no data
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (C)	no data	
Honduras		1,500
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (M)	1,500	
Mexico		6,317
All Saints' Lutheran Church (C)	191	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico (C)	3,000	
German-Speaking Evangelical Congregation in Mexico (R)	248	

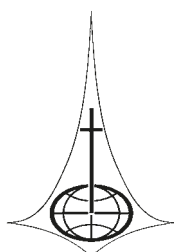


Individual Churches National Total

Lutheran Synod of Mexico (C)	1,211
Mexican Lutheran Church (M)	1,500
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (C)	167
Nicaragua	7,050
The Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope (M)	7,050
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.....	3,600
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru (R)	170
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Cristo Rey (C)	70
Norwegian Lutheran Mission (C)	2,060
Peruvian Lutheran Evangelical Church (M)	1,300
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	204,597
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	8,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (M)	144,947
Lutheran Church - Canada (C)	51,650
USA	7,152,389
Apostolic Lutheran Church of America (C)	6,000
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	44,500
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (C)	8,860
Church of the Lutheran Confession (C)	8,108
Conservative Lutheran Association (C)	994
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (M)	4,272,688
Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C)	19,394
Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (C)	1,300
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (C)	2,400,000
The Protestant Conference [Lutheran] (C)	1,000
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C)	389,545

These statistics are based on data received by end February 2012.

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Youth the Key to Peace in South Sudan

LWF Supporting Peace Process Launched by Sudan Council of Churches

JUBA, South Sudan/GENEVA (LWI) – Ask almost anyone in South Sudan today what the key to peace is and most will have the same answer—youth.

Accurate numbers of the population in South Sudan are difficult to obtain, but it is estimated that over half the population is under 18. Although there is a high rate of literacy among adolescents—up to 90 percent—an unemployment rate of over 30 percent combined with the fact that many young people grew up during a civil war means violence has become the norm.

The cattle-rearing culture in Sudan exacerbates the problem of violence among youth. It is the youth in the cattle camps that have been behind the most recent wave of violence. Children as young as seven are sent to the camps to look after cattle. The camps contain thousands of stock forming a sea of white that reaches the horizon. Like a movable village, the camps contain schools and churches and other basic infrastructure.

As so many young people live and move around in the cattle camps, it has been difficult to engage them in the peace process, especially as the camps are in remote rural areas.



A young boy in a cattle camp in Jonglei State, South Sudan. © LWF/Melany Markbam

Since 2010, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) through its Department for World Service (DWS) has been reaching out to young people with a peace building program that aims to end practices like cattle rustling, arson and child abduction in South Sudan.

The messages of the program are simple: don't follow cattle when they are stolen, don't steal cattle from others and keep peace among each other. Until now, the LWF program has

been working among Dinka, who accept these messages but who also say that if the other tribes do not share these messages, then violence will continue and there will be no peace.

Mary Obara, LWF South Sudan program coordinator, says that, "Peace initiatives in Duk and Twic East [towns in Jonglei State] have yielded results. The rate of violence is lower in these camps but, unfortunately, the messages do not protect the youth from those in other camps who continue raiding their cattle and burning their villages."

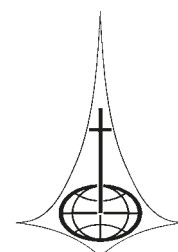
Obara says she knows of one man who mobilized 6,000 youth alone to raid cattle and burn villages. "If one man is able to mobilize a huge crowd, it means they have a huge following and are listened to," she said.

In Twic East, the LWF has organized sports tournaments for the youth. "It pulls everyone together. Football and volleyball are hugely popular," says Obara.

Another popular sport in South Sudan is wrestling. "This year we are looking at the wrestling tournaments as a way to reach the youth and as a forum to preach peace," she says.



During the cattle raids, homes and other buildings are burned down: in this photo, all that remains of a village street in Duk county, Jonglei State. © LWF/Melany Markbam





Members of the Panyagor Peace Committee in Jonglei talk to local youth. © LWF/Melany Markham

Although the LWF has been reaching out to young people, youth have been missing from the mainstream peace process until now.

Churches are beginning to take the lead in actively engaging the youth of South Sudan in the peace process and the bishops representing the Sudan Council of Churches on 20 January in Juba announced a peace process to address the current wave

of violence. The LWF is funding part of this process and the bishops have released a joint statement about “The Current Situation in Jonglei State,” outlining their plan.

“The Church has a mandate from Jesus Christ to bring peace to the world,” they said in the statement. The two-track process entails political leadership at a high level and a grassroots process. Many of those

affected by the most recent waves of violence think peaceful dialogue is part of the resolution. However, any dialogue must include the youth.

John Ashworth, Sudan Advisor to the Sudan Ecumenical Forum, said that the uneven distribution of aid had contributed to the conflict. In collaboration with the ACT Alliance, the LWF has chosen to focus on reaching people in remote areas of the Jonglei State.

After five decades of violence, everyone in South Sudan will need to make an effort to nurture peace and as the future of the country peace won’t last without the participation of Sudanese youth.

Read more about the LWF in South Sudan: www.lutheranworld.org/lwf/index.php/tag/southern-sudan

Further updates available at: <http://lwfworldservice.wordpress.com>

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DWS Certification Shows People at Center of Humanitarian Response

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) General Secretary Rev. Martin Junge called the organization’s certification by a global quality assurance body a milestone for the communion of churches.

The Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP) International announced on 17 January that the LWF had achieved certification against the 2010 Standard in Accountability and Quality Management, which seeks to ensure that the power of humanitarian actors is exercised responsibly with regard to disaster-affected communities.

“The certification underlines the LWF’s commitment to the values of accountability and transparency as expressed in the LWF Strategy 2012-2017,” said Junge. “At the same time it deepens the notion of accountability by providing a strong focus to the people the LWF works with.”

The certification by the humanitarian community’s foremost independent self-regulatory body covers all activities—including advocacy, development work and emergency preparedness and response—implemented by the LWF Department for World Service (DWS). It follows audits of DWS Geneva and DWS Nepal in November and December 2011 respectively, and is valid for three years.

The multi-agency initiative noted that only two corrective actions were needed and affirmed “the dedication and hard

work of [LWF] management and staff” which had made possible “this major achievement.”

DWS Director Rev. Eberhard Hitzler said the HAP certification offered an external confirmation that the LWF is serving people in need in the best possible way by putting them at the center of its actions.

“The HAP certification has motivated all of us to constantly reflect and improve our strategy and action to ensure that people in need are accompanied and their rights respected and upheld,” he remarked.

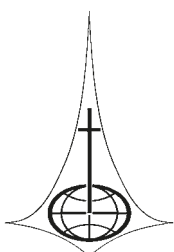
Maryssa Camaddo, LWF/DWS Program Officer for Quality and Accountability, noted the HAP certification process had been a learning process.

“Being accountable to the people we work with helps develop quality programs that meet the people’s rights and needs, and reduces the possibility of any abuse or corruption,” said Camaddo. “Accountability processes that are managed effectively help organizations to perform better,” she added.

Learn more about DWS work and commitment to accountability at: www.lutheranworld.org/dws

Read the LWF Strategy 2012-2017 at:

www.lutheranworld.org/lwf/index.php/strategy-2012-2017.html



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Calendar 2012

The consultations listed below are currently planned and will take place providing funding has been procured.

DMD	=	Department for Mission and Development
DTPW	=	Department for Theology and Public Witness (formerly Department for Theology and Studies)
DWS	=	Department for World Service
IERS	=	Institute for Ecumenical Research, Strasbourg (France)
OGS	=	Office of the General Secretary

January

Date	Unit	Place	Title
08-12	DWS	Montreux, Switzerland	Committee for World Service
31-01.02.	OGS	Geneva, Switzerland	LWF – Partners' Roundtable Meeting

March

Date	Unit	Place	Title
12-17	DTPW	Medan, Indonesia	Christian-Muslim Dialogue: Toward a Democratic Polity and the Common Good
26-30	DMD	Seoul, South Korea	Asia Church Leadership Conference & Women in Church and Society (WICAS) Meeting
27-29	DTPW	Geneva, Switzerland	International Lutheran Council and LWF Meeting

April

Date	Unit	Place	Title
23-27	DMD	Florianópolis, Brazil	Latin American and Caribbean Church Leadership Conference
30.04-03.05	DWS	Nairobi, Kenya	North, East & West Africa Regional Consultation

May

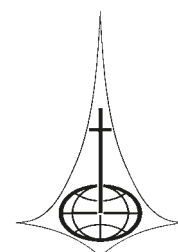
Date	Unit	Place	Title
03-05	DWS	Nairobi, Kenya	Regional Communication Training Workshop (North, East & West Africa)
05-10	DTPW	London, United Kingdom	Lutheran – Orthodox Joint Commission
09-15	DMD	Ostrava, Czech Republic	European Church Leadership Consultation
15-19	DMD	Nairobi, Kenya	Lutheran Council in Africa Meeting & Consultation for Women Theologians
19-25	DWS	Lima, Peru	LWF Associate Programs Consultation
24-25	IERS	Strasbourg, France	Board of Strasbourg Institute

June

Date	Unit	Place	Title
10-17	DMD	Windhoek, Namibia	Consultation on Paradigm Shift in Church Response to HIV and AIDS
12-13	DMD	Bogotá, Colombia	Committee for Holistic Mission and Church Relations
14	DMD	Bogotá, Colombia	Pre-Council Youth & Women Meetings
14	OGS	Bogotá, Colombia	Meeting of Officers
15-20	OGS	Bogotá, Colombia	Council Meeting

July

Date	Unit	Place	Title
13-19	DTPW	Paderborn, Germany	Lutheran – Roman Catholic Commission on Unity
24-30	DMD	To be determined	Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) Sub-regional Meeting



August

Date	Unit	Place	Title
01-05	DMD	to be determined	Lutheran Communion in Central and Eastern Africa (LUCCEA) Sub-regional Consultation
06-12	DMD	Arusha, Tanzania	Consultation on HIV & AIDS and Christian Education
20-28	DMD	Sabah, Malaysia	Workshop on Asian Perspectives of Bible and Lutheran Theology & Capacity Building Workshop
24-29	DTPW	Johannesburg, South Africa	Consultation on Lutheran Identity in Africa

September

Date	Unit	Place	Title
01-06	DMD	La Paz, Bolivia	Regional Gathering on Sustainability & Strategic Leadership Seminar
01-09	DMD	Tanzania	LUCCEA Youth Meeting
25-30	DMD	Ngaoundere, Cameroon	Lutheran Communion in Central and Western Africa (LUCCWA) Sub-regional Meeting

October

Date	Unit	Place	Title
15-19	DWS	Harare, Zimbabwe	DWS Southern Africa Regional Consultation
18-23	DMD	Wittenberg, Germany	Global Theological Consultation

November

Date	Unit	Place	Title
05-11	DMD	to be determined	Second Diakonia Workshop on "Seeking Conviviality"

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www.lutheranworld.org/lwf/index.php/resources/consultations-2012

LWF Assistance to Southern Sudanese Fleeing Violence after Cattle Raids

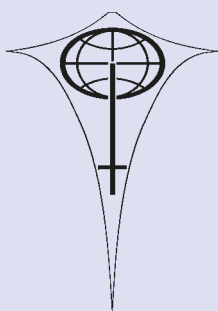
In January, humanitarian organizations including The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) added emergency aid programs to their ongoing work in South Sudan to respond to the impact of inter-ethnic violence as a result of cattle raids. Until then, the LWF Department for World Service (DWS) community development work in the eastern state of Jonglei included peace-building campaigns targeting youth living in the cattle camps with a goal to ending cattle raids.

The thousands who fled their communities following the violent cattle raids received emergency food rations, water,

hygienic items and other non-food items. Critical during such emergencies is the prevention of diseases like cholera and other gastro-intestinal illnesses that cause diarrhea. The LWF therefore provided soap and constructed pit latrines to prevent disease. Health teams on the ground screened people and referred the sick for treatment.

More stories on LWF's emergency intervention in South Sudan are available on the LWF web site at: www.lutheranworld.org/lwf/index.php/tag/southern-sudan

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