The Lutheran World Federation – 2013 Membership Figures

Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 140 member churches (M), two associate members (AM), 10 recognized churches and two recognized councils (R).

General summary 2013

142 LWF member churches, 10 recognized churches and congregations and two recognized councils......72,268,329

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Statistics at a glance

The German-Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Bolivia with 150 members is the smallest recognized congregation in the LWF communion.

The Church of Sweden (Svenska Kyrkan) with 6.5 million members is the biggest LWF member church.

These countries are home to the fastest growing Lutheran churches. In India, LWF membership increased by 1.7 million. Statistics from Ethiopia show an increase of half a million LWF members.

The two countries have 12 different LWF member churches.
## 2013 World Lutheran Membership Details

(M) Member Church  
(AM) Associate Member Church  
(R) Recognized Church, Congregation or Recognized Council

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