



Ministries of the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission and Seminary

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God is doing some GREAT THINGS in Latin America and the Caribbean as a result of the ministries of The Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission and Seminary. How incredibly blessed we are.

The ministries of the Dominican Republic Lutheran Missions and Seminary continue to expand the kingdom of Jesus the Christ in various geographical venues.

Within the village of Pueblo Nuevo, a residential district of Santiago Dominican Republic, the Confessional Lutheran Church moved to a new location which allows for an increase in the number of people that are able to be exposed to Word and Sacrament Ministry. We rejoice with the people of Pueblo Nuevo.

The Ministries have expanded into Mexico as Pastor Theodore (Ted) Krey, Director of the DRLM, was in Mexico City at their FORO in the spreading of the Gospel, planting Lutheran Churches, and showing mercy.

The DRLM Ministries are also being expressed in the Country of Spain by way of Pastor Jose in Valencia Spain, a wonderful blessing.

In the month of May, the Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission graduated eight (8) men from the Seminario Concordia el Reformador. The residential and on-line students come from all over Latin America, including Boliva, Venezuela, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. The two Peruvian Missionaries/Pastors are Elvis Carrera and Juan Carlos.

We will be highlighting the additional ministries of the DRLM in a monthly newsletter, rather than quarterly, an incredible blessing to the Glory of God.

Pastor Ron York



For a number of years, members of St. Michael Lutheran Church, a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation in Fort Myers, Fla., served on mission trips to its Dominican sister city, Santiago. Upon returning home, they raised awareness of the needs in the Caribbean country, which lead to a formal partnership in 2004 that includes the LCMS, Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc., and the Central American Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS). The partners support the [Dominican Republic Lutheran Mission](#) team, which works to plant the first congregation and address the plight of people with developmental disabilities.

Many Dominican young people and adults have already been baptized and confirmed in this emerging Lutheran church body, and one major task of the missionaries is to train local Dominicans to serve as lay leaders and pastors. A new seminary was established in 2010 outside Santo Domingo, and it serves all of the Caribbean, Latin America and Northern South America.

Another emphasis of Lutheran mission work in the Dominican Republic is ministry to people with developmental disabilities and to their families. One LCMS missionary has worked with the Dominican government to open doors for Dominican Lutherans to care for these families and children with developmental disabilities. Good Shepherd Lutheran Home, a dedicated care facility for these children, opened in December 2010.

The LCMS supports the day-to-day operations and costs at various worship sites throughout the country, and it has given specific grants to support music ministry in the Dominican Republic to purchase property and build a church.



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

In May 2019 Pastors, Presidents and other leaders of Lutheran churches, their seminaries and Bible Institutes from 19 countries across Latin America and the Americas gathered together for the II Theological Symposium and Mercy Conference at the Seminario Concordia el Reformador in the Dominican Republic. The theme of the Symposium: “The Comfort of the People of God in the Midst of Suffering.” We pray that this time together will be to His glory.

Photo: [Johanna Heidorn](#)

Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller is currently leading a tour of mission sites in Spain. Here is a short video he shared on Sunday in Madrid June 2019:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ST8SOaSO3eE&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0AMO3GzXpE_VxfM3YqgxmknTtYmeDJ9E3SrrCLPsXpI7uCRy4-5XADFN0



I am so excited to hopefully be able to attend and participate in Yben Navrros ordination in September in Santiago Dominican Republic. God continues to do great things through this wonderful piece of ministry to the glory of God.

Missionaries

Rev. Joel and Clarion Fritsche

Johanna Heidorn

Natalie Howard

Jana Inglehart

James Krey

Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey

Erin Mackenzie

Rev. Dr. Jonathan and Deaconess

Cheryl Naumann

Rev. David and Jennifer Preus

Deaconess Danelle Putnam

Jamielynn Tinkey

Blake and Elizabeth Warren

Deaconess Caitlin Worden de

Ramírez



[Iglesia Luterana de Pueblo Nuevo](#): We give thanks to God for the time of the seminarian Elvis Carrera and his family in the church of Pueblo Nuevo. Many memories that we remember in these two years that he was serving the church. God bless you on your trip back to Peru.

Thanks to everyone for your love to me and my family in these almost two years! Hope to see you soon again [Iglesia Luterana de Pueblo Nuevo](#). We will miss you! Elvis Carrera



Elvis Carrera and his family have safely arrived in Lima Peru to begin his vicarage there in order to become a Confessional Lutheran Pastor in his home City and Country Lima Peru. Elvis is expected to be ordained sometime next year, for which Isabel and I anticipate attending, Lord willing. God continues to do great things through this incredible Mission Ministry Arm.



Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey

Serving the Lord in the Latin America and Caribbean Region

Bio

Rev. Ted and Rebecca Krey have served in the Dominican Republic since 2009. Ted serves as the regional director for the Latin America and Caribbean region of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), which encompasses 22 countries in South and Central America and the Caribbean. He is privileged to oversee 40 missionaries planting churches in 10 countries. Hand in hand with church planting, he works to establish the formation of pastors and deaconesses in Latin America. In 12 countries, Ted also works with partner churches to strengthen them in their church planting efforts and in various other ministry areas.

2017 marks the 10th year of LCMS ministry work being done in the Dominican Republic. As a result of what the Lord has been doing through His Gospel work over these 10

years, five missions have been established. Two Lutheran schools have been started, along with Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes which seeks to serve people with intellectual and physical disabilities throughout the country. A seminary is being built which seeks to serve men and women throughout Latin America. Pray for Ted and this missionary team and the formation of pastors and deaconesses.

Ted is a 2001 graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Rebecca has a master's degree in biochemistry and formerly worked in a genetics research lab, studying cardiovascular disease and diabetes. She previously served for two years as a long-term missionary in Slovakia. Previously, Ted served in Venezuela for eight years. Rebecca joined him after they were married in June 2008. Ted and Rebecca enjoy spending time with their five beautiful children - Esther, Matthias, Natalia Anna, Evangeline and Azariah.

Prayers

The Kreys write, "Give thanks with us in this Reformation year that it is still all about Jesus and the telling of Him and the forgiveness of sins to people who do not yet know. Pray for us that even more churches would be planted so that all might be gathered where Jesus is and receive His gifts. Please ask the Lord of the harvest to call more men and women in service to Him."



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Elvis Carrera and Juan Carlos.



Iglesia luterana Pueblo Nuevo despidiendo la familia Carrera. El Señor les cuida en su viaje a Peru el día de hoy!

Lutheran Church Pueblo new saying goodbye to the race family. The Lord takes care of you on your trip to Peru today!
Pastor Theodore Krey



LCMS Missions in Latin America & the Caribbean

Thanks be to God for the work and commitment of those who attended the Mexico FORO in Mexico City earlier this week.
Pastor Theodore Krey