

Mission Moment



The purpose of the Mission Moment:

- *To increase awareness of our missions to the LCVH church family.*
- *To inspire greater participation by our congregation in these missions.*
- *To invite prayer petitions on behalf of these missions.*
- *To thank God for the privilege to partner in missions.*

This week's spotlight...

Synod and District Support

A significant portion of our General Fund is designated for work in the Southern District/LC-MS.

The roots of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LC-MS) trace back to 1847, when Saxon and other German immigrants established a new church body in America, seeking the freedom to practice and follow Lutheranism. Individuals responsible for forming the church body listed two main reasons for “walking together” with fellow Lutherans (“synod” means “walking together”). First, to train church workers and second, to send out missionaries. These two goals remain true to this day! These founding individuals were primarily centered in the state of Missouri – which is why “Missouri” remains in the title of the denomination. The headquarters of the church body are in Saint Louis, Missouri. The LC-MS is a national church body and its partner churches reach into the four corners of the globe.

The Synod is divided up into 35 different districts. Approximately 2 million members.

We are part of the Southern District (Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and roughly the pan-handle of Florida) of the LC-MS.

The work of the district and synod include but not limited to the following: seminaries, sending out missionaries around the world and here at home, Concordia University System, Lutheran education, military chaplaincy program, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Disaster Relief, providing Christian resources through Concordia Publishing House, KFUO radio, church publications, deaf and blind ministry, Social Services, Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry, social issues, mercy medical teams, Bible Translation, Lutheran Church Extension Fund and Lutheran Federal Credit Union, administration of church affairs, etc.

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