



THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION

Our global Lutheran family of churches

Our church stands with most Lutheran churches in recognizing our unity as members of the global Lutheran communion. Within the Lutheran World Federation, we are 133 churches in 73 countries, comprising 60.5 million of the 64.3 million Lutherans in the world.

The Lutheran World Federation acts on behalf of the member churches in areas of common witness and service such as:

- ecumenical relations
- humanitarian assistance
- communication
- theology and studies
- human rights
- mission and development

LWF operates humanitarian and development programs in 24 countries – including the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem and programs in Haiti, El Salvador and Bangladesh. LWF helps churches to engage in holistic ministry – evangelism, advocacy and service (including education and programs to address HIV/AIDS). In the ELCIC, we support these ministries through GHDA and CLWR.

Through the LWF we have reached an historic agreement with the Roman Catholic Church in 1999 – a *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*. New doors for dialogue and mission have been opened. We advocate internationally for justice and peace, and we support and work with churches where they struggle for religious freedom.

The Tenth LWF Assembly will meet in Winnipeg, Canada, in 2003 with the theme, *For the Healing of the World*. We are already preparing to host delegates and visitors from around the world in the summer of '03.

For information about North America and LWF: www.elca.org/lwf

LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION SUNDAY



One Sunday each year, member churches of the Lutheran World Federation make a special effort to remember each other in prayer and to pray for our common witness and service in the Lutheran World Federation.

On this designated Sunday, we bring to memory the tens of thousands of local congregations – in 73 countries – where Lutheran Christians gather in worship. It becomes a celebration of:

*Sunday in worship around the world
in our global Lutheran family – the Lutheran World Federation.*

ELCIC observance of LWF Sunday is Reformation Sunday – October 27 in 2002.

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Prayer of the day:

Gracious God, wonderful Creator, Lord of the nations, in this world of amazing diversity of people and cultures, give us a unity of caring and purpose, so that together we may create communities of justice and peace. Call us and lead us, by your will, boldly to shape the future with hope, so that we may be witnesses to your saving love in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A petition to include in the church's prayers:

We pray for the churches of the Lutheran World Federation, and all the people of our worldwide Lutheran family. Strengthen us in the one bread we share, so that all may be fed and nourished. Unite us in your cup of blessing, so that we never suffer or rejoice alone. We pray especially for this church, that we may be diligent and faithful in our preparations for the LWF Tenth Assembly. Awaken us with your calling, so that we may be companions throughout the earth in common witness and service. [Lord in your mercy...]