

## RELATIONSHIPS, PARTNERSHIPS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We affirm the importance of **GLOBAL MISSION** in the whole ministry of the ELCIC. We encourage all expressions of the church to engage in **GLOBAL MISSION** as a way of living out our relationship with The Lutheran World Federation and a reminder that we are part of a global church.

**GLOBAL MISSION** is one way the ELCIC is able to grow and strengthen relationships with its partner churches. Through the lens of *accompaniment*, walking together in solidarity, we seek to actively listen to our partners and companions, share their joys and sorrows, and support them in their mission—like they support us in ours.



We grow and strengthen relationships with our partner churches through the lens of accompaniment.

This is done through BILATERAL (church to church) and COMPANION (synod to church) relationships.



## **Current COMPANION Relationships**

- **A)** Saskatchewan Synod: Iglesia Evangélica Lutherana Unida, Argentina
- B) British Columbia Synod: Iglesia Lutherana del Peru
- C) Eastern Synod: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL)
- **D)** *Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod:* Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon (EELC)
- **E)** Synod of Alberta and the Territories: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia (IELCO)

## **Current BILATERAL Relationships**

- 1) Iglesia Evangélica Lutherana Unida, Argentina
- 2) Iglesia Lutherana del Peru
- 3) The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

66 Knowing that we can walk together deepens our challenge to carry out a part of God's mission.

- Pastora Wilma, President, IELU



Pastora Wilma Rommel, Presidenta, Iglesia Evangélica Lutherana Unida (IELU) recently shared how accompaniment has played a significant role in encouraging their church in several areas, including caring for the environment.

"The accompaniment of the ELCIC through the IELU program in Patagonia... has challenged us to get involved in 'no a la mina' (no to mining)," says Pastora Wilma. Mining in this region is linked to the exploitation of minerals and is detrimental to the health of people, fauna and flora.

Last year, the ELCIC held a Scholarship Appeal, helping students at schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) who were facing challenging circumstances during the COVID-19 pandemic.

ELCJHL Bishop Sani Ibrahim Azar shared his gratitude for the partnership between our two churches and support of the ELCIC. "We thank God for prayers and financial gifts offered by ELCIC congregations and members," he says.









We hope that these connections help our churches to continue to grow in relationship with one another as companions and coworkers in the Gospel.

– Bishop Sani Ibrahim Azar, ELCJHL

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