

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. For us as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, this faith comes throughout the good news of Jesus Christ and gives us the freedom and the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in this world. Liberated by our faith, we embrace each person as a whole person questions, complexities and all.

We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world together. We don't have to do it alone, and we don't have to do everything, Each of us has a unique story, and we are part of a larger story that makes up the ELCA. We work through our congregations, synods and partners, and the churchwide organization. Together, we achieve things on a scale and scope that we could never do otherwise.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. We do God's work in the world restoring and reconciling communities, seeking justice and peace.

"Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing." - Martin Luther

We have a Story to Tell.

Working together, we are making Christ known in ways no individual member or single part of the church could do alone!

Are You Willing to Serve?

Please prayerfully consider becoming a Mission Interpreter. You are qualified if you have been baptized. No experience necessary. You only need a desire to tell the stories of what God's is doing in the world.

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God's work. Our hands.

MISSION INTERPRETERS



"For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard."

- Acts 4:20



Sharing the Good News of Christ's Mission Throughout the Church

What do Mission Interpreters Do?

Mission Interpreters, volunteers from congregations in each synod of the ELCA, tell the story of how our offerings and gifts are transformed into effective ministries. They remind us of how we make a difference in Christ's mission and the work of the church, and they thank our people for their faithful giving.

This is primarily done through mission moments, visits with councils or committees, temple talks and helping to share information, provide resources, and give guidance on doing God's Work with Our Hands.

Mission Interpreters are trained in the various aspects of church ministry and mission and have resources available to share the stories.



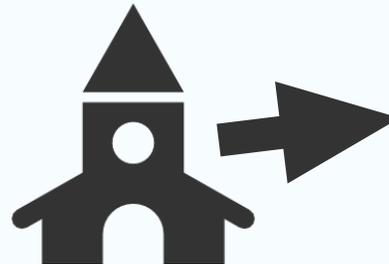
WHY MISSION INTERPRETERS?

Interpreting our mission is not just a "good thing to do." It is what we are called to do as part of the ELCA in order to build up the body and to make Christ known in the world.



Benefits of Mission Interpretation:

- When members understand their identity as partners in a wider church, they become strong advocates supporting the mission and ministry we share beyond the congregation through the SD Synod and the ELCA.
- The Mission Interpreter Ministry helps congregations by increasing the understanding of the work we do together beyond the congregation.
- By looking beyond the congregation, members see how they are personally connected to mission and ministry around the world!



Mission Interpreters Receive:

- Training Workshops
- Resource Materials
- Inspiration
- Networking to share ideas and information

Mission Interpreters are willing to:

- Tell
- Inspire
- Teach
- Thank

Mission Interpreters interpret the ministries of Christ's Church through the ELCA. They are not fundraisers or promoters of local activities.