

# LCMS ASIA REGION



## PROJECT CATALOGUE

2021-22





# REGIONAL STRATEGY

## MISSION STATEMENT

AS PEOPLE SENT THROUGH THE CHURCH INTO OUR GOD-GIVEN VOCATIONS ABROAD, AND EMBRACING THE MISSION PRIORITIES OF THE LCMS AND OIM, THE LCMS ASIA REGION WORKS WITH OUR PARTNER CHURCHES TO IDENTIFY AND RESPOND TO THEIR LOCAL NEEDS FOR THE SAKE OF EVANGELISM, PRIMARILY BY EDUCATING, EQUIPPING, AND ENCOURAGING.

## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

1. *Plant, sustain and revitalize Lutheran churches.*
2. *Support and expand theological education through seminaries.*
3. *Perform Human Care in close proximity to Word and Sacrament ministry.*
4. *Collaborate with the Synod's members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness.*
5. *Nurture pastors, missionaries and professional workers to promote spiritual, emotional and physical well-being.*
6. *Enhance elementary and secondary education and youth ministry.*
7. *Strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God's design*

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# EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION



- *Theological education is provided through eight seminaries serving 12 countries*
- *Theological summits strengthen and encourage Lutheran pastors*
- *Lutheran theological training builds up church bodies in the region*



# SUMMARY

Support is needed to provide theological conferences for Lutheran pastors and church leaders in Asia. Gathering to meet face-to-face emphasizes common Lutheran teachings while strengthening the faith of the attendees and building new relationships with other Lutherans across twelve different countries in Asia. Seven of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) partner church bodies in Asia provide theological training through eight seminaries, yet most lack the resources to bring together pastors and church leaders regularly. Congregations often struggle simply to pay the pastor a salary, much less send him for

continuing education. Theological education conferences respond to the real needs of partner church bodies in their struggle to provide adequate instruction and training for the present and future pastoral ministry of the church. These seminars might last only a single day in some cases, but the pastors take the resources and training they have received back to the people of God they serve. By supporting theological conferences in Asia, you help build, shore up and encourage church bodies all over Asia in Lutheran theology, and therefore the Christian faith.

## Support Education and Instruction - Project ID: AM0001-62011

Checks should be made out to: **LCMS**      Memo line: **AM0001-62011**

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P.O. Box 66861  
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Project ID: AM0002-62052



# SCHOLARSHIPS & SEMINARY SUPPORT IN ASIA



- *Trained Lutheran pastors are needed to reach the lost in Asia with the Gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *Scholarships are needed to train these future teachers and leaders of the church*
- *LCMS partner seminaries in Asia provide theological education for future pastors*



# SUMMARY

There is a need for trained Lutheran pastors to reach the lost throughout Asia with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This project provides scholarships for pastoral candidates to study at Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) partner seminaries and assists in the operating costs of these seminaries. In Asia, seven church bodies in different countries partner with the LCMS through eight seminaries to provide theological education for future pastors. In many cases, these students are from the countryside and attend seminaries far from their homes, with the intent of returning to share the Gospel with those in their remote areas.

The cost of educating a seminarian for one year in Papua New Guinea, for example, costs around \$1,200. This is an extraordinary amount for students to raise. Seminaries typically have the capacity to add new students to their campuses and classes, but budget limitations are an obstacle to growth. It is important that the seminaries train these future pastors and leaders of the Lutheran church in Biblical truths and sound doctrine. Supporting scholarships and seminaries in Asia builds a foundation upon which the churches of Asia may continue to grow for generations to come.

## Scholarships and Seminary Support in Asia - Project ID: AM0002-62052

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Project ID: LK0007-62714

# SRI LANKA MISSION



- *Over 15 worshipping congregations and mission stations with over 600 members*
- *Four ordained pastors and five evangelists preach, teach and do outreach*
- *Most people are Buddhist or Hindu in Sri Lanka and need to hear the Gospel*



# SUMMARY

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod's (LCMS) church body partner in Sri Lanka, the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), needs funding to support, maintain and grow its ministry presence in this South Asian island nation of mostly Buddhists and Hindus. There are currently some 15 worshiping Lutheran congregations and mission stations with more than 600 members. Four ordained pastors and five evangelists serve this faith community through preaching, teaching and outreach. Lutheran churches and mission stations are located around the island. The CELC

longs to reach more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet the lack of resources is a constant constraint: Church building repairs and supplies are needed, as well as Christian books and materials. Almost half the population in Sri Lanka exists on less than five dollars per day, creating opportunities for mercy projects, such as basic school supplies for local students. Support for this ministry project would enable the church and the community to thrive both physically and spiritually.

**Support The Sri Lanka Mission - Project ID: LK0007-62714**

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# THEOLOGICAL RESOURCES IN ASIA



- *Asian Lutheran church bodies need resources to share the Gospel in their local language*
- *Lutheran publications clearly articulate God's Word and give comfort to doubting consciences*
- *Translated materials include Lutheran theological works, video and audio recordings and e-books*



# SUMMARY

Lutheran pastors, church leaders, and laity in Asia desire to know, teach and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To do this, they need resources such as evangelistic tracts, seminary materials, videos, audio recordings, and online texts (including e-books) in their local languages. These projects provide publications that share the Gospel of salvation—that for the sake of Christ, by grace, through faith, we are forgiven children of God. But so many Christians in Asia are not clear about why and how they are saved and are even uncertain if they will go to heaven or not. Lutheran publications, which clearly articulate God's Word and give comfort to doubting

consciences, are far too few and are sorely needed in local languages. With the proper tools, the people of God can promote the truth of God's Word and combat false teaching. Each partner church body should have access to primary texts in their local languages. Gifts to this project directly support placing Bible stories, Luther's Small Catechism, the Book of Concord, Luther's Works, video, audio, and teachable texts into the hands and ears of church partners around the Asia region. These publications help Lutherans in Asia share Jesus Christ and preserve the faith for generations to come.

## Support Theological Resources in Asia - Project ID: AM0003-62013

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