



MERCY CENTER



- *Reaches leaders and laity in LCMS missions and partner churches region-wide*
- *Growing repertoire of conference topics*
- *Serves as center for regional disaster response*

Luke 6:36 reads, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." Showing mercy is part of our identity as Christians. Therefore, it makes sense that Lutherans in the Latin America & Caribbean region would intentionally focus on showing mercy in close proximity to the preaching of the Gospel and the planting of Lutheran churches.

The creation of the Mercy Center, an institute of Concordia the Reformer Seminary and Mercy Center in 2017, provided a launchpad for this showing of mercy across the region. Like our seminary, the Mercy Center transcends borders. Since its inception, it has been equipping leaders and laity in LCMS missions and partner churches to be the hands, feet, and voice of the Church for the needy, the marginalized and the oppressed.

Each year, the Mercy Center aims to create a new course that includes a practical workshop. In 2024 the Mercy Center is working with the Life Initiative project to roll out a much-requested marriage and family workshop. In addition, a workshop on Peter Bender's *Lutheran Catechesis* is in the works. The two hymnal workshops, *The Church Sings the Faith I and II* (for congregations and musicians, respectively) continue to be popular. *Evangelism, Christian Reconciliation, Life Issues, and Disaster Response* are the topics of other workshop offerings. AED usage, first aid courses and health clinics are also available upon special request.

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