



VDMA - TRANSLATION TEAM



- **Equips the Latin American pastorate with Lutheran resources in their heart language**
- **Uses digital delivery to overcome logistical challenges**
- **Provides for ongoing translation of Lutheran theological works**

VDMA is a Latin acronym that translates, "The Word of the Lord endures forever." During the Reformation, this motto united Lutherans in solidarity against their adversaries. Five hundred years later, the VDMA Project unites a different group of Lutherans: Spanish-speaking pastors and seminary students throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Until 2013, our Latin American pastors had a theological library of about three to five volumes. A more extensive library in Spanish was impossible due to the lack of translated Lutheran theological books.

The VDMA Project is a multifaceted initiative that identifies, translates, edits, and electronically distributes much-needed theological materials to hundreds of

Spanish-speaking Lutheran pastors, seminarians and church workers across 21 countries.

As of December 2025, the project has electronically delivered 55 Lutheran theological books in Spanish and two in Portuguese to 425 pastors and seminarians. The translation of other significant Lutheran resources is also ongoing, with materials such as GOOD NEWS magazine, educational curricula, and theological articles. In January 2023, a quarterly daily devotion booklet in Spanish for pastors and laypeople alike was rolled out in eBook and PDF formats.

The VDMA Project is a blessing to the Church as it equips pastors and seminarians with more and more tools to better serve their current and future congregations.

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