

# Mission Interpretation

## ELCA GLOBAL MISSION

Thanks to our unrestricted offerings of mission support dollars and our designated gifts to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal, ELCA International Disaster Response, and designated projects, the ELCA engages in God's mission in more than 90 countries around the world through companion churches and institutions. Because North American Lutherans have been active in global mission since 1842, many of the ELCA's companion church relationships are over a century old! Through civil wars, natural disasters, changes in governments and church leadership, and famine, the ELCA and its companions remain committed to one another.

The La Crosse Area Synod has two missionaries presently serving overseas. **Rev. Kevin L. Jacobson** is a rostered pastor from the La Crosse Area Synod who has served in Suriname since October 2007. His home church is Holmen Lutheran Church. **Rev. Elly McHan** is presently serving with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land. Ordained on August 15, 2010, at First Lutheran, Onalaska, Pr. McHan has begun her first call as pastor and communications assistant. Pr. McHan is the daughter of Pr. Breck (former pastor of First Lutheran, Onalaska) and Kathy McHan. Please check out the La Crosse Area Synod website ([www.lacrosseareasynod.org](http://www.lacrosseareasynod.org)) and click onto "Global Church" to learn more about their ministries through their letters and blogs. Share their stories with your congregations!

Together we work to answer Christ's call to us to share the Good News around the world!  
Thank you for sharing the stories of the miracles God makes happen!

In Thanksgiving,  
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### Mission Interpreter Checklist:

- **Stories of Faith in Action** explains who we are as the ELCA and what we do in ministry together. The magazine may also be viewed online on the ELCA website. Bulletin inserts may be downloaded.  
<http://www.elca.org/Our-Faith-In-Action/Stories-of-Faith-in-Action/2009.aspx>.  
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