



Lutheran Year of Service

A year of service, a lifetime of opportunity

*...and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8*

Why should I serve as a volunteer?

As followers of Christ, we are called follow in the footsteps of Jesus—whose ministry was one of service. Surrounded and encouraged by the community of disciples, Christ wandered from place to place, caring for “the least of these.” By serving with and for others, we are able to share the abundant gifts of God’s grace that we have been given.

In serving, we also receive gifts of understanding, purpose, clarity, friendship, and compassion. Our lives are changed in unimaginable ways.

Volunteer service can also serve as a stepping stone to a new career—as a pastor, social worker, teacher, youth worker, legal advocate, camp director, or a staff member of a social ministry organization.

How and where can I serve?

Within the church, there are several organizations whose mission is to provide full-time volunteer service opportunities for young adults and adults.

Each program offers a wide variety of work placement options. You will be matched with an agency where your skills and interests can be best put to use.

The following organizations provide opportunities to live and work in one of several U.S. inner city locations for one full year. Volunteers live together in household communities supporting and challenging each other in their common commitment to justice, and their daily journeys of faith.

For more information, contact:

Border Servant Corps

1701 Missouri

Las Cruces, NM 88001

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Placements in: Las Cruces, NM and El Paso, TX

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Lutheran Volunteer Corps

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Placements in:
Washington, DC
Baltimore, MD
Wilmington, DE
Chicago, IL
Milwaukee, WI
Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN
Seattle, WA
Tacoma, WA
Oakland-Berkeley, CA

Servant Year

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
6008 Wayne Ave.
Philadelphia, PA
Phone: 215-844-1203
Email: ServantYear@aol.com
Placements in: Philadelphia, PA

Urban Servant Corps

1660 Ogden Street
Denver, CO 80218
Phone: 888-515-5501
Email: servantcorps@earthlink.net
Website: www.servantcorps.com
Placements in: Denver, CO

Other long-term service opportunities:

Holden Village

HCCO Stop 2
Chelan, WA 98816-9769

Message: 509-687-3375

Fax: 509-687-3375

Website: www.holdenvillage.org

Rooted in the Lutheran tradition, this ecumenical community, located in the North Cascade Mountain of Washington State, attracts those seeking renewal through worship, study, work, recreation, celebration, and conversation. Hospitality is the central practice that shapes Holden's understanding of itself as a Christian community; freedom from phones, televisions, or automobiles enhances a sense of peace and reflection.

Young Adults in Global Mission

ELCA Division for Global Mission

8765 West Higgins Road

Chicago, IL 60631

Phone: 800-638-3522 ext. 2648

Website: www.elca.org/dgm/youngadults

Young Adults in Global Mission is a one-year service opportunity for ELCA young adults, ages 19-30. Sites include Argentina, Egypt, Germany, India, Kenya, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Ukraine and placements include youth ministry, social service and teaching English as a second language (ESL), among others. Applications are due in February and orientation begins in August.

The Division for Global Mission also offers 2-month to 2-year overseas volunteer opportunities as well as 2-year paid positions in a variety of countries and settings. See www.elca.org/dgm/serve for more details.

Commission on Religion in Appalachia (CORA)

P.O. Box 3575

Knoxville, TN 37927

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Fax: 865-525-5412

Email: joycedukes@juno.com

Website: www.appalcora.org

Contact: Joyce Dukes, Volunteer Coordinator

CORA provides volunteer opportunities for service to individuals and groups seeking to be in mission with impoverished Appalachian communities. Participants are placed in church-based and community-based programs in Appalachia. The site receiving volunteers is committed to providing an educational experience and cultural exchange in community with volunteers. This can take the form of worship services, journaling, field trip experiences, use of speakers, writers, musicians, and the development of ongoing relationships. Short and long-term service opportunities are available year-round for junior high through senior adults.

peaceCENTER

1443 S. St. Mary

San Antonio, TX 78210

Phone: 210-224-HOPE

Website: www.salsa.net/peace

Contact: Pastor Ann Helmke

With roots in the Lutheran church, this interfaith collaboration engages critical issues of violence, explores the things that make for peace and builds community throughout an urban landscape. Justice efforts are grounded in the dynamic between prayer and action, based on the banquet table model of Luke 14. Internships are individually based on community issues of violence and gifts of the participating intern. High school through senior adults.

ELCA Outdoor Ministries—CAMPS!!

Search for a camp:

www.elca.org/dcm/camps/search/asp

Employment Listings:

www.elca.org/dcm/camps/employ.asp

La Crosse Area Synod's Camp:

Sugar Creek Bible Camp

13141 Sugar Creek Bible Camp Rd.

Ferryville, WI 54628

608-734-3113

www.sugarcreekbiblecamp.org

Is God calling you to an exciting adventure
in extraordinary service?

*Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am,
there will my servant be also.
Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.
John 12: 26*

