

The Rev. Stephen and Jean Godsall-Myers



“*Reformation* is not just a word for the past. It is a word for us today: how we reform ourselves, the Church, and our world, are very current issues,” write Steve and Jean from Wittenberg, Germany, the heart of Martin Luther’s Reformation. As directors of the Wittenberg Center, Steve and Jean see the continuing work of “reformation” in tangible ways. In May, the Wittenberg Center will be celebrating 10 years of leading workshops and educating visiting groups about Luther’s life and homeland. Steve and Jean also participate in the life of the German church, such as the annual Lenten program called “Sieben Woche Ohne” (seven weeks without).

Steve and Jean are among the 268 ELCA missionaries serving across the world. For 164 years, the ELCA and its antecedent church bodies have been sending missionaries around the globe. Today, there are 68 million Lutherans worldwide and 140 churches affiliated with the Lutheran World Federation. With its 80 recognized ‘companion churches’, the ELCA seeks to practice the accompaniment model of mission, in which companions build up each other’s ministry by sharing knowledge, insights, personnel, resources, and experience. For more details about the accompaniment model of mission and the ELCA’s global mission work, request a free copy of the 2009 Global Mission Annual by calling (800) 638-3522, ext. 2642.

Steve and Jean can serve because congregations like yours support them through prayer and financial gifts. If your congregation supports an ELCA missionary, we express our thanks to you! If you do not support an ELCA missionary, we encourage you to contact us and begin supporting the missionary of your choice. Please contact Pastor Twila Schock by email: Twila.Schock@elca.org or call her at (800) 638-3522, ext. 2641.

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