

The Rev. Heidi Torgerson

Teaching Spanish slang to new Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) during their orientation in Mexico, learning to make tortillas by hand with indigenous women, and advising a volunteer about what to do with a dead scorpion are all experiences that Heidi has encountered in her ministry in Mexico. Heidi has joyfully served as the Country Coordinator for the Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program in Mexico, as well as with the Lutheran Center in Mexico City for the last 4 years. In her words, “the opportunity to accompany these gifted young people in one of the biggest and most difficult transitions they will perhaps ever make is an incredible privilege.”



Heidi is one of 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.

Heidi can serve because congregations like yours support her 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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