

**The Rev. Theodore and Jane Zimmerman**



“Twenty-eight years ago, our original call was to the ‘China Area’ to do leadership development,” Jane and Ted recount. This meant extensive language study, as Ted served with two churches in Taiwan, preaching and leading Bible studies in Chinese and English. Ted now teaches at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Hong Kong, where his students are preparing to serve churches in Hong Kong, China, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Nepal and other countries. Jane serves as a counselor to elementary students at the Hong Kong International School, a school for English-speaking children living in Hong Kong.

Ted and Jane 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.

Ted and Jane 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](mailto:Twila.Schock@elca.org) or call her at (800) 638-3522, ext. 2641.

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## ***Hand in Hand Around the World***



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