

The Rev. John Lunn

“As my friend JP says, ‘A pastor in India must be prepared to do three things at all times – eat, pray, and preach.’” John’s ministry doesn’t end there. He spends half of his time with palliative care (care for the dying) at Christian Medical College in Vellore, South India, and another half of his time traveling to other Lutheran partner hospitals to provide presentations and classes for nurses, pastors, ICU doctors, and community groups. “Mission hospitals have a challenge,” John observes, “Jesus predicted it in John 12:8: ‘You will always have the poor with you’... The new challenge is to discern God’s call for these healing ministries in the 21st century and discover how to provide finances, personnel, and equipment.”



John 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.

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