

Building Hope Together

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church is a church with a clear mission—to be a prophetic church, a public church, a church that speaks out for the voiceless, a church which places itself among the marginalized, and a church which proclaims good news to the poor.

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church has called us to accompany them in this mission—to join them in building hope.



The church brings people together to receive support and relief in the wake of recent flooding

Your donation to the Salvadoran Lutheran Church Pastoral Support Endowment Fund is a gift of hope.

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“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans for your welfare and not harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29:11)



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“We believe a project like this presents to us a sustainable economic security—it will guarantee for us a real hope.”

Bishop Medardo Gómez

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Why is this fund needed?

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church has made a commitment to establish congregations in the midst of the poorest communities in El Salvador—communities where the need for ministry is great. These congregations are not self-sustaining, which means the offerings given by members of these congregations are not enough to pay the ordained and lay pastors who serve. In times of crisis, pastors do not receive salaries or stipends for weeks or months at a time.

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church has begun a \$1 per Lutheran Campaign. Small offering boxes have been placed in churches throughout the country and the people are giving as they are able.

Our Salvadoran brothers and sisters have extended the invitation to us. With our donations of \$1, \$10 or \$100 we can grow the **Pastoral Support Endowment Fund**. Working together, we can make a difference!



The Salvadoran Lutheran Church is a public church - a church which takes its message to the streets, whether it is a call for justice through advocacy or a celebration of life and resurrection.



“The Lord has sent us to bring Good News to the poor, to heal the broken hearted.”

Bishop Medardo Gómez

How does the Salvadoran Lutheran Church Pastoral Support Endowment Fund work?

The endowment fund was created through a joint effort of Bishop Medardo Gómez from the Salvadoran Lutheran Church and a companion synod of the ELCA. The fund is independently administered by the ELCA Foundation. The principal will be held in perpetuity and the 100% of the distribution payments from the fund’s interest are used to support clergy salaries.

The Salvadoran Lutheran Church consists of:

- 12,000 baptized members
- 76 congregations
- 28 ordained clergy
- 97 deacons, evangelists and catechists

The endowment fund already provides salaries for 3 pastors of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church. The ELCA has set a goal of raising \$2 million in principal, which will generate sufficient interest to provide a sustainable and basic level of income for the pastors of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church.

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