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# The Theology of



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**Above:** *The Rev. Ted Krey, regional director for the Latin America and the Caribbean region of the LCMS, installs the Rev. Gustavo Maita as pastor of Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz (Prince of Peace Lutheran Church), Mayagüez, Puerto Rico.*

**S**pread the Gospel, Plant Lutheran Churches, and Show Mercy” is the slogan of the church-mission (Office of International Mission) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as it celebrates 125 years working in foreign countries. Church and mission go together. As C. F. W. Walther famously preached, “the church is the mission society,” pointing his hearers to the fact that the Church is in mission and realizes that mission through the Church.

The LCMS came together as a Synod to form men for the ministry and to send missionaries to the four corners of the globe. The Lord has blessed the work of thousands of our sons and daughters who have served worldwide and continue to serve as pastors, deaconesses, nurses,

teachers, administrators, and has raised up more than 30 partner churches. Today, nine of these partner churches are in the Latin America Caribbean (LAC) region. The largest and oldest is Brazil’s church partnership, having over 2,000 congregations and missions and over

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800 pastors formed through the seminary in Puerto Alegre, now forming pastors and planting churches in Portuguese-speaking Mozambique and Angola.

Spreading the Gospel is likened to the Sower who intentionally goes out to sow the seed and throws His seed on all types of soil. The Sower is reckless in His love ensuring that the seed falls on all the soil. This seed, of course, is the Gospel our Lord desires all people to hear. The very center of the Gospel is that Jesus died for all and has reconciled the world to Himself through His death on the tree. To obtain such faith, God has instituted the preaching office. The impulse of the preaching office is outward, as universal grace is for all people. This means missionaries are intentionally sent to foreign fields even as pastors throughout the U.S., intentionally fanning out through their communities so that all might hear.

Spreading the Gospel includes providing missionaries and partner churches with good literature. A study done several years ago revealed that our LAC pastors owned an average of three Lutheran books. Our VDMA\* Project is a Lutheran electronic library, in its seventh year providing Lutheran pastors and seminarians with daily devotions, *Journal of Lutheran Mission*, *Logia*, Bible commentaries, *Good News*, *Pastoral Companion*, *Sasse*, and soon a Lutheran hymnal which will contain all of Luther's hymns, catechism, four orders of the Divine Service, the offices, and well over 600 hymns.

Where the Gospel is spread, so the Holy Spirit works faith when and where He pleases. Lutherans plant Lutheran churches. We do so because, in our ordination vows, we bound ourselves to God and His people that we would teach, believe, and confess our Lord Jesus, who is clearly set forth in the Scriptures and the Confessions. Simply put, the desire for pure doctrine is that our hearers

might see all of Jesus. To give them something less when we have so much more is to love our neighbor less than ourselves. Planting a Lutheran church is seasoning a community with the salt of the Gospel, so that Jesus might be present and disciple His people through His superabundant means of grace.

At the heart of planting a church, our Lord Jesus is present in the Divine Service. There God's people are fed and nourished by Jesus, through His called servants with His Word and His gifts. It does not stop there however. The baptized go out and "Make Known His Deeds!" by proclaiming, sharing, and inviting others to come and see Christ, who has brought us out of the darkness into His marvelous light. It is still true that over 80 percent of those who come to church do so at the invitation of the baptized.

In LAC your missionaries are planting 40 churches in 10 countries. CTSFW plays a vital role, with Dr. Detlev Schulz offering eight modules for missionaries to learn culture, language, and a missiological approach. Missionaries are intentionally planting churches in Uruguay, Peru, Panama, Mexico, Spain, Jamaica, Caymans, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. Biannual forums, or "foros" in Spanish, have been established in these countries to bring districts, congregations, LCMS Recognized Service Organizations, and individuals together, supporting church planting efforts with their human and financial resources. More than 200 partners support our missionaries in projects where they identify the plans and the need. Prayerfully consider visiting us and inviting others to support this effort ([international.lcms.org/events-foros](http://international.lcms.org/events-foros)).

Where churches are planted, the pastoral office is a necessity. Church and ministry go hand in hand. There are LAC seminaries in Brazil, Argentina,

*Below: The Rev. Ted Krey prepares for worship at Fuente de Vida (Fountain of Life Lutheran Church), Ponce, Puerto Rico.*



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Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic. CTSFW is a vital partner with Concordia the Reformer Seminary in the Dominican Republic, with on-line pastoral preparation *Formación Pastoral Hispano* that focuses on the pastoral acts. Thirty plus men in 12 countries who have no seminary can be formed thanks to this partnership. Additionally, 15 men are in residence, studying the biblical languages and being formed for the pastoral office as evangelists, shepherds, and teachers in a five-year program. Seminarians in residence spend 10-15 hours a week in evangelistic visits (equivalent to two years of vicarage). Additionally, 140 women in Mexico, Guatemala, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, and Panama are preparing as deaconess students.

Showing mercy is in response to the chief mercy that our Lord Jesus has shown us; while we were still sinners, He called us by His Gospel. Mercy flows from the altar and pulpit through its hearers and spills vocationally in a multitude of manners. Institutionally,

we have been blessed with deaconesses who work in our mercy houses, visit the sick, care for children with disabilities, teach the children in Lutheran schools, Sunday Schools, and evangelistic visitation. Our Mercy Center, an institute of Concordia, teaches workshops preparing laity to be the hands and feet of the Church in their communities through Everyone His Witness, Ambassadors of Reconciliation, Disaster Response, Life Issues, and more. As Luther famously quipped, if he knew the world was ending the next day he would plant a tree. Perhaps for the church, that entails spreading the Gospel, planting Lutheran churches, and showing mercy. 🌱

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\* VDMA is a Latin acronym which translates “The Word of the Lord endures forever.”