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ELCA missionaries gather for annual conference

Many of the 240 ELCA global mission personnel and their families will be attending the five-day Summer Missionary Conference this month near Chicago. Have you considered global service? Opportunities range from teaching English in Indonesia to developing leadership in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon to coordinating the Young Adults in Global Mission programs in Central Europe and a new country program in Senegal. Visit [Global Mission Service](#) and click on [View Opportunities](#).

Bishop Eaton comments on Pope Francis' encyclical on climate change

Following the publication of Pope Francis' encyclical on climate change and the deteriorating global environment, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton praised the encyclical, noting parallels to our own ELCA social statement, "Caring for Creation." Bishop Eaton also called for action to help less-privileged nations that must now face the most brutal effects of climate change. [Learn more here](#).

Support for release of detained families

Leaders of the ELCA and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service expressed gratitude for a move by the Obama administration to begin releasing some of the estimated 6,300 detained mothers and children seeking asylum in the United States who have been incarcerated in government family detention facilities since July 2014. [Click here to learn more](#).

Malaria still a killer in post-Ebola Liberia

ELCA missionary the Rev. Brian Palmer, who teaches theology for the Lutheran Church in Liberia, has returned to the country after having to leave during the Ebola outbreak. In the world he returns to, some things are the same – like malaria, which remains a significant threat. [Read the blog here](#) and download a fact sheet on malaria in Liberia [here](#).

Mexico trip focuses on Lutheran identity in Latin American context

Observe Reformation Day in Mexico City this fall as you visit communities and churches and learn about Lutheran identity in the Latin American context. Experience the realities of poverty, globalization, ecumenism and spirituality in Latin America, with an emphasis on the role of Lutheran and Protestant churches in Mexico. Worship with Lutheran faith communities on Reformation Sunday! [See more information here](#).

Interfaith service remembers Japanese-American internment

The Rev. Paul Nakamura, an ELCA pastor, has been honored for the 15 years he has helped lead an interfaith service at the Manzanar National Historic Site, where Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II. [Read more here](#).

Friendship, chickens and giving

Since Rodale and Renate Emken first visited Tanzania with the ELCA Nebraska Synod in 2010, they have grown to know members and leaders of two congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania – and generously supported ministries through *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* in both Tanzania and Madagascar. [Click here to read more](#).

Meet the “Glocal” musicians

Have you encountered some of the ELCA Glocal musicians at a synod assembly or a Glocal Mission Gathering? Meet some of the talented participants in this short video about the program’s annual musician training, where musicians learn to teach and lead global hymns and songs. [Click here to watch a video](#). Then join members of the Delaware Maryland Synod in singing the South Sudan hymn “Murassalat”: [watch their video here](#).

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