

The Lutheran World Federation – 2013 Membership Figures

Summary

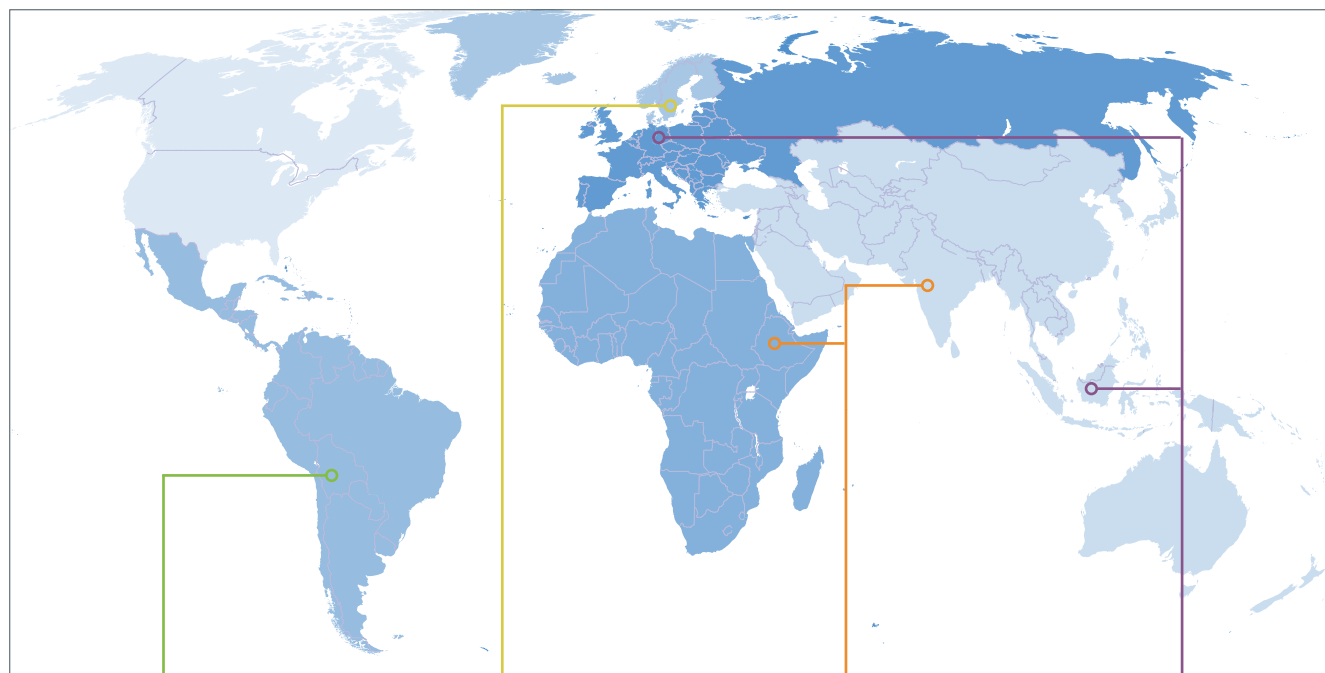
The following figures give the membership of the 140 member churches (M), two associate members (AM), 10 recognized churches and two recognized councils (R).

General summary 2013

142 LWF member churches, 10 recognized churches and congregations and two recognized councils 72,268,329

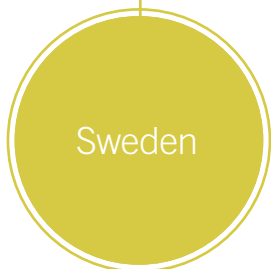
Continent	LWF Membership
Africa	20,752,232
Asia	10,740,035
Europe	35,853,001
Latin America & the Caribbean	844,111
North America	4,078,950
Total	72,268,329

Statistics at a glance



Bolivia

The German-Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Bolivia with 150 members is the smallest recognized congregation in the LWF communion.



Sweden

The Church of Sweden (Svenska Kyrkan) with 6.5 million members is the biggest LWF member church.



India
Ethiopia

These countries are home to the fastest growing Lutheran churches. In India, LWF membership increased by 1.7 million. Statistics from Ethiopia show an increase of half a million LWF members.



Indonesia
Germany

The two countries have 12 different LWF member churches.

2013 World Lutheran Membership Details

- (M) Member Church
- (AM) Associate Member Church
- (R) Recognized Church, Congregation or Recognized Council

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Africa		
Angola		49,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola (M)	49,500	
Botswana		18,800
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (M)	18,800	
Cameroon		507,276
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon (M)	157,276	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Cameroon (M)	350,000	
Central African Republic		107,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (M)	107,000	
Congo, Democratic Republic		136,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Congo (M)	136,000	
Congo, Republic		2,128
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (M)	2,128	
Eritrea		11,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Eritrea (M)	11,000	
Ethiopia		6,355,838
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (M)	6,355,838	
Ghana		27,521
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (M)	27,521	
Kenya		144,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (M)	100,000	
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	44,000	
Liberia		70,000
Lutheran Church in Liberia (M)	70,000	
Madagascar		3,000,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (M)	3,000,000	
Malawi		102,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (M)	102,000	

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Mozambique		12,606
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (M)	12,606	
Namibia		1,131,664
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN-GELC) (M)	5,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) (M)	420,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) (M)	706,664	
Nigeria		2,348,000
The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (M)	2,200,000	
The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (M)	148,000	
Rwanda		5,118
Lutheran Church of Rwanda (M)	5,118	
Senegal		4,053
The Lutheran Church of Senegal (M)	4,053	
Sierra Leone		4,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (M)	4,500	
South Africa		643,916
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (M)	580,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) (M)	4,266	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (N-T) (M)	9,650	
Moravian Church in South Africa (M)	50,000	
Tanzania		5,825,312
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (M)	5,825,312	
Zambia		4,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (M)	4,000	
Zimbabwe		242,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (M)	242,000	
Asia		
Australia		70,000
Lutheran Church of Australia (AM)	70,000	
Bangladesh		15,000
Bangladesh Lutheran Church (M)	5,000	
Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	10,000	
Georgia		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) (<i>see Russian Federation</i>)		
Hong Kong, China		43,512
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church (M)	2,115	

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (M)	13,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (M)	17,700	
Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong (M)	10,697	
India		3,538,912
Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,500,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (M)	20,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Himalayan States (M)	27,208	
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	17,770	
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam (M)	374,806	
India Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	125,000	
Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	175,000	
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	87,541	
South Andhra Lutheran Church (M)	60,000	
The Arcot Lutheran Church (M)	40,000	
The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	111,587	
Indonesia		5,812,489
Batak Christian Community Church (M)	25,000	
Christian Communion of Indonesia Church in Nias (Gereja AMIN) (M)	18,500	
Christian Protestant Angkola Church (M)	29,311	
Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia (M)	587,985	
Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (M)	18,560	
Pakpak Dairi Christian Protestant Church (M)	38,120	
Protestant Christian Batak Church (M)	4,100,000	
Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai (M)	50,000	
Simalungun Protestant Christian Church (M)	217,000	
The Indonesian Christian Church (M)	355,000	
The Protestant Christian Church (M)	360,956	
The United Protestant Church (M)	12,057	
Israel		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M) <i>(see Jordan and Palestinian Territories)</i>		
Japan		27,147
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	21,900	
Japan Lutheran Church (AM)	2,490	
Kinki Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,757	
Jordan		3,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M)	3,000	
<i>(see Israel and Palestinian Territories)</i>		
Kazakhstan		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>		
Korea, Republic		4,824
Lutheran Church in Korea (M)	4,824	
Kyrgyzstan		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>		

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Malaysia		104,524
Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (M)	59,500	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M)	4,145	
Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M)	8,879	
The Protestant Church in Sabah (M)	32,000	
Myanmar		28,126
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) (M)	1,900	
Lutheran Church of Myanmar (M)	2,000	
Myanmar Lutheran Church (M)	2,726	
The Mara Evangelical Church (M)	21,500	
Nepal		941
Nepal Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	941	
New Zealand		1,130
Lutheran Church of New Zealand (C)	1,130	
<i>(District of the Lutheran Church of Australia)</i>		
Palestinian Territories		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M) <i>(see Israel and Jordan)</i>		
Papua New Guinea		1,049,455
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (M)	900,000	
Gutnius Lutheran Church - Papua New Guinea (M)	149,455	
Philippines		18,000
Lutheran Church in the Philippines (M)	18,000	
Singapore		2,949
Lutheran Church in Singapore (M)	2,949	
Sri Lanka		5,324
Lanka Lutheran Church (M)	5,324	
Taiwan		12,308
Taiwan Lutheran Church (M)	10,481	
The Lutheran Church of Taiwan (Republic of China) (M)	1,827	
Thailand		3,524
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (M)	3,524	
Uzbekistan		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>		
Europe		
Austria		302,875
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria (M)	302,875	

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Belarus		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>		
Belgium		703
Lutheran Church of Belgium: Arlon and Christian Mission (R)	703	
Croatia		3,329
Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia (M)	3,329	
Czech Republic		103,022
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (M)	84,022	
Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (M)	19,000	
Denmark (including Greenland)		4,430,643
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M)	4,430,643	
Estonia		180,000
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	180,000	
Finland		4,146,056
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (M)	4,146,056	
<i>(including ELCF members abroad)</i>		
France		660,000
Malagasy Protestant Church in France (M)	10,000	
Union of Protestant Churches of Alsace and Lorraine (M)	250,000	
United Protestant Church of France (M)	400,000	
Germany		12,202,382
Church of Lippe (Lutheran Section) (M)	30,000	
Evangelical Church in Central Germany* (M)	807,171	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baden (M).....	2,905	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria* (M).....	2,511,151	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick* (M)	370,010	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany* (M).....	2,231,298	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldenburg (M).....	439,386	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg (M).....	2,170,345	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover* (M)	2,803,377	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony* (M)	754,451	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schaumburg-Lippe* (M)	55,868	
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M).....	26,420	
<i>* Members of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Germany (R)</i>		
Greenland		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) <i>(see Denmark)</i>		
Hungary		192,816
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (M)	192,816	
Iceland		245,184
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (M)	245,184	

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Ireland		461
The Lutheran Church in Ireland (R)	461	
Italy		7,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy (M)	7,000	
Latvia		250,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (M)	250,000	
Liechtenstein		
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M) (see Switzerland)		
Lithuania		20,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania (M)	20,000	
Netherlands		2,085,843
Protestant Church in the Netherlands (M)	2,085,843	
Norway		3,847,098
Church of Norway (M)	3,825,525	
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (M)	21,573	
Poland		70,000
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (M)	70,000	
Romania		40,181
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (M)	12,641	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (M)	27,540	
Russian Federation		85,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M)	70,000	
(see Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan)		
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (M)	15,000	
Serbia		49,000
Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia (M)	49,000	
Slovak Republic		226,402
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic (M)	226,402	
Slovenia		20,000
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia (M)	20,000	
Sweden		6,500,000
Church of Sweden (M)	6,500,000	
Switzerland		4,206
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M).....	4,206	
(see Liechtenstein)		

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Ukraine		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>		
United Kingdom		180,800
The Lutheran Church in Great Britain (M)	1,500	
The Lutheran Council of Great Britain (R)	179,300	
Latin America & the Caribbean		
Argentina		38,500
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) <i>(see Paraguay, Uruguay)</i>	27,500	
United Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	11,000	
Bolivia		22,150
Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	22,000	
German-Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Bolivia (R)	150	
Brazil		717,127
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (M)	717,127	
Chile		13,100
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile (M)	3,000	
Lutheran Church in Chile (M)	10,100	
Colombia		2,470
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (M)	1,998	
St Martin's Congregation (R)	160	
St Matthew's Lutheran Church (R)	312	
Costa Rica		1,607
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Costa Rica (R)	220	
Lutheran Costa Rican Church (M)	1,387	
Ecuador		237
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ecuador (R) <i>(including the El Adviento Evangelical Lutheran Church in Quito, and The Savior Church in Guayaquil)</i>	237	
El Salvador		20,000
Salvadoran Lutheran Church (M)	20,000	
Guatemala		190
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation "La Epifania" (R)	190	
Guyana		11,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (M)	11,000	
Honduras		1,500
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (M)	1,500	

Church	Individual Churches	National Total
Mexico		1,730
German-Speaking Evangelical Congregation in Mexico (R)	230	
Mexican Lutheran Church (M)	1,500	
Nicaragua		7,050
The Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope (M)	7,050	
Paraguay		
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Peru		1,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru (R)	200	
Peruvian Lutheran Evangelical Church (M)	1,300	
Suriname		4,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname (M)	4,000	
Uruguay		
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Venezuela		1,950
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (M)	1,950	
North America		
Canada		128,026
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (M)	128,026	
USA		3,950,924
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (M)	3,950,924	

These statistics are based on data received by end February 2014.

Compiled by Colette Muanda (LWF/OCS)