

The Lutheran World Federation 2006 Membership Figures

Summary

The following figures give the membership of the 140 LWF member churches (M), including two associate member churches (AM), 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council (R), as well as other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations (C).

General Summary 2006

140 LWF member churches, 10 recognized congregations and one recognized council	66,681,599
Lutherans outside LWF constituency	3,518,800
Total	70,200,399

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	15,258,892	15,202,823	56,069
Asia	8,314,337	8,174,160	140,177
Europe	37,469,585	37,429,405	40,180
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,118,247	841,760	276,487
North America	8,039,338	5,033,451	3,005,887
Total	70,200,399	66,681,599	3,518,800

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

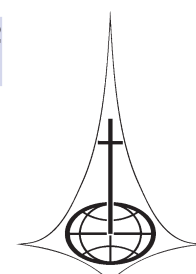
Germany*	12,732,991	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA*	7,782,398	Netherlands	2,300,000
Sweden	6,895,840	India	1,860,888
Indonesia	5,165,137	Nigeria	1,501,445
Finland	4,556,612	Namibia	1,007,395
Denmark	4,506,552	Papua New Guinea	954,188
Ethiopia	4,500,296	Brazil	945,329
Norway	3,960,880	South Africa	705,794
Tanzania	3,500,000		

* These figures include the membership of the Baltic churches abroad.

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,895,840	Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,300,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,850,776	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,109,960
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,556,612	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,364,420
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,506,442	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	833,826
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus	4,500,296	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea	815,000
Church of Norway	3,939,044	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Protestant Christian Batak Church	3,750,000	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil	719,756
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	3,500,000	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN)	652,195
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	3,045,354	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa	589,502
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,640,724		
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**	2,440,864		
Evangelical Church in Württemberg	2,322,865		

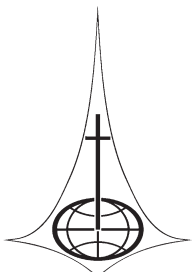
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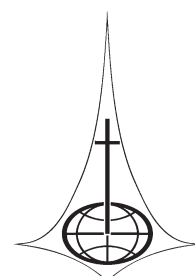
The Lutheran World Federation 2006 Membership Details

- (M) Member Church
- (AM) Associate Member Church
- (R) Recognized Congregation or Recognized Council
- (C) Other Lutheran churches, bodies or congregations

Africa	Individual Churches	National Total
Angola		26,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola (M)	26,000	
Botswana		21,110
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (M)	21,110	
Cameroon		305,352
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon (M)	105,994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (M)	195,000	
The Lutheran Church of Cameroon (C)	4,358	
Central African Republic		55,000
Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (M)	55,000	
Chad		21,305
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Chad (C)	21,305	
Congo, Democratic Republic		136,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Congo (M)	136,000	
Congo, Republic		1,828
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (C)	1,828	
Eritrea		12,000
The Evangelical Church of Eritrea (M).....	12,000	
Ethiopia		4,500,296
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (M)	4,500,296	
Ghana		22,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (M).....	22,000	
Kenya		111,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (M)	75,000	
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	36,000	
Liberia		71,196
Lutheran Church in Liberia (M).....	71,196	
Madagascar		3,000,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (M).....	3,000,000	
Malawi		50,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (M).....	50,000	

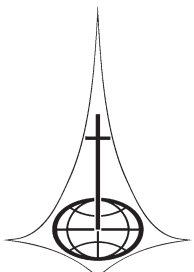


	Individual Churches	National Total
Mozambique		7,401
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (M).....	7,401	
Namibia		1,007,395
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN-GELC) (M).....	5,200	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) (M).....	350,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) (M).....	652,195	
Nigeria		1,501,445
The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (M).....	1,364,420	
The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (M).....	137,025	
Rwanda		35,480
Lutheran Church of Rwanda (M).....	35,480	
Senegal		3,687
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Senegal (C).....	no data	
The Lutheran Church of Senegal (M).....	3,687	
Sierra Leone		3,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (M).....	3,000	
South Africa		705,794
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) (M).....	4,034	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (M).....	589,502	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (N-T) (M).....	9,600	
Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa (C).....	2,658	
Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (C).....	20,000	
Moravian Church in South Africa (M).....	80,000	
Tanzania		3,500,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (M).....	3,500,000	
Togo		5,920
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Togo (C).....	5,920	
Zambia		5,683
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (M).....	5,683	
Zimbabwe		150,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (M).....	150,000	
Asia		
Australia		75,000
Lutheran Church of Australia (AM).....	75,000	
Bangladesh		13,384
Bangladesh Lutheran Church (M).....	4,500	
Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	8,884	
Hong Kong (China)		48,117
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church (M).....	2,217	
Lutheran Church, Hong Kong Synod (C).....	8,300	

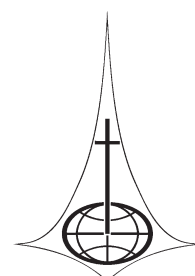


Individual Churches National Total

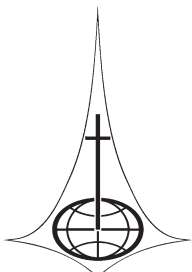
The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (M).....	14,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (M)	14,600
Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong (M).....	9,000
India.....	1,860,888
Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (M).....	15,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Himalayan States (M)	24,750
Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	9,837
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam (M)	400,000
India Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	80,000
Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	133,000
North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	110,301
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	85,000
<i>(see Nepal)</i>	
South Andhra Lutheran Church (M)	45,500
The Arcot Lutheran Church (M)	37,000
The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	120,000
Indonesia	5,165,137
Batak Christian Community Church (M).....	20,000
Christian Communion of Indonesia Church in Nias (Gereja AMIN) (M).....	18,561
Christian Protestant Angkola Church (M).....	27,986
Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia (M).....	355,316
Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (M).....	23,000
Pakpak Dairi Christian Protestant Church (M).....	34,384
Protestant Christian Batak Church (M).....	3,750,000
Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai (M).....	38,907
Simalungun Protestant Christian Church (M)	198,479
The Indonesian Christian Church (M)	350,000
The Protestant Christian Church (M)	338,504
The United Protestant Church (M).....	10,000
Israel	130
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission – Shalhevetyah Christian Center and Congregation (C).....	80
Lutheran Church in Israel Immanuel Church (C)	50
Japan.....	32,561
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (M).....	22,027
Japan Lutheran Brethren Church (C).....	1,219
Japan Lutheran Church (AM)	2,873
Kinki Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,742
West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C).....	3,700
Jordan	3,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & the Holy Land (M)	3,000
Korea, Republic	5,051
Lutheran Church in Korea (M).....	5,051
Malaysia	94,622
Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (M)	50,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M).....	3,000
Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (M).....	8,750
The Protestant Church in Sabah (M).....	32,872



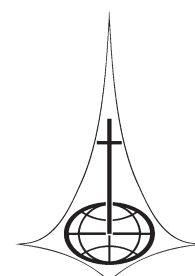
	Individual Churches	National Total
Nepal		
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M) <i>(see India)</i>		
Myanmar		1,900
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) (M) 1,900		
New Zealand		976
Lutheran Church of New Zealand (C)..... 976 <i>(a district of the Lutheran Church of Australia)</i>		
Papua New Guinea		954,188
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (M) 815,000 Gutnius Lutheran Church – Papua New Guinea (M)139,188		
Philippines		27,000
Lutheran Church in the Philippines (M)..... 27,000		
Singapore		4,103
Lutheran Church in Singapore (M)..... 4,103		
Sri Lanka		5,324
Lanka Lutheran Church (M)..... 5,324		
Taiwan		20,372
China Evangelical Lutheran Church (C).....2,621 China Lutheran Gospel Church (C) 225 Chinese Lutheran Brethren Church (C)..... 1,668 Taiwan Lutheran Church (M) 13,044 The Lutheran Church of Taiwan (Republic of China) (M).....1,614 The Lutheran Church of the Republic of China (C)..... 1,200		
Thailand		2,584
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (M).....2,584 <i>(including the Lutheran Mission in Thailand)</i>		
Europe		
Austria		325,429
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria (M) 325,429		
Belgium		809
Lutheran Church of Belgium: Arlon and Christian Mission (R)809		
Croatia		3,329
Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia (M)..... 3,329		
Czech Republic		136,789
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (M)..... 106,789 Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (M).....30,000		
Denmark <i>(including Faroe Islands and Greenland)</i>		4,506,552
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M)4,506,442 The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark (C).....110		



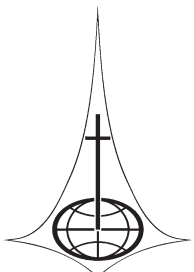
Estonia	162,000
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	162,000
 Faroe Islands	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Finland	4,556,612
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (M)	4,556,612
<i>(including ELCF members abroad)</i>	
France	260,600
Church of the Augsburg Confession of Alsace and Lorraine (M).....	210,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church – Synod of France and Belgium (C)	600
Evangelical Lutheran Church of France (M)	40,000
Malagasy Protestant Church in France (M)	10,000
Germany	12,732,991
Church of Lippe [Lutheran Section] (M)	32,000
Evangelical Church in Württemberg (M).....	2,322,865
Evangelical Church of Pomerania (M)	103,751
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baden (M)	3,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (M).....	2,640,724
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick (M).....	405,614
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldenburg (M).....	463,448
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thuringia (M)	440,629
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (M)	3,045,354
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg (M)	208,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (M)	833,826
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schaumburg-Lippe (M).....	61,350
Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Germany (C).....	1,470
Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	36,500
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	24,000
North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,109,960
 Greenland	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) (<i>see Denmark</i>)	
Hungary	305,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (M).....	305,000
Iceland	250,661
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (M).....	250,661
Ireland	3,100
The Lutheran Church in Ireland (R)	3,100
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) (<i>see Switzerland</i>)	



	Individual Churches	National Total
Lithuania		21,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania (M)	21,000	
Netherlands		2,300,000
Protestant Church in the Netherlands (M)	2,300,000	
Norway		3,960,880
Church of Norway (M)	3,939,044	
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (M)	21,836	
Poland		75,000
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (M)	75,000	
Romania		46,795
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (M)	14,295	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (M)	32,500	
Russian Federation		87,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M)	75,000	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria in Russia (M)	12,000	
Serbia		49,500
Slovak Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Serbia (M)	49,500	
Slovak Republic		372,858
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in the Slovak Republic (M)	372,858	
Slovenia		20,000
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Slovenia (M)	20,000	
Sweden		6,895,840
Church of Sweden (M)	6,895,840	
Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)		5,370
Federation of Evangelical Lutheran Churches in Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein (M)	5,370	
United Kingdom		134,470
Lutheran Church in Great Britain (M)	2,370	
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (C)	1,500	
The Lutheran Council of Great Britain (R)	130,600	
 Latin America & the Caribbean		
Argentina		72,160
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M)	25,200	
<i>(see Paraguay, Uruguay)</i>		
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C)	30,000	
<i>(see Chile, Uruguay)</i>		
Protestant Congregation in Tandil (C)	160	
Protestant Society in Southern Argentina – Lutheran Church (C)	3,800	
Protestant Society of the South-East (C)	2,000	
United Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	11,000	



	Individual Churches	National Total
Bolivia		24,400
Bolivian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	22,000	
Christian Evangelical Lutheran Church of Bolivia (C)	700	
German-Speaking Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Bolivia (R)	1,000	
Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Bolivia (C)	700	
Brazil		945,329
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	1,050	
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (M)	719,756	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (C)	224,523	
Chile		13,410
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile (M)	3,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Republic of Chile (C)	170	
Lutheran Church in Chile (M)	10,240	
Colombia		3,610
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (M)	3,100	
St Martin's Congregation (R)	160	
St Matthew's Congregation (R)	350	
Costa Rica		1,924
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Costa Rica (R)	600	
Lutheran Costarican Church (M)	1,324	
Ecuador		2,020
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ecuador (R)	520	
<i>(including the El Adviento Evangelical Lutheran Church in Quito, and The Savior Church in Guayaquil)</i>		
Evangelical Lutheran Indigenous Church of Ecuador (C)	1,500	
El Salvador		12,000
Salvadoran Lutheran Synod (M)	12,000	
Guatemala		200
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation La Epifanía (R)	200	
Lutheran Church of Guatemala (C)	no data	
Guyana		11,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (M)	11,000	
Haiti		no data
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (C)	no data	
Honduras Republic		1,200
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (M)	1,200	
Mexico		9,179
All Saints' Lutheran Church (C)	191	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico (C)	3,000	
German-Speaking Evangelical Congregation in Mexico (R)	3,110	
Lutheran Synod of Mexico (C)	1,211	
Mexican Lutheran Church (M)	1,500	
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (C)	167	



	Individual Churches	National Total
Nicaragua		7,050
The Nicaraguan Lutheran Church of Faith and Hope (M).....	7,050	
Panama		no data
Brotherhood of Popular Pastoral Action – Lutheran Coordination (C)	no data	
Paraguay		3,981
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay (C).....	3,981	
Peru		3,660
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru (R)	400	
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Cristo Rey (C).....	100	
Norwegian Lutheran Mission (C).....	2,060	
Peruvian Lutheran Evangelical Church (M).....	1,100	
Suriname		4,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Suriname (M)	4,000	
Uruguay		190
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Uruguay (C)	190	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C) (<i>see Argentina</i>)		
Venezuela		2,934
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (M)	1,950	
Lutheran Church of Venezuela (C)	984	
 North America		
Canada		256,940
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	6,620	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (M)	174,555	
Lutheran Church – Canada (C).....	75,765	
USA		7,782,398
Apostolic Lutheran Church of America (C)	7,707	
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C).....	39,319	
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (C).....	8,860	
Church of the Lutheran Confession (C)	8,631	
Conservative Lutheran Association (C).....	994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (M)	4,850,776	
Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C).....	20,500	
Lithuanian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Diaspora (M)	1,500	
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (C)	2,440,864	
Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (C).....	1,500	
The Protestant Conference [Lutheran] (C).....	1,125	
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C).....	400,622	

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