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# FORO

FRIENDS OF REGIONS OVERSEAS





# THE MANDATE

Res. 2-07A, “To Commend Use and Attendance of FOROs.” The Synod’s Latin America and Caribbean region has been using the FORO (Spanish for “forum”) model to connect LCMS congregations, pastors, districts and institutions with a particular mission field, which “[builds] partnerships” and “furthers the mission” in that place. This resolution directs the OIM to expand that model to other regions and encourages districts and congregations to participate in the program.

# WHY A FORO?

## TO PLANT LUTHERAN CHURCHES

AROUND THE STRATEGIC PLAN IN THAT PLACE

AND

To encourage the local Church and missionaries

To pool resources

Be part of a long-term multigenerational impact



# WHY PLANT CHURCHES?

Because that's where Jesus promises to be found  
That's where He discipled His people through HIS means of grace;  
the Word and Sacraments





# WHAT IS A FORO?

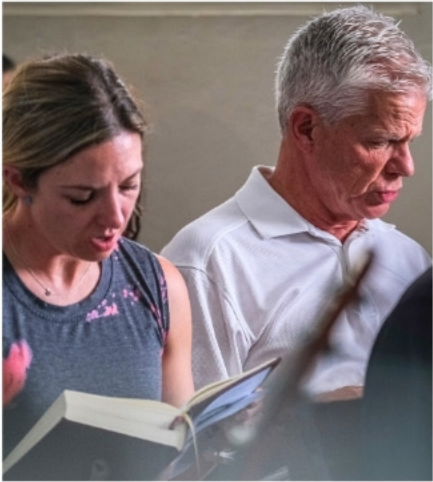
AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLUG INTO MISSION TWICE A YEAR  
TO EXTEND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN A PARTICULAR PLACE

## WITH YOUR

PRAYER SUPPORT  
SHORT-TERM TEAMS  
VOCATIONAL SKILLS  
FUNDING



# WHO MAKES UP A FORO?



CONGREGATIONS



DISTRICTS



RSOs



PARTNER CHURCHES



INDIVIDUALS

# WHAT HAPPENS AT A FORO?

CULTURAL OUTING

WORSHIP

MINISTRY REPORTING

BUDGET DISCUSSION

MISSION EDUCATION

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING



# CULTURAL OUTING

This is an opportunity to learn about the culture from missionaries and local church workers. It creates a natural platform to visit, bond and build relationships.





**WORSHIP  
TOGETHER**



**ONE LORD  
ONE FAITH  
ONE BAPTISM**

**EVEN ACROSS  
BORDERS**

# HEAR AND SEE REAL TIME MISSION REPORTS

FROM MISSIONARY PASTORS AND CHURCH WORKERS



## TRIUMPHS AND CHALLENGES

What is working well and what is not? How can we pray or assist?



## VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Service opportunities for short-term teams and individuals



## STRATEGIC PLANNING

How do we move forward together to meet goals?



## BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Transparency for supporters about past, present and future needs

# MISSION EDUCATION

## DIVE DEEP INTO THE MISSION

A FORO naturally includes a series of experiences that enhance understanding of the theology and practice of Lutheran missiology



### ENGAGE

Learn first-hand how you can be a part of the mission, see the work and in turn tell and invite others.



### CONNECT

Discover where and how your gifts of time, talent and treasure can bring the Gospel to new believers on a daily basis and make a lasting impact.



### SUPPORT

Build long-term relationships and contribute to daily ministry in ways that are truly needed and meaningful.

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# STRATEGIC PLANNING/BRAINSTORMING!



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# THE RESULT

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- Plant Churches
- Share the Gospel
- Show Mercy





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**SPREAD THE GOSPEL. PLANT LUTHERAN CHURCHES. SHOW MERCY.**



# MULTIGENERATIONAL IMPACT

YOUR EFFORTS BEAR FRUIT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

FOROs provide an opportunity to be part of a plan that unifies many entities to do something multigenerational and of great impact

- **Individuals**
- **Short-term teams**
- **Congregations**
- **Districts**
- **RSOs**

WE NEED YOUR GIFTS AND ABILITIES



# WHERE CAN I ATTEND A FORO ?



Belize  
Bolivia  
Chile  
Dominican Republic  
Honduras  
Jamaica  
Mexico  
Panama  
Peru  
Puerto Rico  
Uruguay  
Venezuela



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- Other missionaries from Nicaragua cross over to Southern Honduras to establish a church, supported by LCC.

# HONDURAS FORO ORIGIN

- St Lukes, Oviedo FL , May 16, 2018...**Brian Roberts, Wally Arp, Gary Schulte**

Mission Founder: **Lutheran Church of Canada,**  
Sending Body: **Lutheran Mission in Nicaragua**  
Supporting Congregations: **St. Luke's, Oviedo, FL**  
**Faith, Viera, FL**  
**Christ, Perry, GA**  
**Our Father, Centennial, CO**  
**Holy Trinity, Auburn, NE;**  
**Faith, Stephenville, TX**  
Supporting NGOs: **LeadaChild +++ Lutheran Hour Ministries,**  
National Churches: **Lutheran Church in Guatemala**  
**LCMS**  
Individual: **Retired LCMS missionary Ed Auger**

# HOW?

A FORO COMES TOGETHER BY INVITATION AND WORD OF MOUTH



ARE YOU READY TO  
ATTEND A FORO?  
EMAIL ERIN MACKENZIE  
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FORO  
ATTENDEES  
BECOME THE  
BEST MISSION  
ADVOCATES



# JOIN US

## MISSION EDUCATION

LEARN MISSION EDUCATION  
FROM MISSIONARIES DAILY  
ENGAGED IN THIS TASK

## SHARE THE EXPERIENCE

WORSHIP WITH BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WHO  
ARE NEW IN THE FAITH

## GET FIRED UP

HEAR STORIES OF FAITH AND  
BE ENCOURAGED IN YOURS

## TAKE HOME

FRESH IDEAS ON MISSION THAT  
YOU CAN PRAYERFULLY USE IN  
YOUR OWN CHURCH

## PLUG IN

SEE THE WORK. LEARN HOW  
YOU CAN BE A PART OF THE  
MISSION. TELL OTHERS