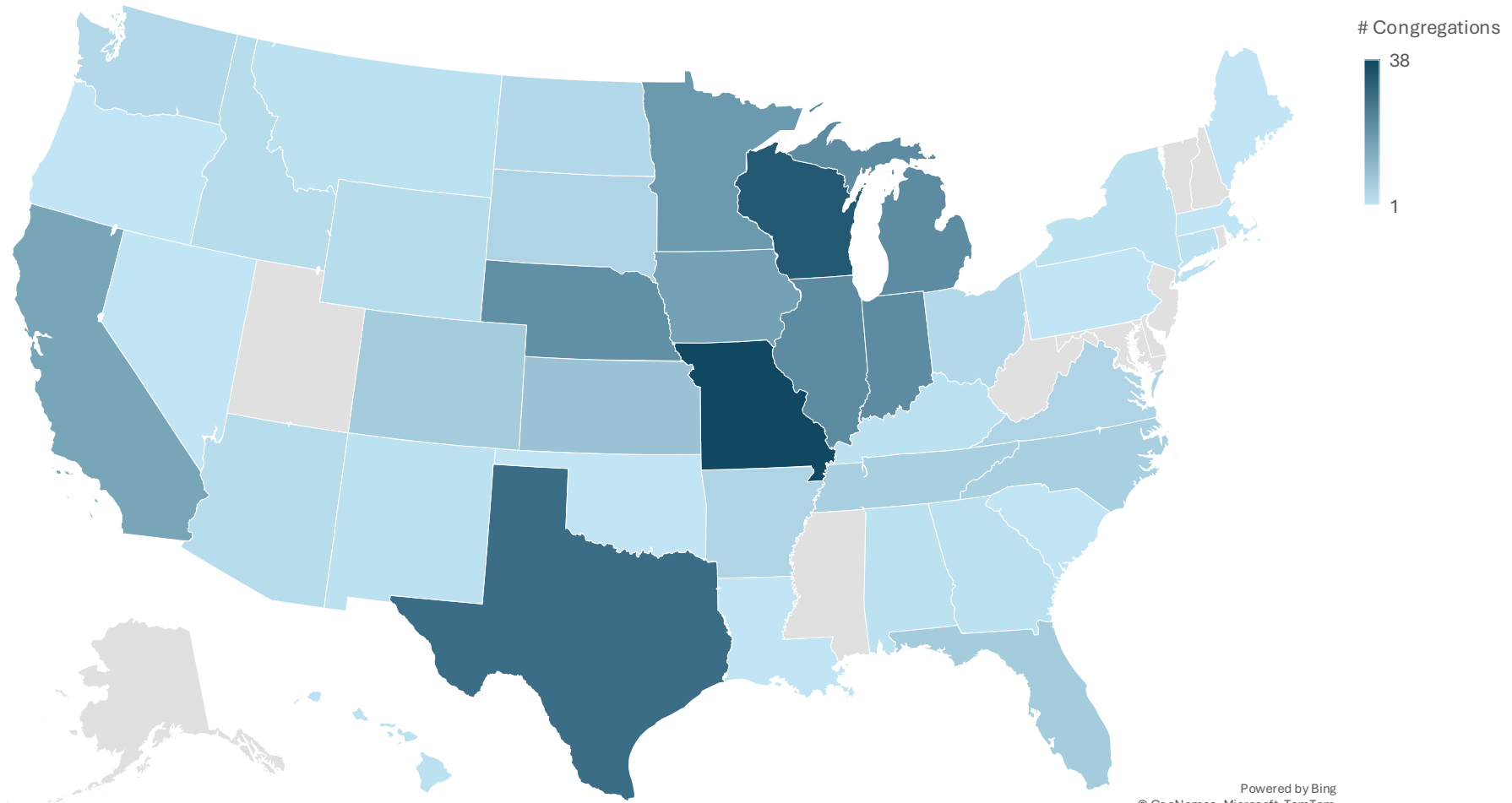


The background is a blurred outdoor scene. In the foreground on the right, there are vibrant pink flowers, likely bougainvillea, in sharp focus. In the background, a group of people is walking along a path. A man in a blue shirt and white shorts is walking towards the left, carrying a black bag. Other people are visible in the distance, some wearing blue shirts. The overall atmosphere is bright and outdoorsy.

Short-term (ST) Volunteers

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Post-COVID ST Volunteer Sending Congregations



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ST service vision

Global ST team

ST projects

ST process

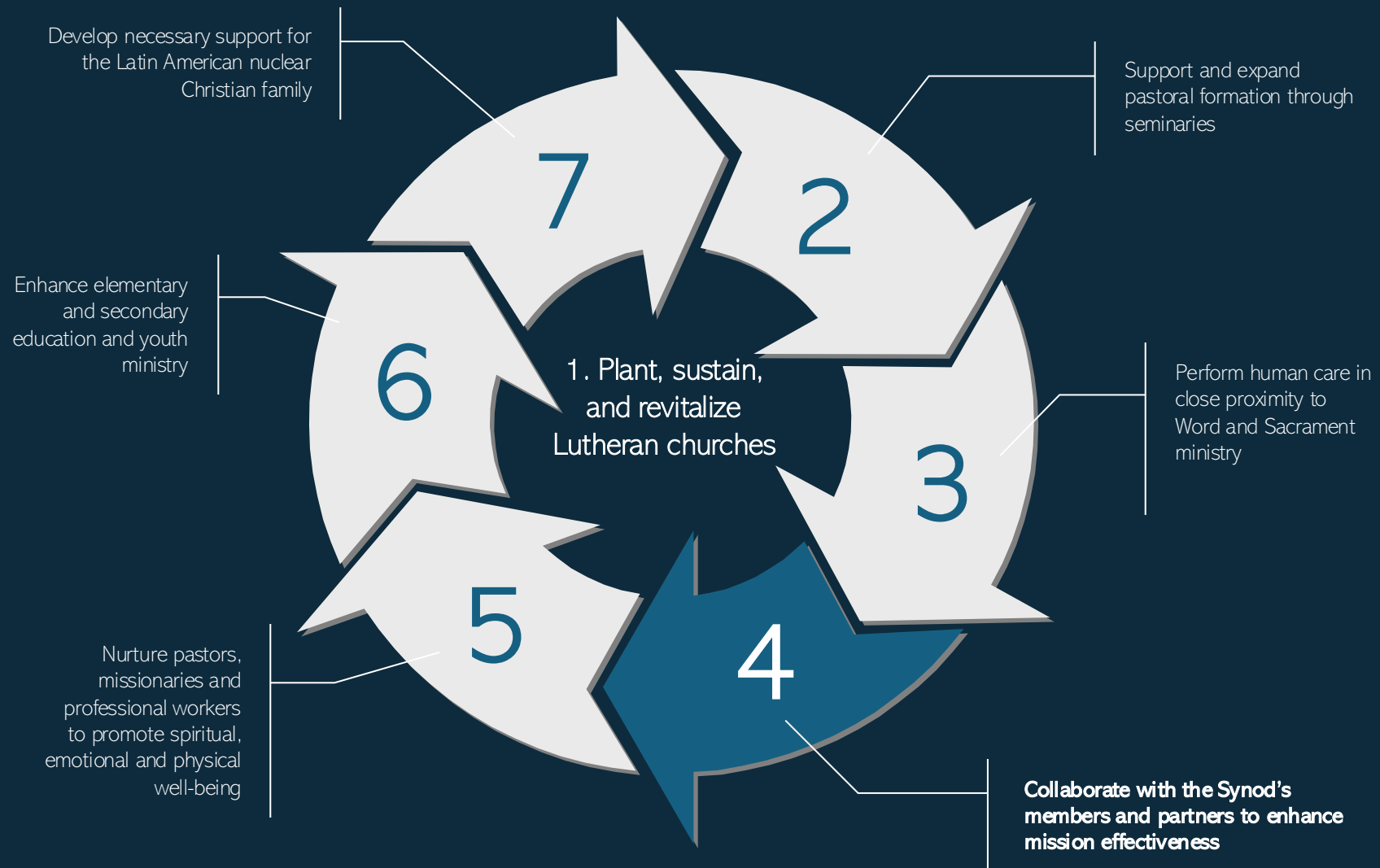
Why ST?



The goal of ST service through the LCMS is...

That ST volunteers come away with a greater understanding of and appreciation for

- a) how OIM is Spreading the Gospel, Planting Lutheran Churches, and Showing Mercy around the world, alongside its partners; and
- b) how ST volunteers can engage in said work.



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GENEROUS!

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A tropical beach scene with a toucan perched on a rock. The background shows a sandy beach, gentle waves, and a sky with soft, colorful clouds. The text is overlaid on this scene.

EXPLORE

MISSION EDUCATION

TEAMS

Mission Education

- is not...
 - Poverty tourism
 - Tedious
 - One-size-fits-all
- is...
 - Eye-opening
 - Participatory
 - Customizable



Mission Education in LAC

- Worship
- Bible study
- Congregational life
- Pastoral ministry & formation
- Diaconal ministry & formation
- Church planting
- Community home visits
- Mercy work
- Education
- Health & medical outreach
- Meals in missionary host homes
- Work project(s)
- Cultural excursion(s)



“But getting things done quickly is simply not what development is all about! Development is a lifelong *process*, not a two-week *product*.”

When Helping Hurts, pages 167-168

Serve Now - Mission service opp x +

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Opportunities

Keywords Location

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Career Missionary (5+ years) GEO (30+ months) International Educator

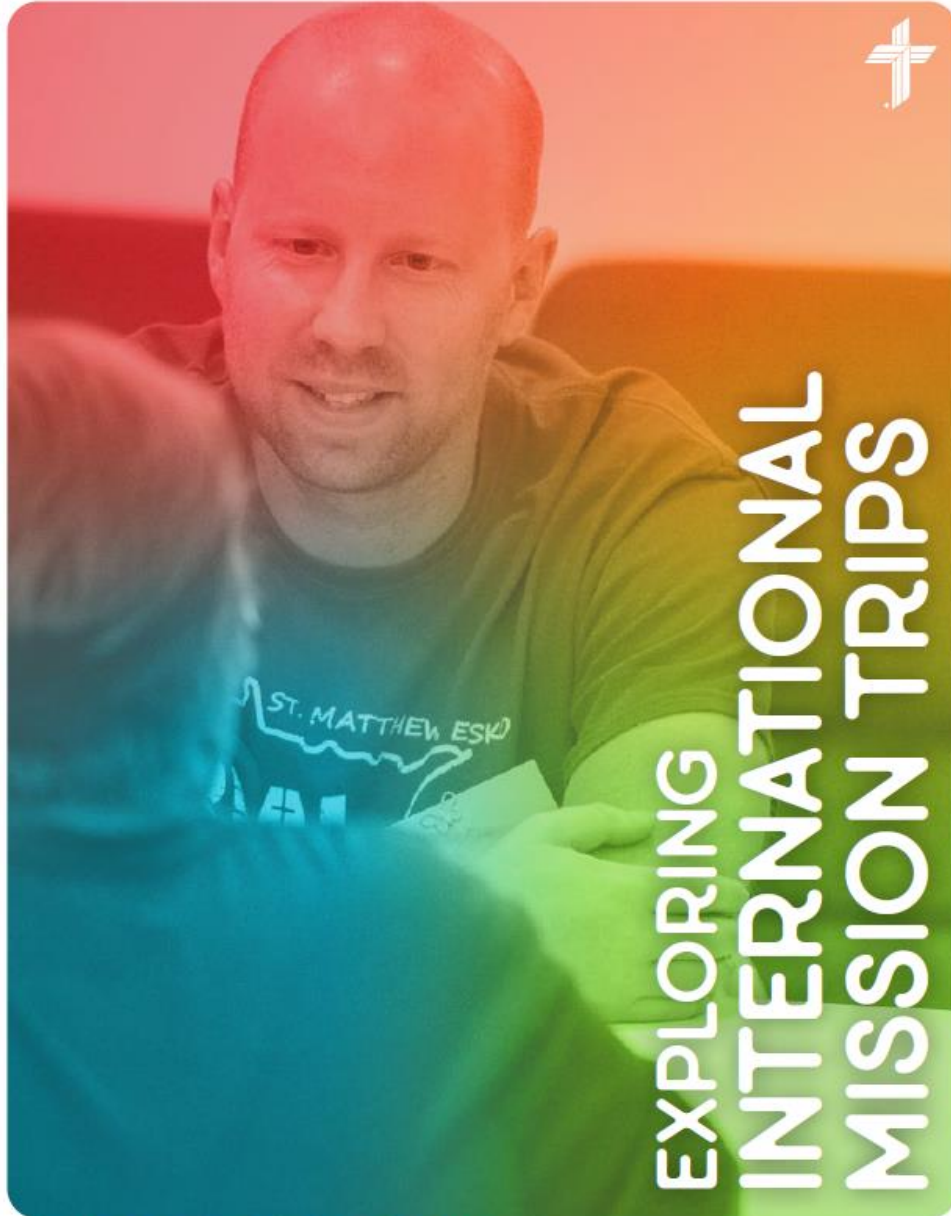
Short-term (individual and team) Theological Education

Showing all Opportunities RSS

TITLE	LOCATION	TYPE	START DATE
Electrician- Puerto Rico	Puerto Rico	Short-term (individual and team)	Flexible
Web Developer- Spain	Spain	Short-term (individual and team)	Flexible
Mercy Medical Team - Kenya	Kenya	Short-term (individual and team)	05-29-2020

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