

Companion Church Leaders to attend Bishop Pedro Suarez' Installation

We are delighted that several of our Companion Church leaders accepted our invitation to meet our newly elected Bishop and participate in the Installation service on January 20th, 2018. Attending will be President Livenson Lauvanus of Haiti, President Leroy Nicholson of the Lutheran Church in Guyana, and Secretary Leendert Darnoud and Brother Reza Karg from Suriname. Also attending will be ELCA Missionary Rev. Dr. Eliseo Perez from the United Theological Seminary of the West Indies, in Kingston, Jamaica. Dr. Perez will be hosted by one of his supporting congregations, Redeemer Lutheran, Sun City. What a wonderful way to celebrate our ongoing relationship and journey as the church together!

Global Mission Updates



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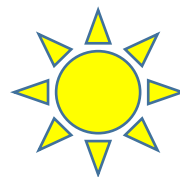
We give and thanks and praise to God that the news from Haiti is encouraging!

Another hurricane season has passed and we give thanks for all the generous donors who contributed to the ELCA and Synod's Disaster Relief Funds that helped to make a difference in the lives of those affected by Hurricane Matthew (October 2016) and Hurricane Irma (September 2017).

In April, we sent \$25,000 to Eglise Lutherienne d'Haiti (ELH) to purchase seeds, plants, and farming tools to help the residents of Les Cayes and Jean Rabel re-establish their farms and livelihoods. These areas were the hardest hit by Hurricane Matthew and needed help to replant produce to feed families and sell for income. Despite some loss of plants due to repeated flooding, the photos on the next page show what can be accomplished when we share resources and empower people to help themselves – and each other. Crops planted were plantains, carrots, cabbage, beans and other vegetables.



Pastor Livenson reported doing 13 child baptisms recently at the church in Jean Rabel. Infant and child baptisms are being more readily accepted as a result of the teaching for clergy and deacons being done at their seminars and conferences funded by the FB Synod Global Mission Committee.



Well in Fond des Negres gets the finishing touches! We were finally able to negotiate a reasonable cost to complete the well at Fond des Negres. Construction should be wrapping up next week – but here's a photo to show what can be done in a few days with the new engineer and workers hired by Pr. Livenson. Many thanks to Trinity Lutheran Church, Lehigh, PA who provided \$10,000 in funding to purchase and install the pump and build the concrete structure.



We are church together –
for the sake of the world!

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth
Eaton.

FB Synod approves 3 year Together in Mission (TiM) grant for Haiti

A 3-year TiM Grant was recently approved to help the Eglise Luthérienne D'Haiti (ELH) in several ways. The decreasing grant, for a total of \$32,314 over three years, will fund Internet and cell phone service for the ELH clergy, provide for quarterly ELH Executive Council meetings, and pay for an Administrative Assistant for Pr. Livenson. The money is from the over \$100,000 raised 7 years ago after the earthquake in Haiti. The ELH will pay for 1/3 and then 2/3rds of the project budget over 2019 and 2020. Just another way we're accompanying our brothers and sisters as they move from Disaster Response to Functioning Church!

NEW Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGMs) in place!

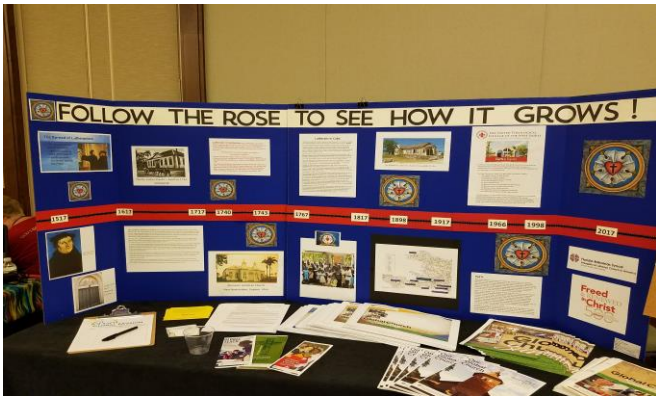
Just in case you hadn't heard! We have 2 new YAGMs serving on behalf of the ELCA and Global Mission. Ashley Fyle is in Australia, and Kelsey Johnson is serving in the Holy Land. You can read more about them on the FB Synod website on the YAGM page and even sign up to receive their blogs and newsletters. What a joy to read about their experiences and reflections on how they see themselves serving the church in a foreign place! *Don't forget to pray for them and their host families!*



Kelsey Johnson – Holy Land



Ashley Fyle – Australia



Here's a photo of the Global Mission Committee display at the recent FB Synod Assembly that won the prize for Best Display in keeping with the theme of Reformation 500. It's titled "Follow the Rose To See How it Grows" and shows a timeline of how and when the Lutheran movement started in our Companion Churches and the seminary in Jamaica. Thank you to everyone who contributed information and photos!

SPECIAL NOTICE – IF YOU ARE READING THIS, IT MEANS YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GLOBAL MISSION! We currently have several openings on the FB Synod Global Mission Committee and would love to have you join our efforts! Please contact PJ May to discuss how you can share your gifts and passion with our Companions!

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