

The Lutheran World Federation 2009 Membership Figures

Summary

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

General Summary 2009

140 LWF member churches, 10 recognized churches and congregations and one recognized council **70,053,316**
Lutherans outside LWF constituency.....3,704,810
Total **73,758,126**

Continent	All Lutherans	LWF Membership	Other Churches
Africa	18,717,679	18,520,690	196,989
Asia	8,936,087	8,746,434	189,653
Europe	37,244,189	37,164,411	79,778
Latin America & the Caribbean	1,123,023	837,692	285,331
North America	7,737,148	4,784,089	2,953,059
Total	73,758,126	70,053,316	3,704,810

Countries with more than half a million Lutherans

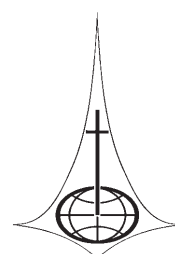
Germany*	12,937,410	Madagascar	3,000,000
USA	7,504,244	Netherlands	2,100,000
Sweden	6,751,952	Nigeria	2,050,000
Indonesia	5,630,968	India	1,918,639
Tanzania	5,302,727	Namibia	1,111,093
Ethiopia	5,299,822	Papua New Guinea	1,049,455
Finland	4,493,994	Brazil	951,466
Denmark	4,492,216	South Africa	666,636
Norway	4,013,362		

* This figure includes the membership of the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

Lutheran churches with more than half a million members

Church of Sweden	6,751,952	Protestant Church in the Netherlands	2,100,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	5,302,727	North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church	2,050,595
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church	5,279,822	The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria	1,900,000
Mekane Yesus		Evangelical Church in Central Germany	910,527
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	4,623,301	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua	900,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark	4,492,121	New Guinea	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland	4,478,994	Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church	800,000
Protestant Christian Batak Church	4,178,256	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony	798,930
Church of Norway	3,991,545	Evangelical Church of the Lutheran	717,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church	3,000,000	Confession in Brazil	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover	2,981,313	The Evangelical Lutheran Church in	685,893
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria	2,600,000	Namibia (ELCIN)	
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**	2,400,000	Evangelical Lutheran Church in	580,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in	2,286,983	Southern Africa	
Württemberg			

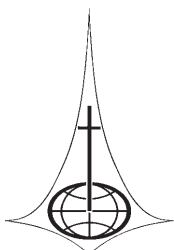
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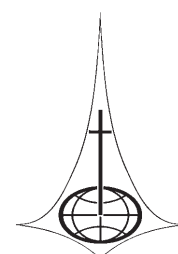
2009 World Lutheran Membership Details

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

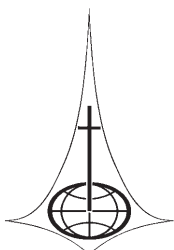
Africa	Individual Churches	National Total
Angola		40,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola (M)	40,000	
Botswana		18,650
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Botswana (M)	18,650	
Burundi		1,850
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Burundi (C)	1,850	
Cameroon		360,387
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Cameroon (M)	105,994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (M)	250,035	
The Lutheran Church of Cameroon (C)	4,358	
Central African Republic		55,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (M)	55,000	
Chad		113,684
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of Chad (C)	113,684	
Congo, Democratic Republic		136,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Congo (M)	136,000	
Congo, Republic		1,828
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Congo (M)	1,828	
Eritrea		11,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Eritrea (M)	11,000	
Ethiopia		5,299,822
The Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (M)	5,279,822	
The Lutheran Church in Ethiopia (C)	20,000	
Gambia		2,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Gambia (C)	2,000	
Ghana		27,521
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (M)	27,521	
Guinea		789
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea (C)	789	
Kenya		144,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (M)	100,000	
Kenya Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	44,000	
Liberia		71,196
Lutheran Church in Liberia (M)	71,196	
Madagascar		3,000,000
Malagasy Lutheran Church (M)	3,000,000	
Malawi		60,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (M)	60,000	



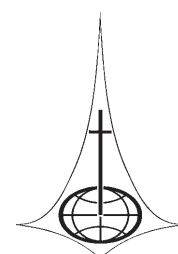
Individual Churches	National Total
Mozambique	12,606
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (M)	12,606
Namibia	1,111,093
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN-GELC) (M)	5,200
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia (ELCRN) (M)	420,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCIN) (M)	685,893
Nigeria	2,050,000
The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (M)	1,900,000
The Lutheran Church of Nigeria (M)	150,000
Rwanda	40,000
Lutheran Church of Rwanda (M)	40,000
Senegal	4,053
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Senegal (C)	no data
The Lutheran Church of Senegal (M)	4,053
Sierra Leone	3,150
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sierra Leone (M)	3,150
South Africa	666,636
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (M)	580,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Cape Church) (M)	4,223
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (Natal-Transvaal) (M)	9,759
Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in South Africa (C)	2,654
Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (C)	20,000
Moravian Church in South Africa (M)	50,000
Sudan	16,650
Sudan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	6,000
The Lutheran Church of Sudan (C)	10,650
Tanzania	5,302,727
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (M)	5,302,727
Togo	5,920
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Togo (C)	5,920
Uganda	9,084
Uganda Lutheran Church Foundation (C)	9,084
Zambia	2,033
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia (M)	2,033
Zimbabwe	150,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (M)	150,000
 Asia	
Australia	70,000
Lutheran Church of Australia (AM)	70,000
Bangladesh	14,800
Bangladesh Lutheran Church (M)	4,800
Bangladesh Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	10,000
Georgia	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) (<i>see Russian Federation</i>)	



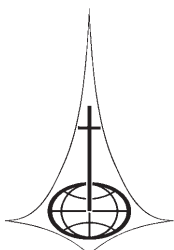
Hong Kong, China	50,135
Hong Kong and Macau Lutheran Church (M)	2,120
Lutheran Church – Hong Kong Synod (C)	8,300
The Chinese Rhenish Church Hong Kong Synod (M)	14,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong (M)	15,800
Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong (M)	9,915
India	1,918,639
Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	800,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh (M)	17,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Himalayan States (M)	24,750
Good Samaritan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	50,233
Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chotanagpur and Assam (M)	400,503
India Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	80,000
Jeypore Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	150,000
North Western Gossner Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	116,903
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	85,000
<i>(see Nepal)</i>	
South Andhra Lutheran Church (M)	45,500
The Arcot Lutheran Church (M)	40,000
The Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	108,250
Indonesia	5,630,968
Batak Christian Community Church (M)	20,000
Christian Communion of Indonesia Church in Nias (Gereja AMIN) (M)	20,125
Christian Protestant Angkola Church (M)	27,810
Christian Protestant Church in Indonesia (M)	360,000
Indonesian Christian Lutheran Church (M)	23,000
Pakpak Dairi Christian Protestant Church (M)	35,798
Protestant Christian Batak Church (M)	4,178,256
Protestant Christian Church in Mentawai (M)	38,907
Simalungun Protestant Christian Church (M)	211,383
The Indonesian Christian Church (M)	355,000
The Protestant Christian Church (M)	348,689
The United Protestant Church (M)	12,000
Israel	140
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (M) <i>(see Jordan and Palestinian Territories)</i>	
Finnish Evangelical Lutheran Mission – Shalhevetyah Christian Center & Cong. (C)	80
Immanuel Lutheran Church (C)	60
Japan	32,449
Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	21,990
Japan Lutheran Brethren Church (C)	1,219
Japan Lutheran Church (AM)	2,645
Kinki Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,759
West Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	3,836
Jordan	3,000
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan & 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	4,856
Lutheran Church in Korea (M)	4,856
Kyrgyzstan	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) <i>(see Russian Federation)</i>	



Individual Churches	National Total
Malaysia	103,603
Basel Christian Church of Malaysia (M)	59,500
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malaysia (M)	3,650
Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore (M)	8,453
The Protestant Church in Sabah (M)	32,000
Myanmar	1,900
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Myanmar (Lutheran Bethlehem Church) (M)	1,900
Nepal	
Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church (M) (<i>see India</i>)	
New Zealand	1,130
Lutheran Church of New Zealand (C)	1,130
<i>(a 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	3,134
Lutheran Church in Singapore (M)	3,134
Sri Lanka	5,324
Lanka Lutheran Church (M)	5,324
Taiwan	25,454
China Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	2,621
China Lutheran Gospel Church (C)	225
Chinese Lutheran Brethren Victory Church (C)	3,846
Taiwan Lutheran Church (M)	15,948
The Lutheran Church of Taiwan (Republic of China) (M)	1,614
The Lutheran Church of the Republic of China (C)	1,200
Thailand	3,100
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (M)	3,100
<i>(including the Lutheran Mission in Thailand)</i>	
Uzbekistan	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) (<i>see Russian Federation</i>)	
Europe	
Austria	318,442
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Austria (M)	318,442
Belarus	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) (<i>see Russian Federation</i>)	
Belgium	974
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Belgium (C)	160
Lutheran Church of Belgium: Arlon and Christian Mission (R)	814
Croatia	3,329
Evangelical Church in the Republic of Croatia (M)	3,329



Czech Republic	130,632
Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren (M)	115,000
Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (M)	15,632
Denmark (including Greenland)	4,492,216
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M)	4,492,121
The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Denmark (C)	95
Estonia	160,000
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	160,000
Faroe Islands	40,450
The Evangelical Lutheran Church on the Faeroe Islands (C)	40,450
Finland	4,478,994
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland (M)	4,478,994
<i>(including ELCF members abroad)</i>	
France	229,857
Evangelical Lutheran Church – Synod of France (C)	957
Evangelical Lutheran Church of France (M)	10,400
Malagasy Protestant Church in France (M)	8,500
Union of Protestant Churches of Alsace and Lorraine (M)	210,000
Germany	12,937,410
Church of Lippe (Lutheran Section) (M)	32,000
Evangelical Church in Central Germany (M)	910,527
Evangelical Church of Pomerania (M)	100,385
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Baden (M)	3,200
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria (M)	2,600,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Brunswick (M)	395,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Oldenburg (M)	455,336
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Württemberg (M)	2,286,983
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hanover (M)	2,981,313
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mecklenburg (M)	200,905
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony (M)	798,930
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Schaumburg-Lippe (M)	60,600
Evangelical Lutheran Free Church in Germany (C)	1,347
Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church (C)	35,269
Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	25,020
North Elbian Evangelical Lutheran Church (M)	2,050,595
Greenland	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark (M) <i>(see Denmark)</i>	
Hungary	213,125
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary (M)	213,125
Iceland	252,948
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland (M)	252,948
Ireland	300
The Lutheran Church in Ireland (R)	300
Italy	7,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Italy (M)	7,000
Latvia	250,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia (M)	250,000



Individual Churches National Total

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 2,100,000

Protestant Church in the Netherlands (M) 2,100,000

Norway 4,013,362

Church of Norway (M) 3,991,545

The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Norway (M) 21,817

Poland 75,000

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland (M) 75,000

Romania 45,977

Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania (M) 13,477

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Romania (M) 32,500

Russian Federation 95,000

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) 80,000

(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 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 6,751,952

Church of Sweden (M) 6,751,952

Switzerland 6,818

Fed. of Evang. Luth. Churches in Switzerland & in the Principality of Liechtenstein (M) 6,818

(see Liechtenstein)

Ukraine

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia and Other States (M) *(see Russian Federation)*

United Kingdom 178,545

Lutheran Church in Great Britain (M) 2,745

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of England (C) 1,500

The Lutheran Council of Great Britain (R) 174,300

Latin America & the Caribbean

Argentina 71,960

Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) 25,000

(see Paraguay, Uruguay)

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina (C) 30,000

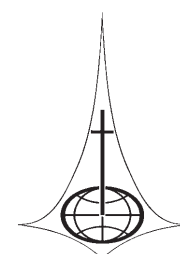
(see Chile, Uruguay)

Protestant Congregation in Tandil (C) 160

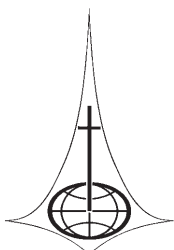
Protestant Society in Southern Argentina – Lutheran Church (C) 3,800

Protestant Society of the South-East (C) 2,000

United Evangelical Lutheran Church (M) 11,000



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	951,466
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	1,050
Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Brazil (M)	717,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (C)	233,416
Chile	13,450
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)	10,280
Colombia	3,497
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (M)	3,000
St Martin's Congregation (R)	160
St Matthew's Lutheran Church (R)	337
Costa Rica	1,547
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Costa Rica (R)	220
Lutheran Costa Rican Church (M)	1,327
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 Church (M)	12,000
Guatemala	211
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation "La Epifania" (R)	211
Lutheran Church of Guatemala (C)	no data
Guyana	13,000
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (M)	13,000
Haiti	no data
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti (C)	no data
Honduras	1,200
Christian Lutheran Church of Honduras (M)	1,200
Mexico	6,486
All Saints' Lutheran Church (C)	191
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico (C)	3,000
German-Speaking Evangelical Congregation in Mexico (R)	417
Lutheran Synod of Mexico (C)	1,211
Mexican Lutheran Church (M)	1,500
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd (C)	167
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



	Individual Churches	National Total
Paraguay		3,981
Evangelical Church of the River Plate (M) <i>(see Argentina)</i>		
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paraguay (C)	3,981	
Peru		3,631
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Peru (R)	220	
Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Cristo Rey (C)	51	
Norwegian Lutheran Mission (C)	2,060	
Peruvian Lutheran Evangelical Church (M)	1,300	
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		232,904
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad (M)	8,000	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (M)	152,788	
Lutheran Church – Canada (C)	72,116	
USA		7,504,244
Apostolic Lutheran Church of America (C)	6,000	
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (C)	44,000	
Church of the Lutheran Brethren of America (C)	8,860	
Church of the Lutheran Confession (C)	8,631	
Conservative Lutheran Association	994	
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (M)	4,623,301	
Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C)	19,945	
Lutheran Churches of the Reformation (C)	1,300	
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (C)	2,400,000	
The Protestant Conference [Lutheran] (C)	1,000	
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (C)	390,213	

These statistics are based on data received by 28 February 2010.

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