



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Costa Rica Companion Synod Team of the NC Synod will...

- Shepherd the relationship between the North Carolina Synod, ELCA and ILCO (The Lutheran Church in Costa Rica)
- Utilize the “Accompanient Model” of partnership as outlined by the ELCA.
- Be responsible for stewarding the financial resources from the synodical budget and grant dollars to foster the companion synod partnership.

Job Description for Team Members

- To engage in this work through the synod’s core values: Jesus, Generosity, Relationship and Reconciliation.
- To be a person of prayer who is knowledgeable about ILCO and supports their ministry priorities.
- To work with members of NC Synod congregations who are planning visits to ILCO.
- To participate fully in meetings and follow-up tasks.

Team Member Commitment

This team will meet as needed to support the companion synod relationship. Members are appointed by the Synod Council. Terms generally last for 3 years with initial members being assigned staggered terms. Members can serve two consecutive terms. Ministry teams will generally be comprised of 4-8 people and strive for diversity.

Goals

For 2022-2023, the Costa Rica Companion Synod Team will work to:

- Establish a relationship with newly elected leaders in ILCO.
- Plan for a visit to ILCO from NC Synod members to learn about the ministries of ILCO and how to best support their ministry priorities.

This team’s work may conclude in consultation with the Bishop, synod staff liaison, and the ministry team co-chairs.