

## Our Mission

The mission of Lutheran Church–Canada is to organize, equip and motivate its members to confess, proclaim and give witness to the saving work of Jesus Christ, to the glory of God!

## Our Vision

By God's grace we will more effectively proclaim the Triune God, that believers may grow in their faith and unbelievers be brought into the body of Christ.

*To work toward this vision we will*

### Cultivate loving healthy growing congregations

Our congregations are the building blocks of synod. Here God calls, gathers and strengthens the faith of His people through Word and Sacrament. By God's grace we need to recognize and adapt to changes in our society, identify and train leaders, welcome new Canadians and learn to increase our love for each other.

### Grow the resources available for the mission of the Church

God gives His gifts to His church through the people He calls to faith. We want to help God's people recognize and grow their gifts and talents, use technology to serve the Gospel, work together as good stewards and find new ways to support financially God's work in LCC.

### Enhance communication within the Church and to the public

God communicated His love toward us through His Son, Jesus Christ. We will seek ways to communicate effectively throughout LCC, with the people and technology best suited for the task.



### Develop innovative missions to immigrant and aboriginal communities and promote intercultural congregations

At one time we needed to send missionaries thousands of miles from home to proclaim the Gospel to those who had not heard the Good News. Now those people are our neighbours. We look forward to building relationships with both new Canadians and aboriginal groups at home. With servant events and ongoing missions at home and internationally we will learn more about outreach so that our districts can grow new congregations.

### Ensure the faithful articulation of our theology in a rapidly changing world

God's Word clearly speaks to everyday life in Canada. Our positions on social issues will be shared locally and nationally, and around the world through the Internet. Bible studies will help members of LCC congregations understand more about God's Word as it relates to our world.

### Strengthen our Lutheran Education system

God has given LCC unique mission opportunities with children and youth through our Lutheran schools. We will create the organizational structure to give ongoing support and help create the environment for effective proclamation of the Gospel.

### Enhance and strengthen board governance processes

God gives us minds to bring order to the work of His church. Through good governance practices, boards and committees at the congregation, district and synod can create the environment in which the Holy Spirit guides the work entrusted to us.

## Lutheran Church–Canada ***Fast Facts***

- 329 congregations (B.C. to Nova Scotia)
- 75,765 baptized members
- 56,027 communicant members
- 369 pastors
- 85 deacons (teachers, Directors of Parish Services, lay ministers)
- 7,969 vacation Bible school students
- \$627 average annual offering per communicant member
- 36 % of baptized attend services regularly
- Mission work in Cambodia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, Thailand and Ukraine
- Annual budget for the work we do together: \$1.9 million which supports missions, higher education, communication and administration
- Award-winning *The Canadian Lutheran* reaches more than 24,500 readers nine times per year
- [www.lutheranchurch.ca](http://www.lutheranchurch.ca) receives more than 650 visits daily

Make visible our “walking together” by joining our National Lutheran Open House, September 29 & 30. If your congregation has not yet signed up to participate, do so quickly. Information is available on Synod’s website [www.lutheranchurch.ca/openhouse](http://www.lutheranchurch.ca/openhouse). Proclaim His Faithfulness in your community!



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## Great is Your faithfulness, O Lord!

This LCC Sunday we pause to give thanks to God for His faithfulness. He blesses our Synod with the faithful proclamation of His Word and Sacrament and uses it to call, gather, enlighten and sanctify His children. He uses the mission and ministry we do together to prepare workers for the kingdom and to send them out. Their labour He blesses, not only here in Canada, but in other places where the Lord has led us—Ukraine, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras, Thailand and Cambodia. He blesses us and enables us to be a blessing to others.

We are also blessed with a laity who love the Lord and His Word, sharing His desire that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. For these reasons our laity are among the highest in their gifts to the Lord and desire to grow in living in the real world as children of God. We are blessed! Great is His faithfulness!

In celebrating His faithfulness to us today, let’s reaffirm our commitment to “walk together” as a Synod of congregations, pastors and deacons. In doing so we will strengthen one another in our confession; we will be united in accomplishing the work we do together (mission and education to name but two); and we will support and encourage each other in the task of “proclaiming His faithfulness.”



President Ralph E. Mayan