

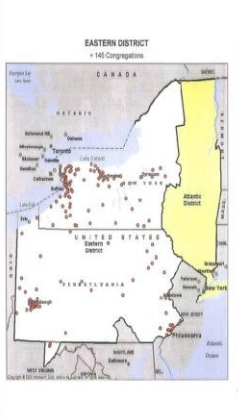
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The Eastern District is one of thirty-five districts of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod headquartered in St. Louis, MO. [www.LCMS.org](http://www.LCMS.org)



**The LCMS is:**

- 6,000 congregations
- 35 districts
- 2 million baptized
- 1.6 million confirmed
- 24,000 professional Church workers
- 18,000 commissioned Ministers
- 6,000 ordained pastors



**Your EASTERN DISTRICT is:**

- 125 congregations
- 4 Regions, 16 Circuits
- 9 Day Schools
- 47 Early Education Centers
- 40,000 baptized
- 30,000 confirmed
- 140 commissioned ministers
- 120 ordained pastors



“We desire healthy leaders **vigorously** equipping God’s people for Kingdom growth.”

In the LCMS we value our common partnership in many areas of ministry, yet we equally cherish congregational freedom. To accomplish our mutual ministry we form circuits, district, even a larger Synod so that together we can:

- Engage in local, regional and world mission outreach
- Train pastors and educators and other specialists through our seminaries and colleges
- Share the ministry of World Relief/Hunger
- Develop Bible based and Christ centered curriculum
- Promote biblical and confessional emphases
- Provide administrative and support services to local congregations
- Network cooperative efforts in synod, districts, circuits and congregations.

Services and assistance provided by the LCMS and the Eastern District. Our congregations working together provide you with:

- + Congregation Ministry Facilitators (District Staff)
- + Call list services to congregations desiring pastors, teachers, staff
- + Congregational Self-Study materials, guidance, consultation
- + Circuit Counselor support, guidance and assistance
- + Consultations for Lutheran schools and pre-schools
  - + Congregational planning and consultation, helping, enabling
  - + Regular prayer to our Lord for one another
  - + Ministerial Health & Support for church professionals
  - + Lay Leadership Conferences
  - + Lutheran Church Extension Fund
  - + Demographic study services
  - + Church worker student recruitment/scholarships
  - + Urban/Ethnic ministry assistance
    - + Gift Planning consultation and guidance
    - + LCMS Concordia University System of Higher Education
    - + Stewardship Education Workshops
    - + Evangelism resources and training
    - + Video, program, small groups & Bible study resources
    - + Consultation for new ministries, partnerships, missions
    - + Assimilation workshops and resources
    - + VBS, Sunday School and Confirmation workshops
      - + Facilities planning and development support
      - + Advocacy for Lutheran Schools
      - + Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center
      - + Youth Gatherings, Retreats and resources
      - + Conflict management assistance
      - + Support for congregational treasurers
      - + Human Care resources
      - + Theological study documents/papers
        - + Salary guidelines for church professionals
        - + Reconciliation
        - + Support to growing congregations
        - + Relationship to world-wide partner churches



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