

The Rev. Timothy and Mari McKenzie

“Anatagata wa Kirisuto no te to ashi desu,” a Japanese expression meaning “You are the hands and feet of Christ” articulates the ministry of Rev. Timothy and Mari in Tokyo, Japan. Timothy teaches church history at both Japan Lutheran Theological Seminary and the Japan Lutheran College, a ministry that witnesses the many ways “God’s promises come alive to a new generation of students.” Mari teaches in the educational orientation program for new missionaries arriving in Japan, enlightening them to the nuances of a engaging a new culture and supporting them as they face challenges of daily life in Japan.



Timothy and Mari are among the 276 ELCA missionaries serving across the world. For 163 years, the ELCA and its antecedent church bodies have been sending missionaries around the globe. Today, there are 66 million Lutherans worldwide and 140 churches affiliated with the Lutheran World Federation. With its 80 recognized ‘companion churches’, the ELCA seeks to practice the accompaniment model of mission, in which companions build up each other’s ministry by sharing knowledge, insights, personnel, resources, and experience. For more details about the accompaniment model of mission and the ELCA’s global mission work, request a free copy of the 2008 Global Mission Annual by calling (800) 638-3522, ext. 2642.

Timothy and Mari can serve because congregations like yours support them through prayer and financial gifts. If your congregation supports an ELCA missionary, we express our thanks to you! If you do not support an ELCA missionary, we encourage you to contact us and begin supporting the missionary of your choice. Please contact Pastor Twila Schock by email: Twila.Schock@elca.org or call her at (800) 638-3522, ext. 2641.

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