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**Strengthening Accompaniment Relationships: The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
and its Global Mission Partners in the Asia and Pacific Region**

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Abstract

In this era of globalization, Christian mission is coming close within the reach of the global communities to realize the gospel tenet of Global Church ("Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation). The ELCA has recognized its Christian mission in the world and strongly believes in the scripture verse of rooting and building up the Mission that Christ has instructed in his great Commission with an evangelical mission perspective. In a world that is deeply divided on social issues, reconciliation is a necessary aspect of building relationships for spiritual renewal and energy. In this mission of God, the process of accompaniment walks communities on one line in an empowering and sustained way. The ELCA Global Mission reflects the ideals of Christian witness and engaging one another in mission relationships with global communities. At the heart of this mission, it is devised to have companionship walk in all walks of sustainability of the companions. The study will focus on the current and contextual prospects of the companion operations in Asia-Pacific region, especially in South East Asia where ELCA and LCA (Lutheran Church of Australia) are partners. The study extends to all areas of global mission such as community service, YAGM (Young Adults in Global Mission) and LWF (Lutheran World Federation) services. In the present global nature of Christianity, it would be interesting to explore the converging aspects of mission of the ELCA with its Global mission companions.

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