

Augustana District Exists to Help Congregations

The Augustana District exists to serve congregations. This fundamental purpose is grounded in both theological and practical commitments.

Augustana believes what the Lutheran Confessions teach. The Church is the assembly of believers gathered around Word and Sacrament. The local congregation is a “full” expression of the Church. But we do not live in isolation. Congregations who band together with other congregations enhance and support the ministry of the Gospel in the local Church and beyond. Each congregation is linked to a broader, universal Church of our Lord Jesus Christ. The presence of the Word creates and unites the Church.

The energy and efforts of the District focuses on congregations and assists them in ministries of Word and Sacrament.

The Augustana District is a non-geographic District in Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

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Programs & Services Offered to Our Members

Ministry Support

Congregations may need Pastors for very short-term coverage or longer term coverage. We offer assistance in finding Interim Pastor Supply as well as Pulpit Supply.

Vetted Mission Partners

Each ministry is vetted by the Board of World Missions and is periodically reviewed to give you confidence that your support is in the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ alone.

Health Insurance Plan

A medical insurance plan has been put in place for all AD church staff who are employed more than 20 hours per week.

Church Salary Reports

A compensation tool to help both churches and church workers determine fair pay.

Creative Staffing Options

Do you have a leadership position in your congregation, clergy or lay, that you need to have filled? We offer free listings of position openings for our member congregations.

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Theology Church Mission

“But God who is rich in mercy ... made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved.”

~ Ephesians 2:4 - 5

A New Day

Who would have thought we would be in the situation we are in today? Only the Lord! We have been entrusted with circumstances that require all faithful Lutherans to take a position: "Here I stand; I can do no other!"

Entrusted to us - by God Almighty - is the biblical and confessed witness of our Lutheran heritage. Within the choir of the "one, holy Christian and apostolic Church" this is the voice without which the choir cannot be complete.

The Augustana District exists to sing that part, and to sing it joyfully and truly. We are anchored in a Statement of Faith that grounds us in God's Word and in the Lutheran Confessions. The importance of local Word and Sacraments ministries are always front and center, so the Augustana District has organized in a way that supports and enhances congregational life and ministry, providing support and oversight for pastors, and finding creative and effective ways to band together in missions and ministry. Augustana District is a fellowship and companionship of like minded Christians who have deep passion for the truth and purity of the Gospel and the joyous command of the Great Commission.



We are a District of congregations within LCMC who are free in Christ, accountable to one another and rooted in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.

We Believe

- † Sinners are made right with God by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone. This is the article of faith by which the church stands or falls.
- † The Word of God is Jesus Christ, the proclamation of Him and the Holy Scriptures. This Word functions as both Law and Gospel, which need to be distinguished, but not separated. The Law orders society and convicts us of sin, showing us our need for a Savior. The Gospel is the power of God that liberates us from sin, death, and the power of the devil, and brings us, by faith, from death to life.
- † God elects sinners for salvation through the proclamation of the Word by which the Holy Spirit gives faith.
- † "The Church is the assembly of saints in which the Gospel is taught purely and the sacraments are administered rightly. It is not necessary that human traditions or rites and ceremonies, instituted by men, should be alike everywhere." (Augsburg Confession, VII) Churches band together in fellowship and mission to strengthen their ministries.

Our Organic Structure

Augustana District Council

Augustana's business and affairs are conducted by the elected District Council. They verify that the District operates according to its constitution, bylaws, and Statement of Faith. They also oversee the boards and district staff; function as the Board of Trustees and are accountable for all fiscal matters, including the district budget, revenues, and expenditures. The District Council is elected at the Annual Augustana District convention.

Board of Theology and Ministry

The members of the BTM are elected by the District Convention. This board has been given theological and professional oversight of Augustana's pastors. They also plan the Annual Theological Conference.

Board of Christian Education

The BCE exists to encourage, support, and provide resources for the study of Scripture and Christian education within member congregations.

Board of World Missions

BWM's task is really two-fold. First, it will sort and sift through numerous already existing international mission projects to identify those that are consistent with our theological emphasis and fiscally worthy of support. Secondly, BWM is responsible for administering and supervising any district-wide mission projects that the annual convention may establish.

Board of Congregational Services

The BCS exists to provide specific services and support to congregations as requested.

