

Synods –About the Florida-Bahamas Synod

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We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. The ELCA's 65 synods vary greatly in size, geography, membership, staffing and program. Our smallest synod has 30 congregations — the largest nearly 300. The synods are grouped into nine regions, which are points of connection for them and the churchwide organization. Synods unite the work of congregations within their areas, serve as regional support, and guide pastoral and other staff candidates. In order to strengthen the relationship between synod leaders and the churchwide office, many churchwide teams relate to and support the work of the synods.

The Florida-Bahamas Synod works in partnership with many agencies and institutions to carry out the continued mission and work of the church throughout the world. Listed below are many of the relationships shared with other groups throughout the territory of the synod, the national church, and across the globe.

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We are Connected in Partnership

- One of 65 Synods
- One of six synods in Region 9 (Southeast U.S.)
- One of 29 Reconciling in Christ synods
- Divided into 15 Conferences
- Baptized Members (2024): 37,122
- Total Congregations:
 - 157 organized
 - 5 unorganized
- Partnership Synod:
 - Metropolitan Chicago Synod
- Companion Churches:
 - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana
 - Evangelical Lutheran Kierke (Church) in Suriname
 - Eglise Lutherienne d'Haiti (Lutheran Church in Haiti)
 - United Lutheran College of the West Indies-Jamaica
 - Iglesia Evangelica de Confesion Luterana en Cuba (Evangelical Church of the Lutheran Confession in Cuba)
- Pastors (Word & Sacrament):
 - Active: 146
 - Retired: 245
- Deacons (Word & Service):
 - Active: 13
 - Retired: 17
- Candidates for Word & Sacrament and Word & Service Ministry: 34

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