

First ELCA Pastor to Serve in Peru

For the first time since the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in 1987, an ELCA pastor will be serving in Lima, Peru. Rev. Dana Nelson ('07) accepted her first call to Congregación Evangélica Luterana Cristo Rey (Evangelical Lutheran Congregation Christ the King).

Having majored in linguistics and minored in Spanish for her undergraduate degree, the opportunity to do any sort of global mission has been at the forefront of Dana's mind



Dana Nelson at her ordination with husband Tom Ososki and children, Tana and Anthony Ososki.

ever since she entered seminary. Prior to coming to Luther, Dana and her family had already worked with communities in Ethiopia and China. "I love working in these communities," Dana states. "I'm extremely focused on social justice and on those living on the margins. The Peruvian Evangelical Lutheran Church is also very focused on these areas of ministry and on feeding the poor, so I couldn't have asked for a better fit." While she was open to going anywhere in the world, the fact that this call turned out to also be to a Spanish-speaking country fit perfectly with her existing language skills.

As any missionary knows, however, the role of missionary isn't just the job of the pastor, but of her family as well. Dana's husband, Tom Ososki, will be assisting the Lima community as an architect and urban designer. Their children Tana (4) and Anthony (10 mos.) will, when old enough, attend a local school and be immersed in the culture and community around them.

Cristo Rey itself was established in 1988 and is a member of the Peruvian Evangelical Lutheran Church which began as part of the German Lutheran Church in Lima, a Spanish Congregation for the non-German speaking people. Cristo Rey eventually developed into an independent Peruvian Lutheran congregation and has had their own chapel in Surco, Lima since 1990. They claim about 100 members and have several programs such as a children's Sunday School program, a teen's program, House Bible Studies, a Men's Gathering and a Women's Ministry.

The goals Cristo Rey has set out for Dana will be to build up their music ministry, women's ministry and their Lutheran identity. With the growing influence of neo-Pentecostalism in the Southern Hemisphere, reinforcing this strong Lutheran identity will be critical.

Other challenging opportunities will include learning the different indigenous languages of Peru, such as the Quechua and Aymara languages, which are spoken by approximately 45% of the population.

Dana will leave for Peru in August. In the meantime, she will have the opportunity to live out another childhood dream. "When I was a kid, I used to dream about living in the missionary housing here at Luther," she explains. "Now, for a short time, we'll get to actually live there!"



Dana Nelson's book **Mission & Migration: Fifty-Two African and Asian Congregations in Minnesota**, is available as part of the Global Mission book series, *Contemporary Issues in Mission and World Christianity*, featuring Luther Seminary graduates.

Order online at: www.lutheranupress.org/catalog

Andrew S. Burgess Lecture in Global Mission

The Quotidian and the Mission of the Church: Saving Souls, Feeding Bodies, Healing Lives

Wed., Oct. 10, 11 a.m. Chapel of the Incarnation, OCC

Speaker: **The Rev. Dr. Wanda Deifelt**

*Associate Professor of Religion,
Luther College in Decorah, Iowa*



Luther celebrates its international family at the Global Mission Institute's Donor Dinner Event

Brought together by common Christian faith and belief in mission, over 120 GMI donors and international students representing sixteen countries gathered on Sunday, April 29, 2007 for the GMI Donor Dinner. The dinner is an annual celebration of the individuals, families and organizations that support global mission at Luther Seminary. Dr. Frieder Ludwig, GMI Director, shared with the donors and students GMI's priority to strengthen international partnerships. The Rev. Dr. J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, 2007 Schiotz Visiting Professor, was the keynote speaker and delivered a moving presentation, "One Lord. One Faith. One Mission." The program concluded with closing remarks from President Richard Bliese. At this event, Luther celebrates the faithful support of individuals who help the GMI to impact the lives and ministry of Luther Seminary students and leaders in ministry across the world.

Visit www.luthersem.edu/GMI/event to view photos of the dinner and event.



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Upcoming GMI- Sponsored Events

Welcome Tea

Wed., Sept. 19
2:30-4:30 p.m.
GMI office & NW 230

World Communion Day

Sun., Oct. 7
Campus Celebration

Wed., Oct. 10
10 a.m.
Chapel of the Incarnation, OCC

Burgess Lecture

Wed., Oct. 10
11 a.m.
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Duain Vierow Artist Reception

Wed., Oct. 10
5 – 7 p.m.
OCC, Dining Room A

Vierow Art Show

Wed., Sept. 5 – Wed., Oct. 31
OCC, Aux. Dining Room

Global Agape Feast

Sun., Nov. 11
6 – 8 p.m.
NW Hall Atrium

Global Fair Trade Fair

T, W, Th, Nov. 27-29
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
OCC

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- + Provide resources, speakers and mission education for congregations
- + Encourage and send students to study abroad
- + Send theological books back to schools in developing countries and in the nations of the former Soviet Union through the LILAP program

Thank you for supporting this important work and helping to spread the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth!

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**Snap
Shot**

Sixteen new international students hope to join Luther Seminary this fall (pending a few visas), for a total international community of 49 students. Here's where the new students are from:

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| Canada | 2 | Norway | 2 |
| Ghana | 2 | Malawi | 1 |
| India | 3 | South Africa | 1 |
| Liberia | 2 | South Korea | 3 |