

## Peru Synod Ministry Team report to the 2022 Synod Assembly:

As with challenges that take place all over the world, Peru has had its share of hard times and moments of pure God's grace. After a flood of refugees from Venezuela, then came Covid-19 and now earthquakes have reared their destructive heads. As of January 2022, Peru, per capita, has had the largest amount of death due to COVID than any other County. Every baptized person in the IL-P is called to participate in God's mission of healing and reconciliation, serve the neighbor, and commit themselves to the causes of justice and peace. The Lutheran Church of Peru understands diakonia as a mandate given to the church, locally, nationally, and globally, and to all Christians as an integral part of discipleship. IL-P's diakonia brings relief and empowerment and promotes rights to people in need through words and deeds as its expression of Christian discipleship. IL-P's diakonia aims to alleviate suffering and promote justice, peace, and human dignity in this overburdened context of life-sustaining demands, programs. IL-P diakonia ministries reach Lima, Trujillo, and Piura in the Northern Coast, Iquitos in the Amazon Basin, and Cusco in the Central Andes.

Even with these challenges, ecumenical zoom prayer services are being conducted and the Lutheran Church is continuing to find ways to continue in ministry. A few new ordinations have taken place and efforts to open communication with us, their companion synod and sister congregations are picking up. Bishop Mike sent a letter of greeting and congratulating them on their bi-centennial. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayer and look for ways to get involved to walk alongside with the good people of Peru. At this time here are the current congregations that have some and a few a lot of interaction with the IL-P: Spirit of Joy - The Woodlands, Christ the King, Holy Comforter - Kingwood, Lord of Life - The Woodlands, Grace – Conroe, Kinsmen – Houston, Faith – Bellaire, Living Word – Katy, St Paul – Columbus, St Paul – LaGrange.

Respectfully submitted,

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