



The Gulf Coast Synod has formal companion church relationships with the Lutheran Church of 1. [Peru](#) (with annual visits) and the 2. [Central African Republic](#), and also a domestic partnership with the 3. [Minneapolis Area Synod](#), but also many other connections:

- Pastor Brad Otto launched *Acts of Wisdom*, which supports kids and schools in [Ethiopia](#) and [Liberia](#).
- New Hope Missouri City has a relationship with churches in [El Salvador](#).
- Tree of Life Conroe supports *The King's Embrace*, a boy's school in [Bungoma, Kenya](#).
- Pastor Jennifer and Deacon David Hope-Tringali have a ministry in [Guatemala](#), with occasional group visits.
- Pastor Jim Giannantonio leads an annual study trip of about a dozen people to [Rome, Italy](#).
- Pastor Don Carlson with LEAD conducts an annual study trip *In Search of Paul* to [Greece and Turkey](#).
- Numerous pastors have led study trips to the [Holy Land](#).
- This year Bishop Mike and Pastor David Hansen are leading a study trip *In The Footsteps of Paul* to [Greece and Turkey](#).
- Christ the King Houston has a relationship with [St. Thomas Church in Leipzig](#). Houston and Leipzig are sister cities.
- Bishop Mike leads annual trips to Peru and occasional study trips to Reformation sites in [Germany](#) (Wittenberg, Leipzig, Erfurt, Buchenwald, Eisleben, Eisenach, The Wartburg Castle).