



LDMS

**Lutheran Deaf
Mission Society**

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Bringing the Deaf to Christ

The Lutheran Deaf Mission Society (LDMS) seeks (1) to help more Deaf persons and their families see Jesus Christ as their Savior and (2) to help more Deaf persons serve Jesus Christ as their Lord. Those words from our mission statement are probably much like those of many other mission societies and organizations. We are an arm of the body of Christ, reaching out to a specific population with the good news of life in Jesus' name.

What makes us unique is our target population. Unlike immigrants, Deaf people cannot overcome the language barrier simply by studying English. Culturally, they are a cohesive community with a shared language and values. Socially, they have more opportunities than in the past but continue to face discrimination in employment and education. Spiritually, in spite of years of work, more than 95% of the Deaf in the U.S. are without Christ.

LDMS is a Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, working on several fronts.

- Through the *DeafPah* lay training and *Deaf Institute of Theology* (DIT) program at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, we work to train the Deaf to lead their congregations and evangelize the lost.
- *DeafLITES* and *Interpreted Ministries Support* combine to start and continue interpreted ministries in hearing congregations.
- *Ephphatha Conference* is the support network of church workers for the Deaf throughout Synod and among our mission partners.
- *World Missions* seeks to assist partner churches around the world by providing training and resources to work with the Deaf.
- Our *Technology* program gathers and develops ministry resources for congregations and individuals and makes them available to all.

Our vision is to partner with LCMS Districts and congregations to give them the training, tools, and other resources they need to bring God's word to the Deaf. Will you join us in that goal?

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