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**Lutheran Deaf
Mission Society**

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Interpreted Ministry Support Equipping Churches for Outreach

Deaf ministry is experiencing a momentous shift from the traditional stand-alone Deaf church to interpreted ministries at hearing churches. It is no longer fiscally viable for most Deaf churches to remain open without outside support. In addition, education has changed from all-deaf classrooms to mainstreamed classrooms with interpreters. The interpreted ministry model is more financially viable than a stand-alone Deaf congregation and may be a more comfortable setting for a Deaf person who grew up with interpreted classes.

As hearing churches begin to offer interpreted worship opportunities, they face unique cross-cultural challenges. Interpreted Ministry Support provides answers, resources, and networking with other churches to address those challenges and help congregations grow through them. Having the right tools can prepare a congregation, including hearing and Deaf members, for growth and outreach.

We invite you to join us in re-envisioning what Deaf Ministry looks like – a solid partnership of God’s people, hearing and Deaf, working together for the Gospel. This partnership transcends congregations, as churches learn from each other and share ideas and encouragement. Please help us provide the training, resources, and networking needed by these congregations and those who serve and worship in them.

How you can help

- Are you good with communications? Help us network and communicate with interpreted ministries.
- Do you have ASL or interpreting skills? You can help us develop resources for Deaf members and interpreters.
- Donate to help us develop more resources.
- Encourage sign language students in your congregation to become church interpreters.

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