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ILDA Convention Sites

- 1971 Chicago, Illinois
- 1973 Kansas City, Missouri
- 1975 Washington, D.C.
- 1977 Spokane, Washington
- 1979 Memphis, Tennessee
- 1981 Los Angeles, California
- 1983 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 1985 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1987 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
- 1989 Portland, Oregon
- 1991 Toledo, Ohio
- 1993 Austin, Texas
- 1995 Chicago, Illinois
- 1997 St. Louis, Missouri
- 1999 Cleveland, Ohio
- 2001 Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2003 Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2005 Vancouver, BC, Canada
- 2007 Baltimore, Maryland
- 2009 Rochester, New York
- 2011 Columbus, Ohio
- 2013 Austin, Texas



Rev. Bud Palmer addressing the 2005 ILDA convention in Vancouver BC

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INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION



What is ILDA?

The International Lutheran Deaf Association is a fellowship of Christians who have joined together to encourage one another to grow in God's Word and to bring that Word to the world. Our members are primarily from Deaf congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, where we worship in American Sign Language. Also among us are Deaf members of hearing churches which provide access through ASL interpreters.

ILDA began its ministry in 1971, holding its first biennial convention in Chicago. Working in partnership with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, we desire to be faithful people of God, led by Him and our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, and inspired by His Word. We aspire to encourage faith and Christian service in our affiliated congregations and to promote the Gospel of Christ among the Deaf everywhere. We strive to enrich the lives of Deaf people through spiritual growth and to develop Christian leadership among all with whom we associate.

With over forty five years of faithful service, the International Lutheran Deaf Association offers praise to the Lord of the Church for the many accomplishments it has been permitted to achieve and blessings upon its ministry.

What Is ILDA Doing?

With over \$350,000 in mission projects funded since its inception in 1971, both at home and abroad, ILDA continues its mission of Christian service. Every two years ILDA selects projects to support from the list of applicants. In past years we have supported Deaf education and leadership training in Ghana, India, and Macau, summer camp for Deaf children, youth service projects, education and rehabilitation for challenged Deaf adults, the Deaf Institute of Theology, and scholarships for individuals preparing for full time service in Lutheran Deaf ministry. Some of these projects continue to receive ongoing support through ILDA's mission program, while we are alert for new opportunities for service and outreach.

Working in partnership with congregations of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, the International Lutheran Deaf Association endeavors to promote spiritual growth and Christian service among its membership. We also seek to give greater visibility to those outside the hearing church and demonstrate their ability to administer their own ministerial programs.

As the LCMS launches into her second century of bringing God's Word to Deaf people in their own language, the International Lutheran Deaf Association confidently faces the challenge of adding our support to the Church's mission. Realizing that God opens doors of opportunity where we can be of service to Him, ILDA will continue its mission of outreach wherever such opportunities exist.

Web Site

www.deafjesus.org/ilda



ILDA Structure

The International Lutheran Deaf Association is organized into seven North American regions. Regional conferences are held in even-numbered years; the international convention meets in odd-numbered years.

The Deaf Lutheran

The Deaf Lutheran is the official newsletter of the ILDA, published quarterly online and in print. *The Deaf Lutheran* shares news from the Deaf ministries of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, the Lutheran Deaf Mission Society, and the ILDA.

You Can Help

There are three categories of membership in the International Lutheran Deaf Association — Active, Associate, and Supporting.

ACTIVE MEMBERS are Deaf Lutheran lay people. They must be communicant members in a congregation or field of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod or the Lutheran Church–Canada. Active members are full voting members of ILDA. They may propose and vote on Constitution and By-Law changes. Only active members may be officers in ILDA or any of its regions.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are Lutheran Deaf or hearing people who are communicant members in good standing of a Lutheran congregation. They are divided into three groups: (1) Lutheran pastors (Deaf and hearing) who serve the congregations of the Deaf in the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod; (2) Lutheran hearing

people (lay or clergy) who are members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod; and (3) Lutheran Deaf people (lay or clergy) who are not members of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod.

Associate members can propose and vote on candidates, programs, projects and mission work of ILDA and its regions. They cannot propose or vote on the Constitution and By-Laws.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS are non-Lutheran Christians who want to join in the Christian ministry of ILDA through involvement in its purposes and programs. Persons wishing to become Supporting Members are welcomed into the Association, but do not otherwise qualify as Active or Associate members. Such members may make proposals concerning programs and projects but may not vote or be officers in ILDA or its regions.

All three categories pay the same membership dues, which are currently \$30.00 per 2-year. An enrollment form is attached to this brochure.

Above all, we earnestly solicit your prayers that the Lord of the church will continue to bless the work of the International Lutheran Deaf Association to the glory of His Name.



Deaf Youth Service Project