

# Global Mission Updates



*Bishop Suarez with ELCG President Leroy Nicholson (L) And Brother Leendert Darnoud (R), Secretary of ELKS, following Signing of MOU/MOI between FB Synod and ELCG and ELKS.*



*Bishop Suarez receiving gift from Brother Reza Karg and Brother Leendert Darnoud, on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Kerk of Suriname (ELKS), on the occasion of Bishop Suarez' installation.*



*Bishop Suarez receiving gift of book "The Challenges and Joys of Church Leadership" written by and given by Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana (ELCG) President Nicholson*

ELCG President Leroy Nicholson and ELKS Secretary Leendert Darnoud, along with Brother Reza Karg, were among the Companion Church leaders present at Bishop Suarez' installation on January 20<sup>th</sup>. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed outlining the relationship and between the FB Synod and the 2 companion churches, which are located in neighboring countries in South America.



**Women's World Day of Prayer** is a women-led worldwide ecumenical movement- the largest Christian movement in the world – with millions of men and women from all ages from some 170 countries and islands worshipping on one special day. The Service is prepared by women from a different country each year and it enables us to hear the voices of women from a different part of the world each year, expressing their hopes and concerns and bringing them before the rest of the world in prayer. On **Friday 2nd March 2018** people will gather to observe the day of prayer, **using an order of service written by the Christian women from Suriname (including a hymn written by Brother Reza Karg)** and translated into over 1000 different languages and dialects.

Download more information at <http://worlddayofprayer.net/index.html>.

Join Pastor Kit Robison at Grace Lutheran in Miami Springs as we celebrate World Women's Day of Prayer on Friday, March 2 at 7pm. We have an opportunity not just to celebrate this wonderful day of prayer but also to learn a bit about our sister and companion church in Suriname. Contact Pastor Kit [pastorobison@gmail.com](mailto:pastorobison@gmail.com) or 786-351-5869 for more details.



## Invitation to travel to Guyana and Suriname

Come join us from May 5 – 12, 2018 as we travel to Guyana and Suriname. We will be attending the Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guyana (ELCG). We will then spend time with the other part of a trilateral companion relationship as we travel to Suriname and visit the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Suriname(ELKS). Contact Pastor Kit [pastorobison@gmail.com](mailto:pastorobison@gmail.com) or 786-351-5869 for more details.

**Application deadline for this trip is February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.**

Thank you to Sister Shirley Jaundoo, head of the Christian Education Department of the ELCG for their gift of Lenten Devotional Booklet, written by the clergy and deacons of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana.

The document is being sent out along with this newsletter for congregations to reprint and distribute for use during Lent. Why not use this opportunity to learn more about the faith and ministry context of one of our Companion Churches?



*Many thanks to the congregations of Hope, The Villages, and Emanuel, Venice for sponsoring and hosting ELH President Livenson for 3 weeks in January. President Livenson also preached at St. Armand's Key Lutheran Church and attended the installation of Bishop Suarez. Watch this space for more news regarding "Come & See – Go & Tell" immersion trip dates.*

### • \* \* \* \* \* Planning begins for Caribbean Consultation 3 \* \* \* \* \*

The Florida Bahamas Synod Global Mission Committee will host a Caribbean Consultation the 2 days before the 2018 Synod Assembly in Kissimmee, Florida. Delegates from all of our Companion Church relationships will be invited to attend and share progress on the goals and projects developed at the International Consultation in Peru in November 2016. All members of the Global Mission Committee and sub-committees are invited to participate. The conference will begin Wednesday evening, May 30<sup>th</sup> and go through noon, Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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