

Florida-Bahamas Synod Global Mission Table Chairperson Job Description

The work of the Global Mission Table (GMT) is to foster growth and deepen relationships with our Companion Churches within the understanding of accompaniment. We are to pray for our Companion Churches, listen to them, and learn from them, as we share Christ and His love in our various contexts and cultures. The Florida-Bahamas Synod has 5 Companion Relationships:

- Eglise Lutherienne d’Haiti (ELH)– Haiti
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana (ELCG)– Guyana
- Evangelisch Lutherse Kerk in Suriname (ELKS) - Surinam
- Iglesia Evangelica de Confesion Luterana en Cuba (IECLC) – Cuba
- United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica, a primary training facility for Lutheran clergy in the Caribbean

The qualifications of the Chairperson of the Global Mission Table (GMT) are:

- Active member of an ELCA congregation in the Florida-Bahamas Synod
- Openness to learn from and respect the cultural and religious reality of our companion churches and their respective countries
- Willingness to serve as appointed by the Bishop of the Florida-Bahamas Synod

The expectations of the Chairperson of the Global Mission Table (GMT) are to:

- Educate and promote adherence to the policies and processes established by the ELCA CWO and Global Mission Table that guide the Synod’s interactions with its companion churches
- Communicate and collaborate with Synod office liaison and/or appropriate staff regarding activities of the GMT
 - Assist with keeping the website information current and relevant
 - Encourage submission of articles to E-Spirit to keep congregations informed about Global Mission
- Increase awareness of Global Mission throughout the Synod through sharing of information, arranging for or providing presentations on Global Mission, and promotion of GMT activities, fundraisers, and mission trips
- Attend annual Synod Assembly to report on and promote activities of Global Mission Table
- Attend Regional Network gatherings and International Consultations as invited and/or able
- Coordinate the activities of the individual companion church teams
- Conduct regularly scheduled meetings of the GMT
 - Participate in Companion Church Team meetings and exchange visits as able
 - Regular consultation with GMT Leadership Team (Secretary, Synod Liaison, Mission Trip Coordinator)
- Submit written reports to the Synod Council for their quarterly meetings
- Utilize resources available through ELCA Churchwide office of Global Mission and their affiliate departments

- Financial support of GMT fundraising appeals and other ELCA/FB Synod sponsored programs promoted by the GMT
- Other duties as assigned or requested by the Synod Council or Bishop or Synod staff