

ARABIC LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

الخدمانيوثريتي عربة



The Challenge

Jesus commanded us to “go, make disciples, and baptize all nations” (Matthew 28: 19).

There are three major mission fields facing the church in the twenty first century. One is China with 1.5 billion people, the church there is growing. Another mission field is India with over 1 billion people. The third and the most challenging is Islam with over 1.6 billion people.

According to the *Arab Institute American Foundation*, the population who identified as having Arabic-speaking ancestry in the U.S. Census grew by more than 72% between 2000 and 2010.

Christianity faces the challenge of reaching out to Muslims, locally and globally, by investing time, and prayer, and personnel.

The Purpose

As an ethnic ministry we envision planting Arabic speaking LCMS Churches, disciplining and training leaders and Church planters, nationally and internationally. The Purpose of Arabic Lutheran Ministries (ALM) is two-fold

- 1) Reaching out to non-believers especially Muslims (Arabs and non-Arabs)
- 2) Partnering with LCMS local congregations and mission societies, to undertake, and expand, distinctly Lutheran Christian Ministry to Arabic-speaking Christians from different denominations.

The Mandate

Jesus commanded us

I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd (John 10: 16).

Peter encourages us to

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect (1 Peters 3: 15-16).

Bishop Kenneth Gragg in his book, *the call of the Minaret*, challenges the church to engage in mission to Muslims because,

As long as Christ is Christ and the church knows both itself and Him, there will be a mission to Islam. (Kenneth Gragg, *The call of the Minaret*, p. 305).

The Vision and Strategy

- 1) Developing and offering theological and pastoral formation curriculum, in Arabic, by using publishing and technological means such as social media (Facebook) and satellite televisions.
- 2) Connecting with local communities.
- 3) Recruiting and training Arabic speaking pastors and Church Planters.

Target Group

Christian Arabs and Muslims (Arabs and non-Arabs)

The Goal

To reach the non-believers and Disciple the believers

Arabic Lutheran Ministries exists simply to carry Jesus' mandate and mission
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