

Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society for the Chinese

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Who is ELMSC?

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The Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society for the Chinese (ELMSC) exists to support the establishment and strengthening of confessional Lutheran Chinese churches worldwide, in part through Chinese Lutheran theological education and Chinese Lutheran resource development. We are a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS).

We were established in 2013, with the old Bleckmar Mission motto of “Lutheran missions must lead to Lutheran congregations” serving as our underlying basis. From our inception, we have sought to support the LCMS Office of International Mission and the Office of National Mission in their own efforts to further confessional Lutheran Chinese work. To that end, the ELMSC became an official Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the LCMS in 2019. In our first seven years, we have primarily focused on theological education and resource development for the Chinese Lutheran Church. Our most visible and consistent effort has been our annual Chinese Seminar on Holy Scripture and Luther’s Small Catechism, held on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Aside from that, we have supported the translation into Chinese of various Lutheran resources, including the pilot edition of the Chinese Lutheran Service Book. Finally, we have also financially supported a Chinese seminary student and a Chinese pastor.

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What are we doing now?

We are currently supporting many projects to produce Chinese Lutheran resources. Our website (www.LutheranChinese.org) already has a significant amount of downloadable resources, and we plan to keep adding content there. We continue to provide significant financial assistance for the production of the Chinese Lutheran Service Book, and are helping to edit Chinese translations of Lutheranism 101 and several other books. In addition, we are completely funding the Chinese translation and publication of Herman Sasse's "Here We Stand," due to be in print by the end of 2021. Some of our newer projects including funding the shipment of Chinese Lutheran books worldwide, and providing altar paraments for Taiwan Lutheran churches. While, due to the pandemic, we had to cancel our annual seminar this year at Concordia Theological Seminary, we have set August 13-17th as the dates for our 2021 seminar. We are also considering a similar type of seminar to be held next summer in the Los Angeles area.



How can you help?

There are endless ways that confessional Lutheran Chinese Churches can be supported. At ELMSC we need both financial support to expand our work, and also specific requests for ways that we can help. Our website (www.LutheranChinese.org) tells how you can financially support us and also how you can contact us with ideas about ways we can support the Chinese Lutheran church. You can also email us at elmsc9@gmail.com.

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