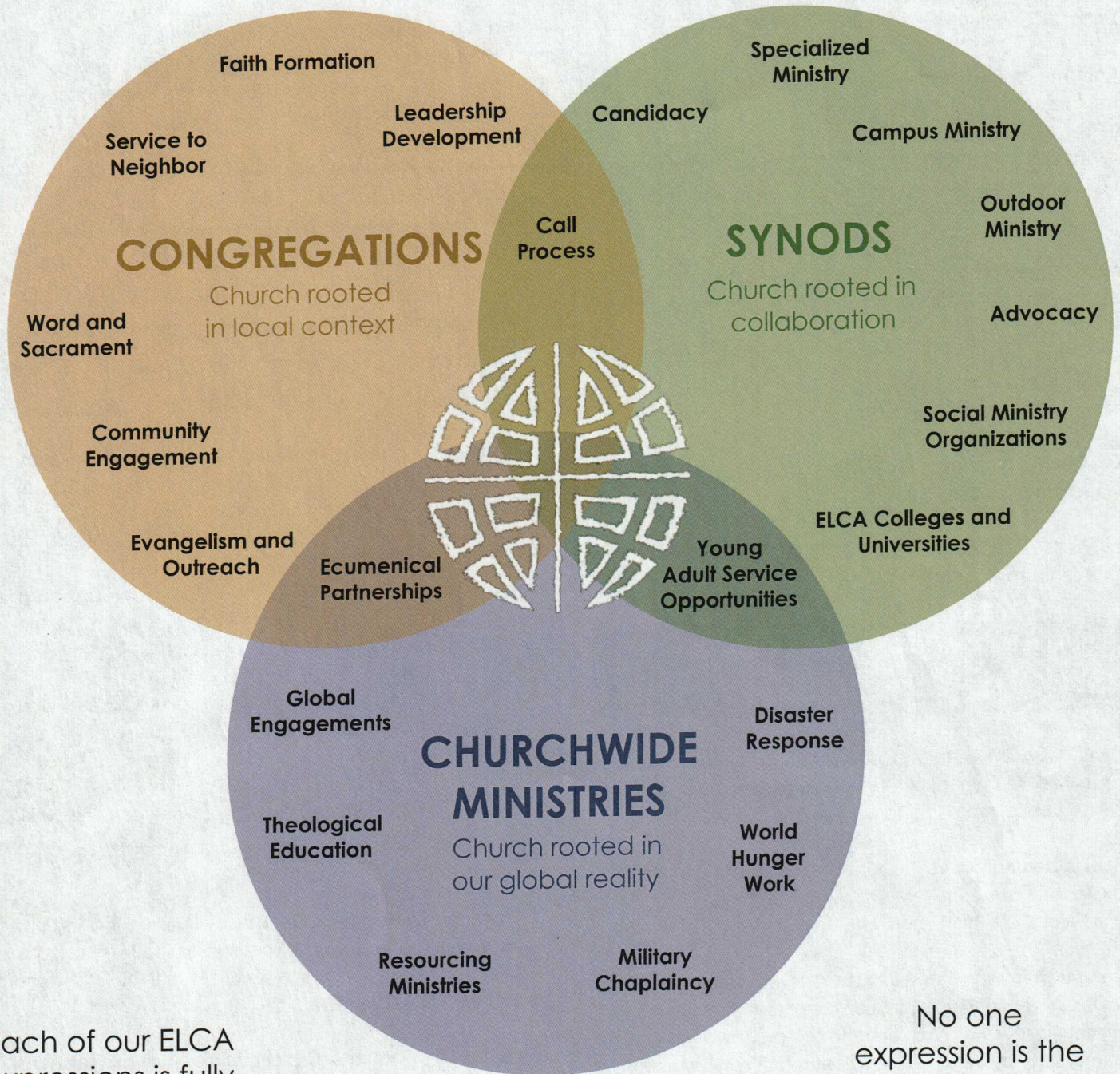


Together, we are the  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

We are gifted with three interdependent ways of being Christ's Church for the life of the world.



Each of our ELCA expressions is fully the Church.

No one expression is the Church alone.

We are **CHRIST'S CHURCH, BETTER TOGETHER!**



**Rocky Mountain Synod**  
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
 God's work. Our hands.

# We are Christ's Church, Better Together!

## CHURCH ROOTED IN THE LOCAL CONTEXT: CONGREGATIONS

**Evangelism and Outreach:** We proclaim and embody God's unconditional love for our neighbors and our world.

**Community Engagement:** We partner with local community organizations to love and serve our neighbors.

**Word and Sacrament:** We root our communal life of faith in regular worship centered in Scripture, Baptism, and Holy Communion.

**Service to Neighbor:** We respond to our freedom in Christ by reaching out in love and compassion – God's Work. Our Hands.

**Faith Formation:** We equip followers of Jesus for growing in our life-long journey of faith.

**Leadership Development:** We build the capacity of all leaders in their daily call to serve.

**Call Process:** We accompany congregations and ministries through transition of pastors and deacons.

## CHURCH ROOTED IN COLLABORATION: SYNODS

**Candidacy:** The candidacy process of our synod offers a formalized yet personalized journey for people discerning a call to public leadership as pastors or deacons.

**Specialized Ministry:** The ministry of our synod includes pastors and deacons serving calls to community organizing, chaplaincy, global mission, and much more.

**Campus ministry:** The seven campus ministries of our synod invite university students to engage more deeply with the teachings of Jesus Christ and the community that bears his name, so that they can discover and fulfill their vocation as disciples.

**Outdoor ministry:** The two ELCA camps in our synod, Sky Ranch and Rainbow Trail, are essential partners in lifelong faith formation by encouraging spiritual growth in outdoor settings.

**Advocacy:** The two advocacy ministries of our synod are among 13 state offices across the ELCA helping us speak together on issues related to hunger and poverty.

**Social Ministry Organizations:** The call to serve neighbor in our synod is answered in part through the ministry of partners like Eben Ezer Lutheran Care Center and Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains.

**ELCA Colleges and Universities:** The life of our synod is enhanced through collaboration with California Lutheran University and Wartburg College West, two of our 26 ELCA colleges and universities.

**Young Adult Service Programs:** The opportunity for young adults in our synod to experience a year of service and leadership development comes through Border Servant Corps and Urban Servant Corps, along with Lutheran Volunteer Corps and Young Adults in Global Mission.

## CHURCH ROOTED IN OUR GLOBAL REALITY: CHURCHWIDE MINISTRIES

**Disaster Response:** Our regular congregational mission support means that 100% donated to Lutheran Disaster Relief goes directly to response and recovery work in communities and countries impacted by disaster.

**World Hunger Work:** Our generosity allows local ministries and global companions to provide immediate relief and address the systemic issues of poverty.

**Military Chaplaincy:** Our ELCA pastors serving as military chaplains provide a vital and inclusive ministry in all branches of the armed forces.

**Resourcing for ministry:** Our churchwide partners work to connect, network, and resource our whole church for vital ministry.

**Theological Education:** Our seven ELCA seminaries, including Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, equip leaders for public leadership in the church and the life of the world.

**Global Engagements:** Our church has dynamic relationships with ecumenical and interfaith partners around the world including our 144 companion churches of the Lutheran World Federation.

**Ecumenical Partnerships:** Our six full-communion partnerships and other relationships allow us to regularly collaborate with other church bodies for the sake of new and innovative ministry.