Urban Ministry in Milwaukee
Rev. Dr. Christian Ikanih, a native of Nigeria, is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church in the heart of the city. Pastor Ikanih reaches out with the love of Jesus to a diverse urban culture that includes many African immigrants.

Free at Last Ministry
Rev. Afam Ikanih, Rev. Elijah Ndon, and Patrick Batom serve as part-time chaplains at the County Correctional Facility-South. By God’s grace, many inmates have heard the Word through their ministry and have been baptized! These three men and their Milwaukee congregations—Mission of Christ, Bethany and Holy Ghost—also offer counseling and support to those who have been released and face the difficult task of re-entering society.

French African Ministry
Rev. Gui Kasongo, a native of the Congo, serves as pastor of the International Lutheran Church of Zion, which meets at Benediction Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Serving the growing French-speaking African immigrant community (which includes many Muslims), Pastor Gui and his congregation also support mission work in the Congo.

International Student Ministry at UW-Milwaukee
Bessie Fick and Rev. Kenneth Wieting serve UWM’s international students and their families at Luther Memorial Chapel and the University Student Center in Shorewood. In an atmosphere of friendship and hospitality, they share the love of Christ in word and deed.

Hispanic Outreach Ministry
Hispanic ministry continues to grow in Southeastern Wisconsin! Rev. Germán Novelli, Sr., serves Santa Cruz Lutheran Church (which meets at Holy Cross in Racine); his son, Germán, Jr., serves as vicar at Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee with Rev. Dr. Ferd Bahr; and Rev. Alfonso Prada serves St. Martini Lutheran Church, also in Milwaukee. These three Venezuelan men have teamed up with Pastor Tim Sims (Oklahoma Avenue) and some dedicated mission advocates to form Cristo Para Todas Las Naciones (CPTLN). “Christ for all Nations” is a unique partnership between the District and Lutheran Hour Ministries to reach out to Hispanics with the love of Jesus.
Calvary Lutheran Chapel at UW-Madison
Rev. Jason Zobel, Vicar Dan Anderson, and Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Madison are partnering with the Chapel to reach the diverse UW community which includes LCMS college students, international students from all over the globe, and thousands of un-churched young people.

Karenni Ministry
The Karenni are from Burma (Myanmar). They came to the U.S. from refugee camps in Thailand. Rev. Carl Lehenbauer (Trinity-Freistadt), Rev. Phil Hillenbrand (Beautiful Savior-Mequon), and Rev. David Zeuschner (Chapel of the Cross-Milwaukee) lead worship services every Sunday afternoon, and volunteers from the three churches teach Sunday School and ESL classes to a group that often numbers more than 50.

Hmong Ministry
Four Hmong pastors serve the District, worshipping at LCMS congregations and reaching out to their communities: Pastor Faivneng Her (Hope in Milwaukee), Blong Vang (Trinity in Oshkosh), Joshua Lee (Trinity in Sheboygan) and newly ordained Moua Vang (Benediction in Milwaukee).

Deaf Ministry
Rev. John Reinke (Our Savior Deaf in Madison), Rev. Bud Palmer (Emmanuel Deaf in West Allis), and Deaconess Pat Hycnar serve the Deaf communities in southern Wisconsin.

Ministry in the Dominican Republic
In partnership with LCMS International Mission, the SWD is supporting mission work in the Dominican Republic. Support for Lutheran schools (including mission teams from SWD Lutheran schools), much-needed resources and ministry for disabled children, and construction of buildings for those ministries have helped the church in the D.R. to bring the love of Jesus to one of the poorest nations in the world.

Let’s do missions together!
Would you like to join us? Please keep these missions in your prayers and consider helping the South Wisconsin District support them with your gifts. Many congregations focus on one ministry and make it their “Mission of the Month.” Our Sunday schools and Lutheran grade schools have fun with creative fundraisers during the year to help support them, too! If you would like more information on any of these missions, please call our Missions Exec, Pastor Peter Kelm, or his Assistant, Peg Raabe at the District Office, 414-464-8101. Thank you!