

May 20, 2026

Dear Pastors, Church Leaders, and Congregations,

This year, **Utah Mission Sunday will be observed on Sunday, July 12.**

The Rocky Mountain District is encouraging every congregation to set aside one Sunday in each of the last two years of this triennium to pray for, encourage, and support our brothers and sisters in Christ in the state of Utah. Two areas in Utah are in development for such missionary support –Moab and Salt Lake City.

This year's appointed lectionary readings already offer a strong mission emphasis. Isaiah 55 reminds us that God's Word does not return empty. Romans 8 reminds us that we are children of God and fellow heirs with Christ. Matthew 13 sets before us the Parable of the Sower, in which the seed of the Word is scattered, and the Lord brings forth fruit.

To assist pastors and congregations in their preparation, the district is providing a Utah Mission Sunday preaching and worship resource sheet with sermon themes, outline ideas, prayer petitions, and announcement language. These resources are available on our website: <https://rm.lcms.org/events/utah-mission-sunday>.

**We also wish to introduce the District Ambassadors Initiative.**

Through this initiative, we are asking each congregation, with the help of its pastor, to identify a District Ambassador. This may be an individual or a married couple willing to serve together. The District Ambassador(s) will serve as a simple liaison between the congregation and the district.

### District Ambassador Role

The District Ambassador(s) will serve as a point of contact and collaboration to communicate information between their congregations and the district.

We are seeking faithful and trusted people who love the Church and are willing to help keep their congregation connected to the broader mission we share.

District Ambassadors will also be invited to a kickoff event this fall. The date and location will be shared soon.

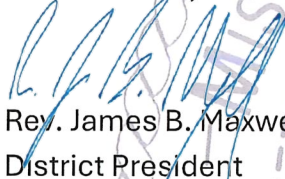
## How You Can Participate

- Begin making plans for Utah Mission Sunday on July 12.
- Remember Utah mission work in your prayers, announcements, newsletter, Bible class, and designated offerings. Please visit our website for the resources and ways to give. <https://rm.lcms.org/events/utah-mission-sunday>
- **Pastors:** Please identify someone in your congregation who may be well suited to serve in the District Ambassadors Initiative. Visit <https://rm.lcms.org/district-ambassadors> to nominate someone.

Check our NEW Rocky Mountain District website: [rm.lcms.org](http://rm.lcms.org)

Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel and for your faithful service to Christ and His Church.

In His service,



Rev. James B. Maxwell  
District President

The Rocky Mountain District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

cc: Board of Elders

To support the Utah Mission, please visit:

<https://rm.lcms.org/ministries/utah-mission>