

# Groups of Common Acronyms & Terms

*I know some of these are obvious, so bear with my train of thought*

## **LSM-Related**

LSM-USA	Lutheran Student Movement—USA, also known as LSM
LSM-Canada	What it sounds like, runs on a more regional basis than LSM-USA
SIMC	Secretary for International and Multicultural Concerns – an elected executive officer
IM & ER	International, Multicultural & Ecumenical Relations Committee of the National Council
RC/EC	Reference & Counsel/Elections & Credentials Committee of the National Council
L & E	Leadership & Evangelism Committee of the National Council
LSAA	Lutheran Student Association of America - one of LSM 's predecessor bodies started in 1922
Gamma Delta	Predecessor body to LSM, sponsored by Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, started in 1928
LDW	Leadership Development Workshop
NG	National Gathering
ULC	University Lutheran Church – where the LSM National Council stays in Evanston, IL during the biannual meetings.

### Regions

ALTO	Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma
BRR	Blue Ridge Region (Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina)
CENTRAL	Nebraska, Kansas, & Missouri
GALSM	Gulf-Atlantic Lutheran Student Movement (Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina)
IMOK	Indiana, Michigan (Lower Peninsula), Ohio & Kentucky (pronounced “eye-mock” or “I’ m OK”)
MALSM	Mid-Atlantic Lutheran Student Movement (Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Washington DC)
NELSM	New England Lutheran Student Movement (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island)
NCR (WIUPMI)	North Central Region (Wisconsin, Iowa, Upper Peninsula of Michigan, Illinois)
PAC-NW or PNW	Pacific-Northwest (Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska)
PAC-SW or PSW	Pacific-Southwest (California, Nevada and Hawaii)
RMR	Rocky Mountain Region (Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico)
TRI-OTA	North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota

## **Lutherans Everywhere!**

### Lutheran Organizations

LCM	Lutheran Campus Ministry; often refers to the specific program of the ELCA, but can refer to a campus ministry involving Lutherans regardless of which Lutheran church body pays the professional staff.
LC/NA	Lutherans Concerned/North America

- **RIC** Reconciling In Christ – a program of LC/NA to empower Lutheran congregations, synods, and organizations that welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered members.

<b>LIRS</b>	Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service
<b>LOGA</b>	Lutheran Office of Governmental Affairs
<b>LPF</b>	Lutheran Peace Fellowship
<b>LVC</b>	Lutheran Volunteer Corps
<b>LWF</b>	Lutheran World Federation
<b>LWR</b>	Lutheran World Relief
<b>Synod</b>	From a Greek term meaning “walking together.” A geographical and/or cultural and/or doctrinal grouping of Lutherans.
<b>District</b>	Geographic or non-geographic grouping of Lutherans for the purposes of governance

### **Lutheran Church Bodies & Some of Their Stuff**

<b>ELCA</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
<b>ALC</b>	American Lutheran Church – predecessor body
<b>AELC</b>	Association of Evangelical Lutheran Churches – predecessor body
<b>LCA</b>	Lutheran Church in America – predecessor body
<b>LBW</b>	Lutheran Book of Worship, published in 1978
<b>WOV</b>	With One Voice - Blue hymnal supplement to LBW
<b>LYO</b>	Lutheran Youth Organization - ELCA Youth Org
<b>BLYO</b>	Board of LYO
<b>CSLYOP</b>	Council of Synod LYO Presidents (pronounced “Cyclops”)
<b>VE</b>	Vocation and Education program unit
<b>GME</b>	Global Mission Event sponsored by the ELCA
<b>MMI</b>	Multicultural Mission Institute - event sponsored by the ELCA every November
<b>WELCA</b>	Women of the ELCA
<b>LCMS</b>	Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod
<b>LSF</b>	Lutheran Student Fellowship (an LCMS organization for college students)
<b>LYF</b>	Lutheran Youth Federation (LCMS Youth Org)
<b>LH (or TLH)</b>	The Lutheran Hymnal, published 1941
<b>LW</b>	Lutheran Worship, a hymnal published in 1982
<b>COP</b>	Council of Presidents – the group of 35 LCMS District Presidents
<b>PCW</b>	President ’s Commission on Women
<b>ISM</b>	International Student Ministries - A mission society that reaches out to International students studying in the US
<b>WELS</b>	Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod
<b>BWM</b>	Board for World Missions

