



## Sam Borgwardt- Serving the Lord in Asia

Greetings to you in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! I pray all of you celebrated a refreshing Christmas and New Years season as we celebrated the first coming of Christ to the earth to save us from our sins. I pray your New Year of 2024 goes well in Him.



With GKLI & LCMS Leaders in Indonesia.

The November and December months of the LCMS Asia region were busy. In November, I was blessed to accompany a team from [LCMS Church Relations](#) and Asia Regional Director [Rev. Charles Ferry](#) to visit our working partners in Indonesia. The Gereja Kristen Luther Indonesia (GKLI) hosted LCMS Church Relations for theological discussions as our two church bodies work toward full fellowship. Over the course of four days leaders from both church bodies discussed our unity in Christ based upon Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. The GKLI also explained how they have developed as a church body to become a more confessionally Lutheran Church. Please join me in praying for the GKLI as they seek the partnership of the LCMS to further grow in their Lutheran identity and that they may continue to cling to the Bible as their source of truth.



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After a productive and fraternal visit to the brothers of the GKLI in Indonesia, Rev. Ferry and I headed to Japan. Through the work of the Holy Spirit carried out in our LCMS Missionary in Japan, [Rev. Dr. Daniel Jastram](#), we continue to identify and strengthen confessional Lutheran congregations in Japan. The LCMS continues to help facilitate a confessional Lutheran coalition in Japan rooted firmly on Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. With increased theological education events planned for 2024, there is sure to be more excellent work reported on from Japan very soon. Stay tuned!



GKLI Bishop Jon Albert Saragih and I visiting in Indonesia.



Classic and modern Tokyo summarized in one photo.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- For the GKLI in Indonesia. That they may continue to stand upon Scripture as they preach Christ crucified throughout Southeast Asia.
- For the faithful Lutherans in Japan. That they may continue to be strengthened in their faith and be bold to preach the Gospel to others in Japan.