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Official Adoption Agreement

for the
Direct Support of

Rev. Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver & Family,
Our Missionaries to the Dominican Republic

Project # A10898-69505

The Rev. Dr. Ross and Kris Shaver serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. As a church planter and theological educator, Ross works with mission churches in the area, mentors future pastors in practice and theology, and assists in the formation of congregational leadership. He also serves as dean of Concordia the Reformer Seminary.

Ross is originally from Roswell, N.M., and grew up in Texas, Utah and Oregon. He has a dual bachelor's degree in liberal studies and international studies from Oregon State University; a Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; and a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Leadership from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. Prior to becoming a missionary, he served as pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Homedale, Idaho (2007–2011), and Zion Lutheran Church and School, Nampa, Idaho (2011–2024). In his free time, he enjoys camping, leathercraft, reading and spending time with family.

Kris' hometown is Bakersfield, Calif. She has an associate degree in child development from Bakersfield College, Bakersfield, Calif.; a bachelor's degree in liberal studies (with an emphasis in education) from Concordia University Irvine, Irvine, Calif.; and a master's degree in organizational leadership from Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. Kris has held several jobs in education, including as assistant director of residential life at Concordia, Irvine; as a teacher at Zion Lutheran School, Nampa, Idaho; and as administrative assistant for the College of Idaho's education department. In her free time, she enjoys sewing, knitting, spending time with family, baking, camping, reading and gardening. Ross and Kris have two children, Ryan and Easton, who love spending time with family and learning about the world.

Pray for the Shavers as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Ask God to give them comfort, strength and guidance as they continue to adapt to a new language and culture. In addition, pray that they would share Christ's love with everyone they meet. Give thanks to God that the Shavers are serving His children in this part of the world.

Birthdays: Ross, July 21; Kris, Oct. 3;
Ryan, Nov. 18; Easton, Jan. 11
Anniversary: July 11

PLEASE NOTE!
Any letters or birthday/anniversary wishes should be sent ONLY via email to the following address(s):
ross.shaver@lcms.org

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