

**Project Catalog July 2024 - June 2025**

# The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod International Mission

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## **AFRICA**



# OUR REGIONAL STRATEGY

## AFRICA REGION

### STRATEGIC STATEMENT

*The LCMS collaboratively supports and encourages God's elect in Lutheran Churches or Lutheran mission areas across Africa in pastoral education and formation, human care projects and grants, and primary and secondary schools, such that the clear proclamation of the Gospel may go forth in existing and new congregations.*

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Plant, sustain, and revitalize Lutheran churches

Support and expand theological education through seminaries

Perform Human Care in close proximity to Word and Sacrament Ministry

Collaborate with the Synod's members and partners to enhance mission effectiveness

Nurture pastors, missionaries, and professional workers to promote spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being

Enhance elementary and secondary education and youth ministry

Strengthen and support the Lutheran family in living out God's design



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# SPREAD THE GOSPEL ~ PLANT LUTHERAN CHURCHES ~ SHOW MERCY

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# MEET OUR AFRICA MISSIONARIES



## AFRICA TEAM

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Rev. Volmir and Cristiane da Rocha

Rev. David and Joyce Erber

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Rev. Samuel and Vivian Fuhrmann

Rev. Fernando and Magda Huf

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Mark and Megan Mantey

Hillary Omodhi

Micah and Britt Odemba

Michael and Shara Osiro

Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne

John Kissinger Nyang'au

Rev. Dr. Walter and Robyn Steele

Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett

John and Jennifer Wolf

Learn more about our missionaries at:

<https://www.lcms.org/missionarysupport>

# REV. SHAUEN & KRISTA TRUMP

## KENYA



Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump serve The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya, which has been their home for more than a decade. As the LCMS’s regional director for Africa, Shauen regularly engages church leaders in more than 25 countries to equip, enable, and encourage them in the work the Lord has put before them to spread the gospel, plant Lutheran churches and train church workers, and show mercy. In support of this, Shauen supervises the LCMS missionaries across the continent, coordinates with other entities, mission societies, and church bodies, and communicates with the boards, institutions, districts, congregations, and members of the LCMS. He also oversees the implementation of convention and board directives and the development and execution of strategies, programs, projects, and grants for Africa. Some of the largest and smallest Lutheran churches in the world are in this region, along with literally thousands of languages and cultures. Krista works part-time as the Africa region’s project secretary, regional coordinator of special events, a hostess, and an enduring and gracious wife and mother. To support the Trumps visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/trump>

# REV. MOACYR ALVES JR.

## ETHIOPIA



Pastor Moacyr Alves Jr. serves as Alliance Missionaries at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Pastor Alves teaches at the seminary as part of a team of missionaries from The LCMS and its partner church body, the Igreja Evangélica Luterana do Brasil (IELB), a daughter church body of The LCMS. The alliance between the LCMS and a daughter church body to send missionaries like Pastor Alves in response to requests from around the world is the result of a generations-long approach to missions and ministry. Together with his colleagues, Pastor Alves shares the teachings of the church with the students in his classroom – students who themselves teach in the six regional Mekane Yesus seminaries or the more than fifty Mekane Yesus Bible colleges and students who are in leadership positions in this large church body of ten million members. By teaching those who lead and teach others, the impact of these missionaries from the LCMS and Brazil is extended throughout this church body, to tell people about Jesus. Support Pastor Alves through the Africa Alliance Missionaries Project: AA0005-61105.

# REV. JONATHAN & ANITA CLAUSING

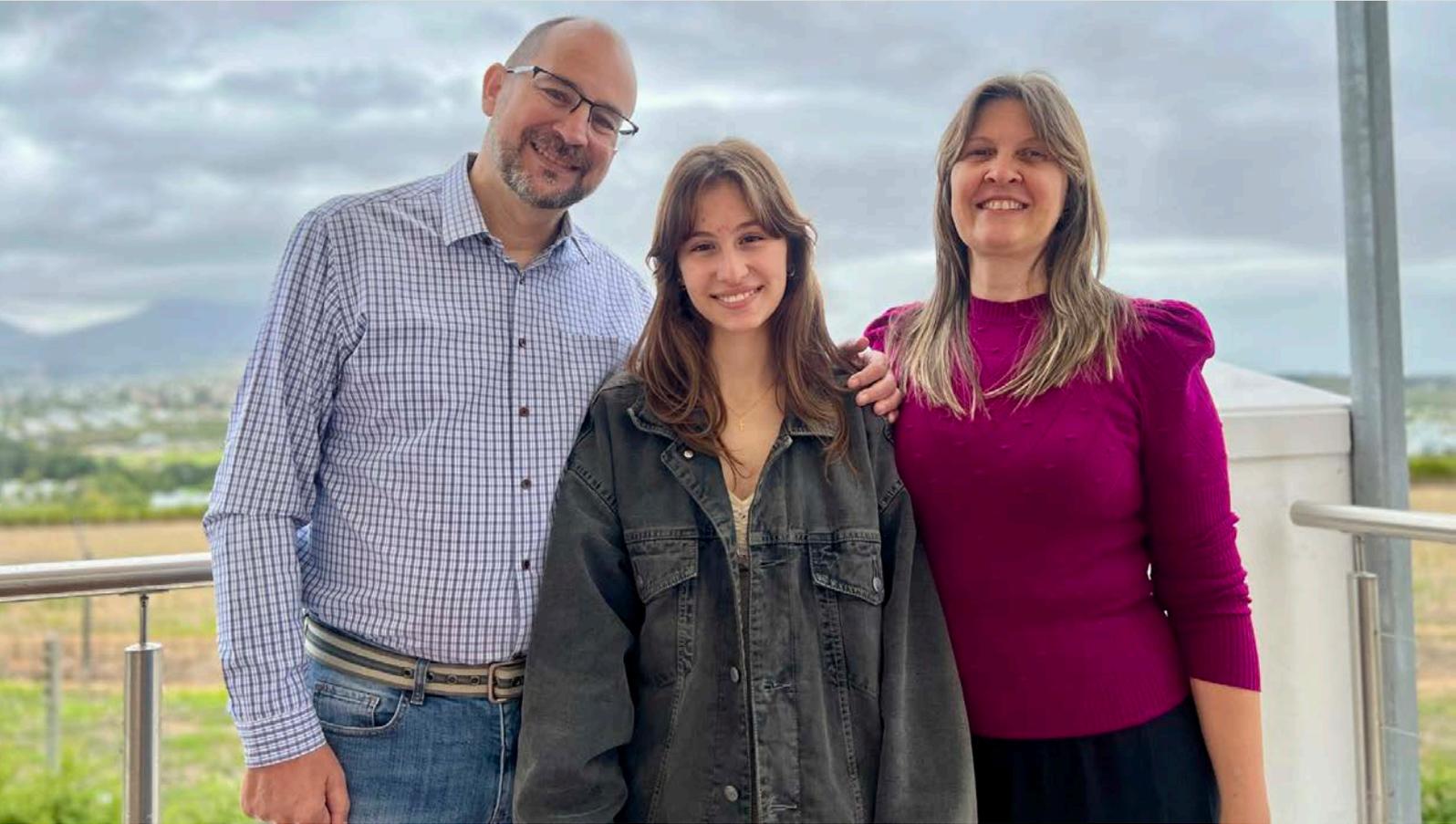
## TANZANIA



Rev. Jonathan and Anita Clausing serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Eastern Africa, based in Tanzania. Jonathan serves as a theological educator at St. Peter Theological Seminary in Himo, Tanzania, teaching a variety of courses in multiple departments. Jonathan and Anita have nine children – Emil, Ellie, Ernie, Eunice, Ethan, Eric, Eileen, Elijah and Emmanuel. Their four eldest children live in the USA; and their other five children are with them on the mission field. To support the Clausings visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/clausing>

# REV. VOLMIR & CRISTIANE DA ROCHA

## UGANDA



The Da Rocha family serve as Alliance Missionaries at the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda in Magamaga, Uganda. Pastor Volmir da Rocha is a member of the LCMS's fellowship partner in Brazil and a seasoned and experienced pastor, with many years of parish ministry and almost a decade of teaching and administrative experience in Brazil's seminary system, at two different institutions. Pastor da Rocha has accepted an assignment by the Igreja Evangélica Luterana do Brasil (IELB) to serve with the LCMS in Africa. His primary focus is to serve as the principal and director of the seminary in Uganda. By teaching those who lead and teach others, the impact of these missionaries from the LCMS and Brazil is extended throughout Africa, to tell people about Jesus. The seminary in Uganda has a four-year program leading to ordination, with a third-year vicarage, just like the LCMS seminaries. Our missionaries form part of the seminary's full-time faculty and provide much-needed support for a seminary with more than 50 students on campus in three separate years of study. Pastor Da Rocha is joined in this work by his wife Cristiane and his daughter Ana. Support the Da Rochas through the Africa Alliance Missionaries Project: AA0005-61105.

# REV. DAVID & JOYCE ERBER GHANA



Rev. David and Joyce Erber serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa. They live in Accra, Ghana. David serves as a theological educator. He teaches at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Accra. He also serves as the field coordinator for the Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, online Master of Arts in Theology program. African pastors from Ghana, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda live at home and meet in classes using Zoom.

Joyce serves as the regional business manager for Africa. She manages the financial and accounting dynamics for LCMS missionaries and mission projects in 25 countries in Africa. In addition to serving the missionaries, Joyce also works closely with the other world area business managers and the office staff at the LCMS International Center. To support the Erbers visit:

<https://www.lcms.org/givenow/erber>

# REV. ELTON & VIVIANE FISCHER

## KENYA



The Fischer family serve as Alliance Missionaries at Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya. Pastor Fischer teaches at the seminary as part of a team of missionaries from The LCMS and its partner church body, the Igreja Evangélica Luterana do Brasil (IELB), a daughter church body of The LCMS. The alliance between the LCMS and a daughter church body to send missionaries like the Fischers in response to requests from around the world is the result of a generations-long approach to missions and ministry. Together with his colleagues, Pastor Fischer shares the teachings of the church with the students in his classroom – at Matongo pastors, evangelists and deaconesses are trained for service in 11 countries across Africa. By teaching those who lead and teach others, the impact of these missionaries from the LCMS and Brazil is extended throughout this church body, to tell people about Jesus. Pastor Fischer is joined in this work by his wife Viviane and his daughter Sofia. Support the Fischers through the Africa Alliance Missionaries Project: AA0005-61105.

# REV. SAMUEL & VIVIAN FUHRMANN

## ETHIOPIA



The Fuhrmann family serve as Alliance Missionaries at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Pastor Fuhrmann teaches in the master's and bachelor's programs at the seminary as part of a team of missionaries from The LCMS and its partner church body, the Igreja Evangélica Luterana do Brasil (IELB), a daughter church body of The LCMS. The alliance between the LCMS and a daughter church body to send missionaries like the Fuhrmanns in response to requests from around the world is the result of a generations-long approach to missions and ministry. Together with his colleagues, Pastor Fuhrmann shares the teachings of the church with the students in his classroom – students who themselves teach in the six regional Mekane Yesus seminaries or the more than fifty Mekane Yesus Bible colleges and students who are in leadership positions in this large church body of twelve million members. By teaching those who lead and teach others, the impact of these missionaries from the LCMS and Brazil is extended throughout this church body, to tell people about Jesus. Pastor Fuhrmann is joined in this work by his wife Vivian and his daughters Livia and Larissa. Support the Fuhrmanns through the Africa Alliance Missionaries Project: AA0005-61105.

# REV. FERNANDO & MAGDA HUF

## SOUTH AFRICA



The Huf family serve as Alliance Missionaries at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa and support mission work across all of Southern Africa. Pastor Huf and his wife Magda both teach at the seminary as part of a team of missionaries from The LCMS and its partner church body, the Igreja Evangélica Luterana do Brasil (IELB), a daughter church body of The LCMS. The alliance between the LCMS and a daughter church body to send missionaries like the Hufs in response to requests from around the world is the result of a generations-long approach to missions and ministry. Together with visiting short-term professors from seminaries and congregations of The LCMS, Pastor Huf shares the teachings of the church with the students in his classroom - students who themselves come from across the African continent. By teaching those who lead and teach others, the impact of these missionaries from the LCMS and Brazil is extended throughout Africa, to tell people about Jesus. Pastor Huf also supports mission work in Malawi, Zambia, and in the Portuguese-speaking countries of Mozambique and Angola where The LCMS supports the mission work of the Lutheran Church in Brazil, IELB. Pastor Huf and Magda are joined in this work by their daughters Tábata and Muriel. Support the Hufs through the Africa Alliance Missionaries Project: AA0005-61105.

# MARK & MEGAN MANTEY

## KENYA



Mark and Megan Mantey serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod as career missionaries in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya. Mark serves as associate regional business manager and assists with, implements and manages financial practices for the field and the missionaries. As regional coordinator for care and development, Megan works with local church bodies throughout Africa by organizing, teaching and participating in church leadership conferences and training opportunities. She also helps oversee and manage care ministries for the Africa region’s missionaries. Before their time in Kenya, Mark and Megan served in Uganda for six years. Through these interactions in finance, education and care, Mark and Megan actively share the love of Christ and proclaim the Gospel through their vocations. To support the Mantey visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/mantey>

# MICAH & BRITT ODEMBA

## KENYA



Britt Odemba serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Kenya. Britt works with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) as an educational consultant. Britt’s main role is to assist the local Project 24 director. Project 24 is a children’s boarding facility program initiated by the LCMS and the ELCK. A child sponsorship program called Christ’s Care for Children: Kenya has stemmed from the Project 24 program, and Britt oversees this sponsorship program. She is in charge of collecting, sharing and storing all the children’s information. She assists with creating partnerships between donors and the children in need within the ELCK partner church. Once these relationships are established, Britt serves as the key communication person between the two parties. Overall, she has really enjoyed watching these relationships develop and grow over these last few years. Britt’s husband Micah and their two children are also with her on the mission field. To support the Odembas visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/odemba>

# MICHAEL & SHARA OSIRO

## KENYA



Shara Osiro serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Africa, based in Kenya. As the Regional Shared Ministries Manager, she supports ministry programs or services that extend across multiple countries in the region and personnel in the region. In collaboration with the Region’s Leadership Team, she helps to develop strategic program or project plans for the included ministries and then regularly review and revise those plans.

Shara’s husband Michael is with her on the mission field. Pray for Shara and Michael as they serve in Africa. Pray that God grants them continued strength and wisdom to serve Him and to develop and nurture strong relationships with the local people. Ask God to help them be strong Christian witnesses to many people. To support the Osiros visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/osiro>

# REV. BRYAN & DEACONESS KEAH PAYNE

## TANZANIA



The Rev. Bryan and Deaconess Keah Payne serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Tanzania. Bryan is a theological educator at a new seminary in Shinyanga, Tanzania, where he teaches classes and assists in forming pastors for service in Africa. Keah serves alongside the deaconesses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania’s South-East of Lake Victoria Diocese and supports their professional development. Pray for the Payne family as they serve in Tanzania. Pray that God would bless their efforts to learn Swahili and to adjust to their new home. Pray also for the new seminary in Shinyanga, that it would equip students to serve the church and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ faithfully and boldly. Bryan and Keah have two wonderful children - Rory and Dalton who join them on the mission field. To support the Paynes visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/payne>

# REV. DR. WALTER & ROBYN STEELE

## KENYA



Rev. Dr. Walter and Robyn Steele serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod (LCMS) in East Africa. Walter serves as academic dean and professor of Bible and Confessions Studies at Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya. He also serves as an advisor in curriculum development for schools throughout the region. Robyn serves as a Dietitian Educator for East Africa, where she teaches nutrition and works with deaconess students. Pray for Walter and Robyn as they share the Gospel in East Africa. Ask God to give Walter wisdom as he works closely with the school’s Principal. Pray for Walter as he teaches students from nearly a dozen African nations. Ask God to continue to be with Walter and Robyn as they live among the people to whom God has called them to serve. To support the Steeles visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/steele>

# REV. ERIC & JOHANNA STINNETT

## ETHIOPIA



Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Ethiopia. Eric teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This seminary is dedicated to training faithful Lutheran pastors and other church workers to serve in Ethiopia. Ask God to give Eric His wisdom and guidance as he teaches these students and helps them prepare to become faithful Lutheran pastors, lay evangelists and other professional church workers. Eric and Johanna have four beautiful children – their eldest Rachael is in the USA; Naomi, Luke and Levi – are with them on the mission field. To support the Stinnetts visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/stinnett>

# JOHN & JENNIFER WOLF

## KENYA



John and Jenn Wolf serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Kenya. As the Africa region’s project manager, John provides oversight and support for projects and grants across the region, with a particular focus on mercy work. He also trains the local people and the local church partners to develop, manage and sustain projects that support Christian growth and congregational needs across Africa. Whether it is procuring Bibles and materials, helping children and refugees learn the Gospel, aiding seminary students to become pastors, or assisting a new congregation to install a roof on a church they built themselves, John walks alongside churches and pastors as they share Christ within their communities, countries and regions. John is joined by his wife Jenn and their five children who endeavor to strengthen relationships with the local community and church. To the support the Wolfs visit: <https://www.lcms.org/givenow/john.wolf>



## AFRICA GENERAL



**Spread the Gospel~Plant Lutheran Churches~Show Mercy**



It is our fervent desire to joyously participate in God's Mission, and we strive to respect each and every one of God's people, their culture, and the organization of their worshipping community. Our primary goal is to equip, enable, and encourage the church partners in the work God has put before them to share the Gospel and Build the Church. Support for this project goes to the highest priority and emergent needs in the Africa region.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Africa General**

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## INTERNATIONAL MISSION - GENERAL



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God calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies his people through the Word of God and the Sacraments. The LCMS has working partnerships or historical work in approximately 90 countries, including the United States. Our mission outreach through the LCMS and alliance missionaries brings the Good News of Jesus Christ to many worldwide. We work to train pastors, church leaders, and laity as we Spread the Gospel; Plant Lutheran Churches; and Show Mercy. Support for this project goes to the highest priority and emergent needs across the four regions.

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## WORSHIP STRUCTURE TIN ROOFS - AFRICA



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Throughout Africa, congregations typically construct the main structures of their churches using locally available materials such as stones, wood, or baked mud bricks. While they often raise funds for essentials like bags of cement, mortar, and other building materials, acquiring suitable roofing materials remains a challenge. Consequently, the structures may remain exposed to the elements, subject to sunlight and rain, or be covered with thatch roofs requiring constant upkeep and repairs. This project provides the necessary materials to complete Lutheran Churches with tin sheets for roofing. On average, a single piece of high-quality tin sheet costs \$15. The tools required for roof installation, including a hammer, saw, and machete or axe, amount to \$25. The nails necessary for securing the roof cost \$30. Trusses, the wooden structures supporting the roof, are priced at \$100 each. Through the collaboration between the local Lutheran church and the LCMS, these efforts contribute to constructing dry, durable, and enduring spaces where God's people can gather to receive His Word and Sacraments.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Worship Structure Tin Roofs**

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## WATER PROJECTS - AFRICA



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Certain regions in Africa have discovered significant underground water reservoirs. However, many lack the necessary funds to conduct surveys and build deep wells, especially in rural areas. Inadequate water sources in numerous areas lead to waterborne diseases such as cholera and typhoid fever. The Water Project offers opportunities to supplement local contributions, providing water to meet communities' physical needs and enabling local churches to share God's love and introduce Christ's Living Water to needy communities.

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## BIBLES FOR AFRICA



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In Africa, many people are eager to have their own copies of the Bible. They treasure these Bibles, using them in church, reading them with their families, and sharing them within their communities. Unfortunately, in some African communities, the cost of buying Bibles is too high, and in other areas, Bibles are not available at all. This project aims to help by providing funds to purchase affordable Bibles for \$7 each for church members. Additionally, seminary students and pastors receive The Lutheran Study Bible, priced at \$40 each, to support their theological studies and ministry.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Bibles for Africa**

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## AFRICA ALLIANCE MISSIONARIES



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As the Office of International mission continues her work of Spreading the Gospel, Planting Lutheran Churches, and Showing Mercy, there continue to be additional requests for pastors from our partners. While the LCMS is not able to immediately fulfill the requests from our national churches, our partner churches have prepared men who are able to serve immediately in the area of church planting and theological education.

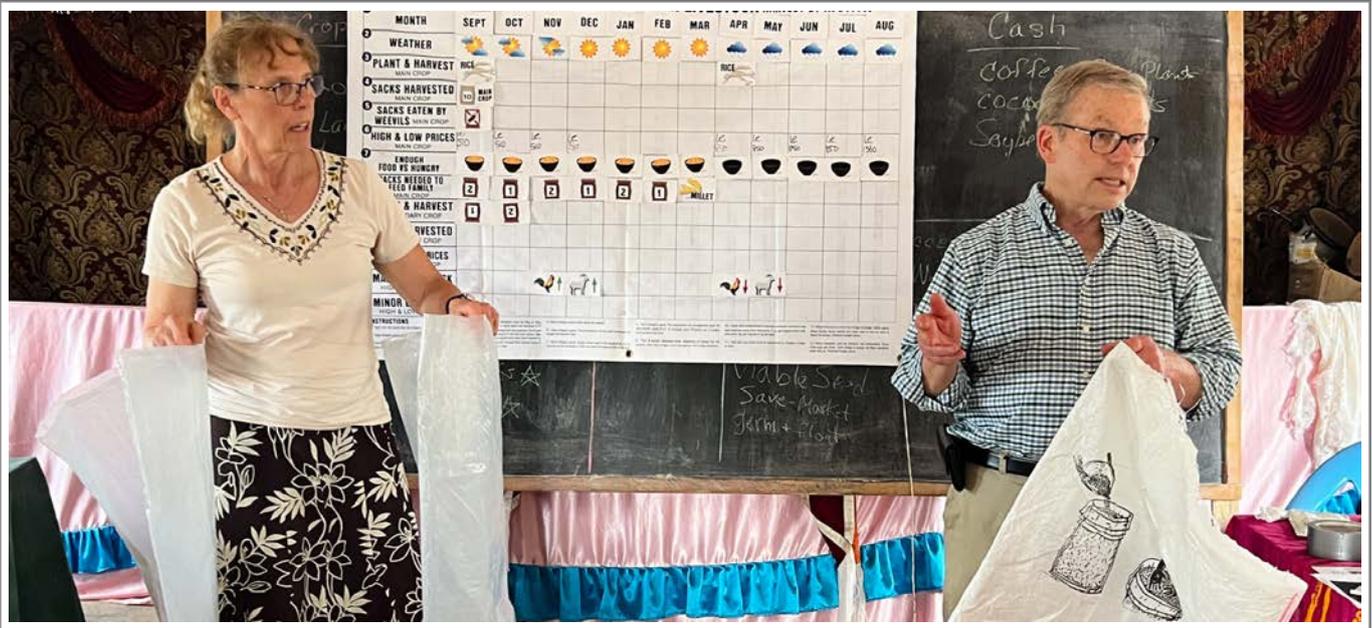
In LCMS International Mission, an alliance missionary is an ordained pastor from a partner church who receives a call from their church and is sent internationally as a missionary in coordination with LCMS International Mission. The pastor remains on the active roster of their church body. The Alliance Missionary model has been used successfully in the mission field for decades in Latin America and Africa. This model brings together partner church bodies who can combine assets to jointly serve God's people internationally.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Africa Alliance Missionaries**

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## AGRICULTURAL PROJECT CONSULTANCY



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Most African populations reside in rural areas, where they struggle to make a subsistence living and often face challenges in sustaining themselves until the next rainy season. This project facilitates the collaboration of agricultural consultants with Lutheran churches in Africa, enabling people to acquire essential knowledge and techniques for farming, resource management, and family livelihood in alignment with Biblical principles. Through the dedication of these volunteer consultants, the Lord has blessed congregations by helping them combat crop diseases, enhance their harvests, teach stewardship, and demonstrate Christ's love in practical ways. By strengthening the skills and capabilities of the church, local congregations are empowered to reach out and proclaim the Gospel to their communities.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Agricultural Project Consultancy**

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## MISSIONARY DEVELOPMENT AND CARE



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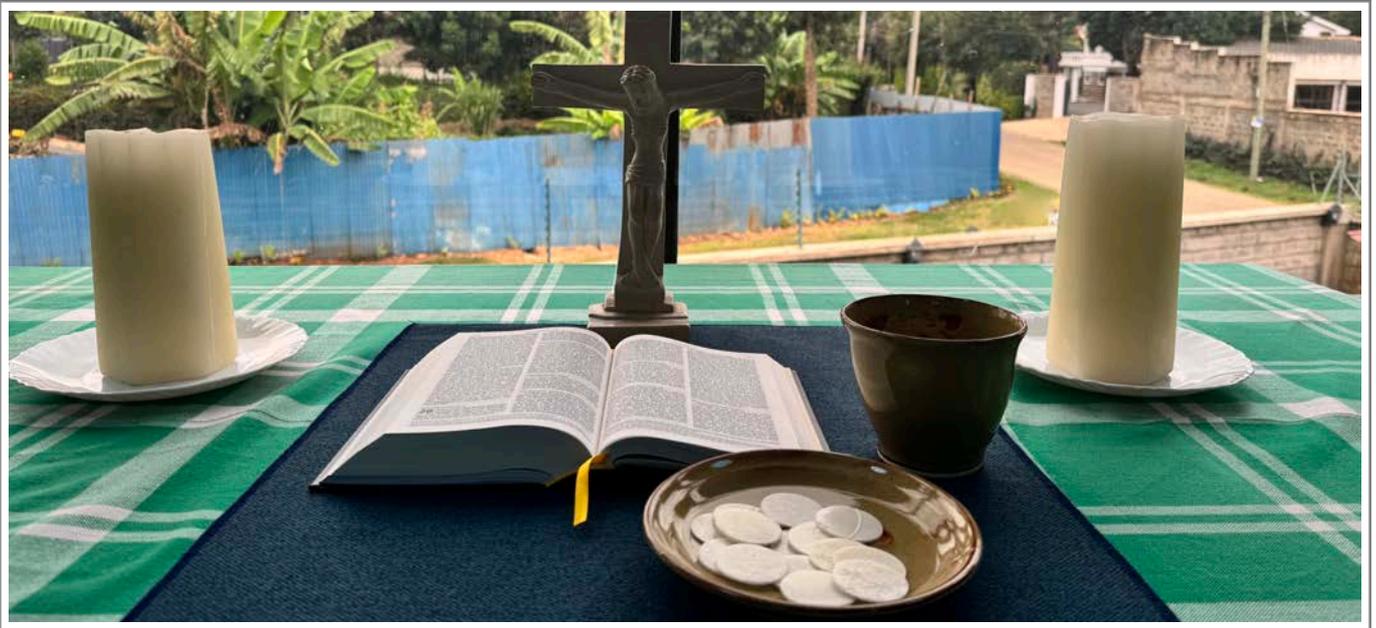
Our missionaries embark on extensive journeys, traveling long distances to seek support, relocate their families to distant lands, and share the Gospel. They establish enduring relationships within diverse cultures, and every two years, they return to their home country to repeat the process. Missionary Development and Care is dedicated to educating missionaries on the spiritual challenges and identifying the tools necessary to support and care for them as they engage in generations-long service in the mission field. Annual gatherings of LCMS missionaries in Africa offer a valuable opportunity for fellowship, ongoing education, worship with Communion, counseling, and spiritual support. Arrangements are made to facilitate the gathering, organize host teams, provide childcare, and coordinate related activities.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Missionary Development and Care**

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## REFUGEE WORD AND SACRAMENT MINISTRY



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In the refugee camps of Africa, God's people from different tribes and language groups have come together in one place. Lutherans tend to gather and worship together while praying for their distant homes. Lutherans in the refugee camps expressed a need for pastoral visits to receive catechetical instruction, baptismal preparation, and the administration of Holy Communion. This project facilitates the deployment of a local pastor, provided by a local partner Lutheran church, to the camps three times a year for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament. Although these visits may not fully meet the ongoing pastoral needs, they serve as a temporary measure to address the most urgent requirements of the congregations while also preparing their own lay leaders for future seminary studies.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Refugee Word and Sacrament Ministry**

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## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES



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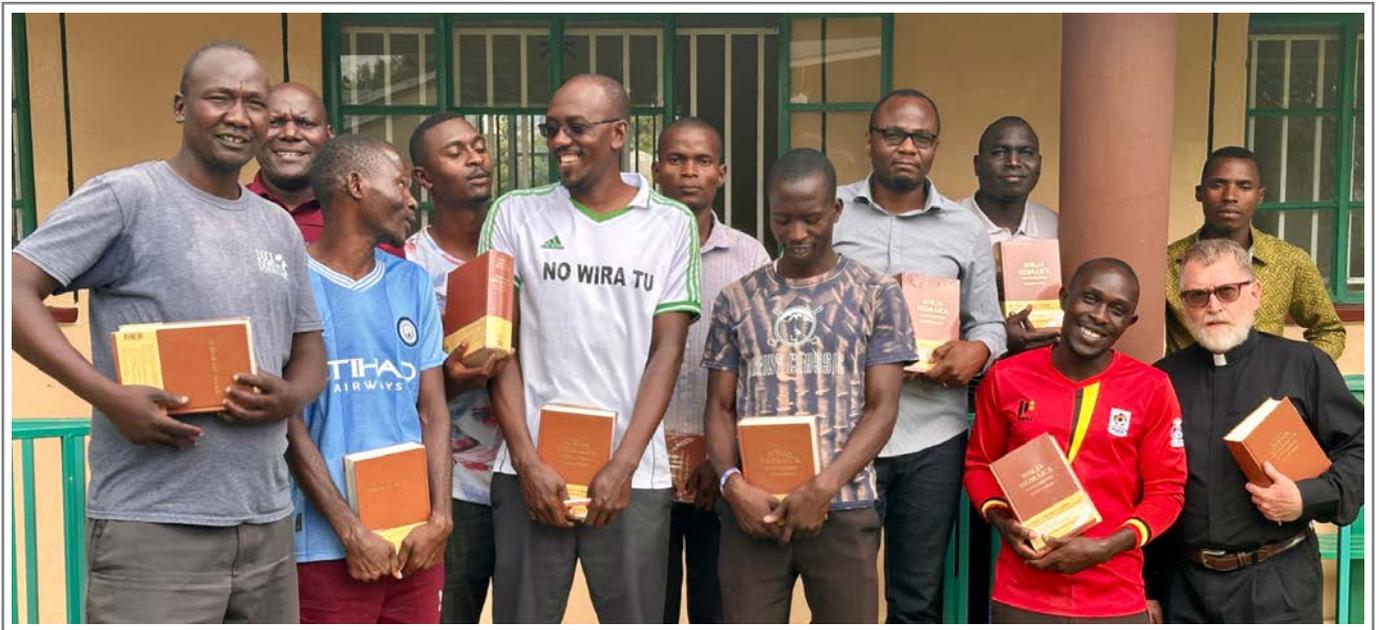
The mission area in the Africa Region is more than double the size of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Operations in this region pose challenges for project planning and budgeting due to rapidly changing situations. Additionally, African cultures often emphasize the past and present over the future. To address these challenges, funded Mission Opportunities Projects allow LCMS missionaries to quickly respond to changing needs and opportunities in collaboration with mission partner church bodies while aligning with mission objectives and desired outcomes. The support provided often helps churches in these areas to improve their self-sufficiency and sustainability.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Mission Opportunities**

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## THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION - BOOKS, MATERIALS, VISITING PROFS.



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In the Africa region, evangelizing new members often outpaces the ability of pastors to teach and guide them adequately. As a result, these new Christians can become vulnerable to false teachings or even the influence of Islam. Additionally, limited access to theological materials and resources exacerbates this challenge. However, targeted support enables providing resources through digital media, instruction from visiting professors, and access to library resources. These valuable resources will equip graduates who will serve as teachers at regional Bible Schools and oversee large parishes comprising 15-30 congregations. By strengthening the knowledge and skills of clergy and leaders, this support empowers the church to counter false teachings, nurture its members, and enhance its overall spiritual vitality.

**Become a Part of Missions – Support Theological Education-Books, Materials, Visiting Profs.**

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## MEMBER CARE



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Think of a time when you or someone you knew needed care. Who were the individuals involved in extending care and providing support? During periods of crises or persistent challenges, a swift, compassionate, and effectively executed response becomes imperative. Numerous circumstances introduce stress and difficulties for missionaries and their families living abroad. This project provides care, resources, and training for individuals engaged in missionary work as recipients and providers of care. It serves as an additional source of assistance during times of turmoil without burdening their finances. Moreover, it seeks to establish protocols for caring for members in missionary settings. The initiative encompasses allocating resources to address various aspects of well-being, including visitation, counseling, and aiding those in need of care. Additionally, it facilitates acquiring the necessary training and resources for those engaged in caregiving roles. Sometimes, having the assurance that one's community has rallied to offer support can make all the difference.

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## BOOKS, RESOURCES AND TRANSLATION



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As African pastors and evangelists tirelessly share the Gospel and establish new churches, the demand for additional clergy members becomes increasingly apparent. This project helps facilitate the availability of books and resources required to train men who aspire to become pastors and evangelists. Their mission is to disseminate the message of Salvation through Christ and provide spiritual guidance to congregations and communities. Materials translated into widely spoken languages are invaluable for pastoral education and spiritual nurturing. Furthermore, this project intends to support the translation efforts for the Abridged Edition of the French Hymnal, specifically tailored for African contexts.

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## LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & CARE



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Sharing the message of Jesus can be easy. However, offering sustained pastoral care to God's people, particularly within the influence of traditional beliefs and false religions, presents a significant challenge. In Africa, village pastors frequently minister in remote and secluded locations, seldom having the opportunity to gather with fellow pastors for mutual spiritual growth through sharing the Word, music, fellowship, and collaborative efforts in the realm where theology intersects with real-life situations. The churches we work with desire to bolster their pastors' capabilities through Continuing Education courses or seminars, specifically emphasizing teaching Lutheran hymnody within the local context. This project aims to facilitate the gathering of pastors, church leaders, and spouses from a particular church body or geographical region. During these gatherings, they participate in courses or conferences led by experienced church leaders, local seminary professors, or missionaries, focusing on their chosen topics. Upon returning home, these pastors are equipped with immediate enhancements in their ability to provide pastoral care to their congregants, preach effectively within their unique contexts, teach hymns to others, and engage with their communities while joyfully sharing the Gospel.

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## HUNGER, FAMINE & DROUGHT RELIEF



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The majority of individuals in Africa live in rural areas and depend on subsistence farming to sustain themselves between rainy seasons and crop planting. However, disruptions or prolonged adverse weather conditions can lead to water scarcity, delayed planting, and insufficient harvests. These challenges can escalate into droughts, famines, and conflicts over resources. This project aims to collaborate with churches across Africa to extend compassion and mercy during critical times, addressing the physical and spiritual needs of affected populations.

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## MOTORCYCLES FOR EVANGELISTS



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In many regions of Africa, congregations are often located in remote and difficult-to-access rural areas. Pastors and evangelists frequently face challenges with limited access to public transportation in these settings, making it difficult for them to visit their parishioners or preaching stations as often as they would like. Motorcycles enable pastors and evangelists to reach out to congregations, preaching stations, parishioners, and individuals who would otherwise remain inaccessible. This project provides the funds to purchase motorcycles, a valuable resource that empowers pastors and evangelists in sub-Saharan Africa to expand their outreach and ministry.

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## AFRICA FIELD OFFICE



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The LCMS Africa Field Office facilitates collaboration between the Regional Director and regional, area, and local staff who oversee and support work from Sudan to South Africa and Kenya to Sierra Leone. The Field Office offers spiritual, emotional, physical, and logistical support for missionaries, staff, projects, and relationships in this region. This project provides the funding for the Africa Field Office, including salaries for local staff, utilities, internet, security, and maintenance, ensuring it can serve as a collaboration hub for LCMS mission efforts across the Africa Region.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MATONGO SCHOLARSHIPS



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Matongo Lutheran Theological College is a conservative confessional Lutheran college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, an Altar and Pulpit Fellowship partner of the LCMS. Matongo offers diverse educational credentials, catering to students with programs spanning from a Certificate in Deaconess Studies to a Bachelor's in Theology, primarily tailored for pastoral candidates. Notably, the seminary attracts a student body from various corners of the African region. This project is dedicated to providing scholarships to support pastoral candidates from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia allowing them to attend Matongo Lutheran Theological College.

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## DEACONESS SCHOLARSHIPS



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Matongo Lutheran Theological College is a conservative confessional Lutheran college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya, an Altar and Pulpit Fellowship partner of the LCMS. Matongo offers programs in deaconess studies at both certificate and diploma levels. The seminary attracts a diverse student body from various regions across greater Eastern Africa. This project has a vital mission of providing scholarships to aspiring deaconesses, enabling them to pursue their studies at Matongo. These scholarships are specifically designed for candidates from Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

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## COUNCIL-UNION-ALLIANCE MEETINGS



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In some areas of Africa, various factors can prevent congregations from coming together for mutual support. Geographic barriers, tribal conflicts, regional disputes, and other challenges may limit opportunities for confessional Lutheran churches within a country or region to unite, establish a council of churches, and strengthen their capacity to support members nationwide. This project aims to facilitate the convening of Lutheran church leaders from across Africa as needed. The goal is to encourage collaboration and discussions on how they can support one another, particularly in terms of numerical growth, theological education, and sharing the Gospel message.

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## MEDIA MINISTRY



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In the vast expanse of the Africa region, radio and television outreach have proven to be effective means for church bodies to reach many individuals with the Gospel message. This project supports pastors and evangelists by enhancing their ability to contribute to the church through extensive media coverage of various church events, including Sunday morning worship, special services, youth gatherings, choir festivals, congregational meetings, and other communal assemblies.

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## FORO PARTNERSHIP COORDINATION



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Mission work isn't solely carried out by those in the field; it is also made possible by the prayers and support of those back home. Many mission advocates and supporters are eager to get more involved, offering their skills, knowledge, and love to help spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches, and show mercy. Mission Forums, or FOROs, provide a platform for churches, groups, and individuals to collaborate and support missions in specific locations. This project facilitates the coordination of FOROs, bringing together Lutheran organizations, churches, and believers to support the church bodies we work with in Africa for the sake of the Gospel.

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## AFRICA MERCY



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The LCMS Africa region is dedicated to demonstrating Christ's love and compassion through a variety of mercy initiatives aimed at alleviating suffering and meeting the physical and spiritual needs of communities. This project focuses on enhancing our capacity to support mercy work effectively, addressing urgent needs, and empowering local churches to serve as beacons of hope and support and sharing Christ's compassion to many.

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## AFRICA MINISTRY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



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The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod supports acts of mercy and compassion in close proximity to Word and Sacrament ministry. We are grateful for opportunities to walk with local church bodies and their congregations in outreach, material support, education, and ministry to persons with disabilities. This ongoing project supports schools catering to children with visual or hearing impairments. It also facilitates the translation of materials into formats accessible to individuals with disabilities, ensuring inclusivity. Furthermore, the project assists in transporting these materials to centers of mercy and proclamation in regions such as Madagascar and Malawi.

**Become a Part of Missions – Support Africa Ministry to Persons With Disabilities**

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## REFUGEE CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS



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The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod has supported the proclamation of the Gospel in refugee communities in Africa for decades, with numerous Lutheran congregations now established in refugee settlements across East Africa. In established refugee camps, settlements, and integrated communities, many Lutheran-worshipping communities have been allocated land and occasionally some roofing materials by the camp administration. Most church building walls are made from reclaimed roofing materials or mud and sticks, with compacted dirt floors. This ongoing project supports improvements to church buildings in refugee settlements, providing materials like steel columns and cement for concrete floors. This project also supports those cases where it is appropriate for the land allocated to the church to be formalized by titling a deed or certifying a land allotment letter.

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## AFRICA THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION



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The Lord has given the LCMS a wonderful opportunity through theological education in Africa. Partnering with 14 theological institutions in 12 countries across the continent, the LCMS and our partners can provide quality Lutheran education that trains pastors and deaconesses for the church. Pastoral candidates and deaconess students are shaped and equipped for ministry with a solid Lutheran theological education and formation. Indeed, God has provided a tremendous opportunity for the LCMS to prepare and walk together with various partners in and through these institutions so that the larger church may have trained, equipped, and formed men and women for service in His Church. Support for this project goes to where the greatest need may be.

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## AFRICA SHORT TERM TEAMS



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The Short-Term Teams project facilitates the deployment of dedicated volunteers to the LCMS Africa region, where they engage in a variety of mission activities. These teams support local churches and communities through projects such as medical outreach, educational programs, and evangelism. By partnering with local congregations, short-term teams help to address immediate needs, provide valuable skills, and foster long-term relationships. This project enables volunteers to make a meaningful impact while experiencing the rich cultural diversity of Africa, ultimately strengthening the church's mission efforts across the continent.

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## AFRICA SEMINARY INFRASTRUCTURE



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The Africa region supports theological education by supporting the training of church workers in 12 countries. This project aims to enhance the infrastructure of seminaries in the LCMS Africa region by constructing essential facilities such as dormitories, dining halls, property walls, roofs and for repairs. These improvements will create a safe and conducive learning environment for seminarians, enabling them to focus on their theological studies and spiritual growth. By providing secure and comfortable living quarters, communal dining spaces, and weatherproof buildings, we are investing in the future of pastoral education and the strengthening of church leadership across Africa. Support for this project will help ensure that seminarians have the resources they need to thrive and serve their communities by sharing the Gospel and building the church.

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## CLETCO SEMINARY OPERATIONS-CONGO,BRAZZAVILLE



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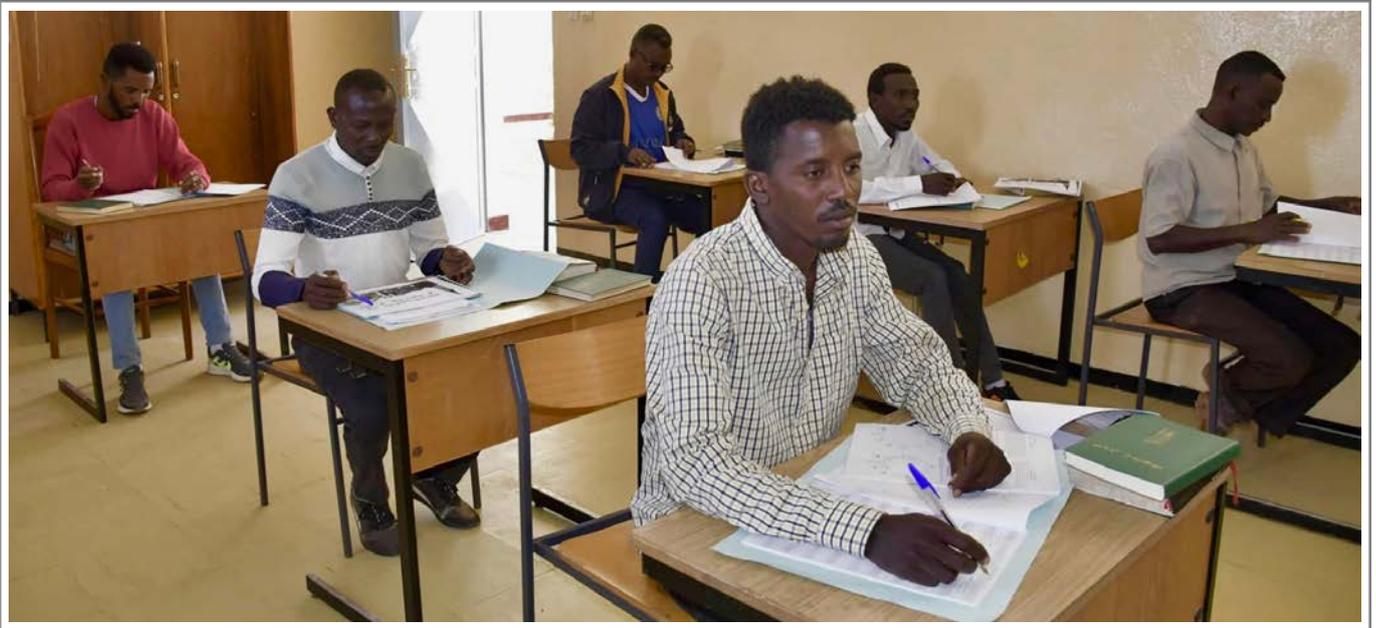
Established during the 1980s by refugees from neighboring nations, the Lingala-speaking Lutheran Church in Congo-Brazzaville has experienced continuous growth. The church has dedicated pastors who received their training at the French-speaking Lutheran seminary in Togo (CLET). Presently, the Lutheran church in Congo-Brazzaville is served by 15 ordained pastors and skilled leaders who can mentor upcoming leaders. CLETCO envisions the long-term goal of training theological students from Congo and other French-speaking African countries. By combining local church contributions, this project will provide student scholarships for the current academic year while simultaneously initiating the construction of a seminary facility. This facility will equip students with the tools to contextualize Lutheran theology in everyday life and effectively share the Gospel.

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## ERITREA SEMINARY OPERATIONS



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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eritrea (ELCE), was first established as a mission of the Missouri Synod from 1974 to 1977 and again from 1994 to 2003, and has significantly benefited from the LCMS' support in developing church workers, including pastors, deaconesses, and youth leaders. The Beleza Seminary, the sole theological institution for the ELCE, plays a crucial role in this endeavor. Ensuring the formation of competent and confessional pastors is essential to the church's vitality and ministry. This project supports Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program, which will identify and facilitate the training of pastors, evangelists, and lay leaders. By equipping these individuals, the ELCE can more effectively engage its members in the Missio Dei, furthering the proclamation of the Gospel.

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## EECMY-MEKANE YESUS SEMINARY, ETHIOPIA



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The Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, serves as a training center for pastors within a region encompassing approximately 12 million Lutherans. They offer a comprehensive Master's in Theology program. The Mekane Yesus church oversees nearly 14,700 congregations but has only 4,700 pastors. This project focuses on granting scholarships for individuals to complete a two-year accredited program in Addis Ababa, enabling graduates to assume leadership roles and instruct other pastors in various colleges and training centers. It also addresses the shortage of pastors in the remote areas of this predominantly agricultural nation. The cost for a student to partake in the Master of Theology program amounts to approximately \$2,000 per year.

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## EELC SEMINARY, ETHIOPIA



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The Ethiopian Evangelical Lutheran Church (EELC) operates a seminary in Asella, Ethiopia, to serve their conservative and confessional church body. This small school provides instruction to a cohort of up to fifteen students in a four-year course leading to their ordination in the EELC. The cohort studies through the course to graduation before another intake of students is accepted. Seminary students can study and remain close to home and their home congregations, where they are likely already serving as lay leaders. Supporting this seminary allows the church to provide ordained servants to their congregations across Ethiopia.

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## ELCG SEMINARY OPERATIONS, GHANA



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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ghana (ELCG) is one of the LCMS's oldest mission partner church bodies in Africa, originating from LCMS missionaries' efforts in 1958. The ELCG comprises eighteen congregations and 200 preaching stations, with a membership of 35,221 baptized individuals and 25,651 communicant members. To tend to these congregations and preaching stations, 28 evangelists assist 70 pastors. The central aim of this project is to address the pressing need for pastors who can preach, teach, and administer sacraments in numerous vacant churches and preaching stations. This undertaking holds great significance as it will equip students with essential pastoral formation skills through theological education at the Lutheran Seminary.

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## CLET-GUINEA SEMINARY OPERATIONS, GUINEA



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Brought by refugee pastors and evangelists in the early 1990s, the Gospel soon spread from refugee camps to the local population of Guinea. Since then, this small church body has raised seven men to become pastors, trains the catechism to members, and continues to grow despite the pressure from false religions. The love for the Gospel has led this church to establish a local training center for men to complete their first year of pastoral training before traveling to continue further studies at the French-speaking CLET in Togo. Support for this effort enables scholarships for students to begin this academic year and allows the Gospel to continue spreading in Guinea.

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## HOSPITAL AND PRISON MINISTRY, GUINEA



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In many parts of Africa, those detained or serving prison sentences are given only meager food rations. The responsibility to provide the needed sustenance falls mainly on the prisoners' families and friends. The situation for hospital patients is the same- the family and friends of admitted patients must bring food. Family members and friends often travel to the regional prison and hospital at great personal expense - leaving very little to give upon arrival. In Guinea in western Africa, pastors and members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guinea-Conakry make pastoral care and evangelism visits to prisons and hospitals to encourage prayer and material charity. This project aims to provide the national church with additional clothes, clean rice, soap, bibles, and other necessities for distribution by pastors and lay leaders three times per month during such visits. Please pray for and consider walking alongside the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea to serve the physical and spiritual needs of those in prisons and hospitals and their families who need the love of the body of Christ in their time of suffering.

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## ELCK PROJECT 24 CONSTRUCTION, KENYA



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Started as a joint effort between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) and the LCMS Office of International Mission, this initiative provides children's boarding facilities in Kenya that allow vulnerable children to complete primary or secondary school while living in a home away from home. Project 24 provides a Christ-centered, loving, caring, and safe environment for children sponsored through the Christ-Care-for Children Kenya program. It helps them to grow in faith by providing safe housing, meals, spiritual care, academic tutoring, the opportunity to learn life skills, and love from a local congregation.

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## CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN, KENYA



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Christ's Care for Children is a sponsorship program that will match donors in the U.S. with children in another country. Christ's Care for Children: Kenya project cares for orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya who are at risk of not receiving a solid education. Children reside at one of several Christ-centered child boarding facilities constructed through Project 24, located near a Christian school and Lutheran church. Sponsorship provides donors regular updates and ensures a child receives safe housing, meals, spiritual care, scholastic tutoring, and the opportunity to learn life skills and love from a local Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) congregation.

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## ELCK MATONGO DEACONESS PROJECTS, KENYA



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In Africa, numerous deaconesses depend on income from agriculture, education, or sewing. Unfortunately, they seldom have the opportunity to come together for mutual support, communal study of the Word, or ongoing professional development. This project, spearheaded by the LCMS, endeavors to offer a range of specialized programs tailored to these devoted church workers. These programs encompass seminars and the provision of sewing machines and other resources, all aimed at bolstering and enhancing the ministry that God has entrusted to them.

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## LODWAR MISSION STATION, KENYA



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The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod is working closely with The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) to support planting churches among the Turkana people pastoralists in northwest Kenya. Over the last five years, a local Kenyan missionary worked in the area's largest town, Lodwar, spreading the Gospel, gathering a small congregation, and working with the church and the community to purchase land for the congregation. Today, this small but thriving worshipping community has been expanded with the assignment of the only Turkana Lutheran pastor to Lodwar town. As a mission area of the ELCK, this pastor receives a small living allowance and assistance with transportation across this vast area. From this mission station in Lodwar, the Gospel radiates outward to preaching stations, congregations, and the nearby refugee camps. Pastoral candidates from Lodwar have already been identified. They are currently being formed at the ELCK seminary along with school workers in anticipation of a Lutheran school in the years ahead. The ongoing project's subsequent phases include constructing a permanent church building, constructing a parsonage, constructing a single pre-school classroom, fencing the church land, and connecting to the power grid.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support Lodwar Mission Station**

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## CHURCH WORKER FORMATION, LIBERIA



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The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod has supported work in Liberia since 1978. This project aims to enhance the capacity of Evangelical Lutheran pastors in Liberia through comprehensive seminar training. Upon completion, these pastors will be well-prepared to shepherd their congregations, evangelize within their districts, and organize training sessions at the congregational, district, and national levels. In addition, the project seeks to provide financial support for the education and care of Liberian seminary students at Confessional Lutheran Theological Seminaries in Africa. This assistance will ensure that these students receive the necessary instruction and resources to become effective leaders within the Lutheran Church.

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## FLM SEMINARY OPERATIONS, MADAGASCAR



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The Malagasy Lutheran Church (FLM), one of the largest Lutheran churches globally, serves approximately 4 million members across 8,500 congregations. Organized into 20 regional synods, the FLM plays a crucial role in the spiritual and social landscape of Madagascar. Since 2005, the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod (LCMS) has fostered a collaborative relationship with the FLM, contributing to the growth and development of its ministries. The FLM is deeply committed to theological education and the formation of church leaders. This project focuses on enhancing the operations of the FLM seminary - Martin Luther University (SALT), the central theological institution for the church. The seminary's goal is to train and equip pastors, evangelists, and lay leaders to serve the vast and diverse FLM community. Support for this project will ensure that the Malagasy Lutheran Church continues to thrive and expand its mission of proclaiming the Gospel across Madagascar.

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## CLCMS WORSHIP STRUCTURE MATCHING FUND, MALAWI



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The Confessional Lutheran Church - Malawi Synod (CLCMS) partners with the LCMS in constructing their church buildings in rural areas. The local congregation is responsible for making 30,000 or more baked mud bricks, collecting the sand, gravel, and foundation stones, and providing the labor for construction, which cumulates about 50% of the total cost of the building. The LCMS grant matches their efforts by providing manufactured construction materials that must be purchased and transported to the site, such as cement, plaster, doors, tin roofing, and paint. Together, the churches in Malawi and the U.S. can build a permanent place for worship for God's people.

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## CLCMS MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, MALAWI



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Working in the context of Africa makes project planning through the budget process a challenge as situations change rapidly. In addition, African cultures tend to focus on a strong past and present and a weak future. Despite impacts from severe tropical weather and economic situations, the Confessional Lutheran Church-Malawi Synod continues to grow. Funded Mission Opportunities projects allow rapid response to changes, needs, and opportunities through mission partner church bodies when in accord with mission objectives and outcomes. When combined with the significant efforts made by this church, small amounts of support have helped this church in these areas share Christ within their communities while becoming more self-sufficient.

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## MOZAMBIQUE - ANGOLA PROJECTS



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In western Mozambique, a small group eager to hear and share that their salvation comes from Christ, not from their own works, has now grown to over 70 congregations and the establishment of the Christian Lutheran Church of Concord in Mozambique (ICCM). Although tribal languages are often used, Portuguese is common in Mozambique and Angola. This project provides a means to help these churches with current needs, such as training of pastors, theological education, translations into local languages, agricultural projects, humanitarian support, and even church construction, and work is done in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Brazil (IELB), LCMS, Bleckmar of Germany, and churches in South Africa.

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## LCN SEMINARY, NIGERIA



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The Lutheran Church in Nigeria (LCN) is the LCMS's oldest partner church in Africa, currently with approximately 80,000 members in 339 congregations. The seminary in Obot Idim continues to be an essential partner for gospel proclamation, preparing young men for the ministry in the LCN. In addition to student fees, support from women's groups within the church, and donations from the LCN districts, this grant provides funding to enable students to complete seminary studies for this school year. The funds are primarily used for instructor and staff salaries, student feeding and welfare, supplementing textbook purchases, maintaining facilities, and institutional operation.

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## CELTS SEMINARY OPERATIONS, SIERRA LEONE



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During the Civil War years of Liberia and Sierra Leone, the number of Lutheran congregations grew. Yet, during the same period, there was no structure in place for formal pastoral training for the Word and Sacrament. The Coordinating Centre for Theological Training (CCTS) has been developed into Christ Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary to educate men for the ministry's office in Liberia, Guinea, and Sierra Leone. Representatives of cluster congregations attend courses at the seminary in Jembe and return home to teach their home clusters. Many people are reached with the gospel through this extension style of Theological education. Funds are used for student transportation, meals, materials and books, and center security.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support CELTS Seminary Operations**

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## LTS SEMINARY - PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA



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The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane, South Africa, is jointly supported by the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA), the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Southern Africa (FELSISA), Mission of Lutheran churches (MLC) in Germany, and the LCMS. Currently, men from seven different countries are training to become pastors committed to teaching the truth, sharing Christ in their native languages, and trusting in God's promises (Isaiah 55:11). Many of the emerging Lutheran church bodies in Africa do not yet have the capability of providing theological education for their seminarians. This project includes seminary support for administration and teaching so that these students are prepared to be ordained by their sending church bodies. LTS fills an essential niche in training men for ministry all through Africa.

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## ELCSS-S YAMBIO SEMINARY, SOUTH SUDAN



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The Evangelical Lutheran Church of South Sudan-Synod (ELCSS-S), which began in the 1990s, currently has over 150,000 members and supports outreach mission activities within Sudan and South Sudan. Despite current tribal wars that make travel restrictive, the Concordia Lutheran Institute for the Holy Ministry (CLIHM) in Yambio supports the growth of shepherd pastors to minister to the needs of those indigenous and refugee populations affected by the turmoil. Specific support will enable the procurement of resources to continue the spread of the Gospel by faithful pastors in an area that remains volatile and unsafe for travel. This project allows gifts designated for a specific need and identified by the seminary to be used as intended. Such things may include infrastructure, books, library support, training, scholarships, or similar items.

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## SSELC ST. MARK'S SEMINARY OPERATIONS, SOUTH SUDAN



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St. Marks' Lutheran Theological College in Bor, South Sudan, was established in 2012 for the formation of pastors of the South Sudan Evangelical Lutheran Church. The college operates on an intensive basis, with three one-month sessions each year in a three-year certificate program. Sending congregations contribute sorghum grain, which is sent with the students to the school. There are currently ten students studying in this program. This ongoing project supports the seminary operation to multiply the impact as church workers are sent out to spread the gospel, plant Lutheran churches, and show mercy in their home places across eastern Africa.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support SSELC St. Mark's Seminary Operations**

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## LCEA ST. PETER'S SEMINARY - HIMO, TANZANIA



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The Lutheran Church of East Africa has established St. Peter's Seminary in Himo, Tanzania, to serve its conservative church. This modest institution offers education to a limited group of up to fifteen students in a four-year program, culminating in their ordination within the LCEA. The cohort progresses together, studying until graduation before a new set of students is admitted. By looking at St. Peter's, seminary students can stay close to their homes and home congregations, where they are likely already serving as lay leaders. By supporting this seminary, the church can supply ordained pastors to its congregations throughout Tanzania.

**Become a Part of Missions – Support LCEA St. Peter's Seminary - Himo**

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## CHRIST'S CARE FOR CHILDREN, TANZANIA



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The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania's (ELCT) Southeast Lake Victoria Diocese (SELVD) has begun an initiative to help vulnerable children within their communities, specifically reaching out to children with albinism. Children with albinism not only suffer from health issues but can also be threatened by cultural and traditional practices, which can endanger their lives. The LCMS works with the SELVD to provide a safe and secure place for these children to live and attend school. The church in Tanzania currently has one institution providing this service, with a capacity of 48 children. As they graduate from high school, they are offered vocational training to help them set up small businesses that will provide ongoing income, enabling them to live productive lives as devout Lutheran members. Support for this project ensures a child receives safe housing, meals, spiritual care, scholastic tutoring, the opportunity to learn life skills, and love from a local congregation of the SELVD.

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## SELVD SEMINARY OPERATIONS, TANZANIA



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## SELVD SEMINARY INFRASTRUCTURE, TANZANIA



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### **Become a Part of Missions – Support SELVD Seminary Infrastructure**

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## CLET SEMINARY OPERATIONS, TOGO



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The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (Centre Luthérien d'Études Théologiques) in Dapaong, Togo, fulfills the role of a regional seminary catering to French-speaking countries in West Africa, namely Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, and Togo. To prepare for ordination and pastoral ministry, students and their families journey from their respective countries of origin to reside and study at CLET-Togo for three years. The funds allocated to CLET-Togo cover the students' living expenses and educational costs.

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## LCU SEMINARY - MAGAMAGA, UGANDA



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In Uganda, the Lutheran church is experiencing ongoing expansion. To meet the increasing demand for skilled pastors to care for the growing congregations, the Lutheran Church of Uganda initiated a seminary in 2016. In this unique seminary, pastoral students actively engage in agriculture on the campus farm. This project extends assistance for student scholarships, benefiting members of the LCU (Lutheran Church of Uganda) and refugee congregations within Uganda. The scholarships enable these individuals to complete a four-year certificate in theology program successfully.

### **Become a Part of Missions – Support LCU Seminary - Magamaga**

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