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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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# Bibles for Africa

## Central, Eastern, Southern and Western Africa



“It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees.” (Deuteronomy 17:19)

Across Africa, God’s people are eager for their own copy of His Word – copies that are carried to church, read out loud to family, and shared in the community. Bibles – so common in the West – can be just out of financial reach in parts of Africa and not available at all in rural areas. The Bibles project provides funds to purchase basic low-cost Bibles (\$7 each) for congregants and The Lutheran Study Bible (\$40 each) for seminary students and pastors.



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# Worship Structure Tin Roofs Africa



“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

Across Africa, congregations are usually able to build the four walls of their churches using local materials like stones, wood, or baked mud bricks. While they usually fundraise for bags of cement, mortar, and other building materials, the roofing is often out of reach. As a result, structures might be left open to the sun (and rain) or topped with thatch roofs that require constant maintenance and repair. This project provides those last-step materials to finish Lutheran Churches with tin sheets. One piece of high-quality tin sheet costs on average \$15. The tools to install a roof (hammer, saw and machete/axe) cost \$25. The nails for a roof cost \$30. Trusses (the wooden structures supporting a roof) cost \$100. Together, the local Lutheran church and the LCMS provide a dry and long-lasting place for God to come to His people in the Word and the Sacraments.





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# Water Projects Africa



“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” (John 7:38)

In some parts of Africa, tremendous underground water reservoirs have been discovered, however the funds to survey and complete a deep well can be just out of financial reach for many in Africa, particularly in rural areas. Likewise, in many regions, unsuitable water sources can lead to cholera, typhoid fever, and other water-borne diseases. The Water Project offers opportunities to supplement local contributions to provide water for physical needs while opening doors through local churches to share God’s Love with communities in need of Christ’s Living Water.



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# 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 provides a variety of credentials to students from a Certificate in Deaconess Studies to a Bachelor’s in Theology for pastoral candidates. The seminary draws students from across the greater Eastern Africa area. This project provides scholarships for pastoral candidates to attend Matongo from Eritrea, Ethiopia, Malawi, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda.



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# Mission Training Centers



“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16)

In many parts of eastern Africa, many communities live in fear as they practice traditional African religions, animism and non-Christian religions. Many church bodies have asked the LCMS for help to train men from various parts of their country to undergo a short training course and return to their respective villages and areas as evangelists to help reach people with the Gospel. This often results in the planting of new congregations where no Lutheran church existed, and who in turn construct their own church building. A local church contributes to the training through pastoral instructors, lodging and food expenses. The LCMS provides teaching materials and sometimes missionary instructors. This project helps provide for the printing and distribution of coursework used by many to train evangelists in the short term and provide candidates for shepherd pastors who help build and grow the Church.



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# Books, Resources and Translation



“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope” (Romans 15:4)

As pastors and evangelists in Africa continue to share the Gospel and plant more churches, there becomes a need for more pastors. This project helps provide books and resources for training men to become pastors and evangelists to share the news of Salvation through Christ and minister to the spiritual needs of a congregation and community. Materials that have been translated into commonly spoken languages become useful tools for pastoral care and education.





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# CLI Theological Libraries & Resources Africa



“For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.” (Romans 15:4)

Students training to become pastors or deaconesses need printed and digital resources in the theological libraries of the seminaries and training centers in Africa. Some countries mandate certain requirements for libraries if a seminary hopes to award students with a recognized (accredited) degree. This project seeks to establish and fortify printed and digital collections, cataloging, transport and training for theological libraries of partner institutes and seminaries on the African continent. This will give students the ability to seek otherwise inaccessible theological knowledge, better equip them to provide pastoral care within their ministerial contexts and enable pastors and deaconesses toward faithful stewardship of their national churches.



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# Refugee Word and Sacrament Ministry



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations , baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Matthew 28:19)

In the refugee camps of Africa, God’s people have been gathered from various tribes and languages into one place. Lutherans tend to congregate together where they worship and pray for their homes far away. Lutherans in the refugee camps ask for pastoral visits to provide catechetical instruction, preparation for baptism, and administration of Holy Communion. This project enables a local pastor seconded from the local partner Lutheran church to be sent to the camps for Word and Sacrament ministry three times a year. While it is not enough, these visits temporarily meet the most urgent pastoral needs of the congregations as they prepare their own lay leaders for seminary studies.



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# Hunger, Famine & Drought Relief



“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

Most people in Africa live in rural areas and earn a subsistence living that sustains them between seasons of rain and crop-planting. However, sometimes, delays in or excessive seasonal weather can create water shortages, delay crop planting and insufficient harvests, which can lead to drought, famine, and conflict over resources. This project intends to work through churches in eastern Africa to show mercy in such times and in a way that helps meet physical and spiritual needs.



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# Motorcycles for Evangelists



“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” (Mark 16:15-16)

Congregations in many parts of Africa are remote and can be difficult to reach rural areas. Pastors and Evangelists in the church are frequently unable to access public transportation in more rural areas and consequently are unable to make visits to their parishioners or preaching stations as often as they would like. Motorcycles enable a pastor or evangelist to reach congregations, preaching stations, parishioners, and unchurched peoples who otherwise would be out of reach. This project provides funds to purchase one motorcycle for a pastor or evangelist in sub Saharan Africa.





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# Local Church Leadership Development & Care



“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15)

Telling people about Jesus can be easy. Providing ongoing pastoral care to God’s people among the influence of traditional beliefs and false religions is not. Village pastors in Africa often serve in remote and isolated places, rarely gathering together as pastors for mutual edification in the word, fellowship, and opportunities to collaborate together in that realm where theology meets real-life situations. The churches with whom we work frequently ask for Continuing Education courses for their pastors. This project provides means for pastors and spouses of a church body or geographic region to gather together for a course or conference provided by a church leader, local seminary professor, or a missionary - but always on a topic of their choice. Pastors return home with immediate impact on their ability to provide pastoral care to members, preach into their context, and reach out to their community as they joyfully bring the Gospel.



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# Mission Opportunities



“He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

The mission designated area within the Africa Region encompasses an area over twice the size of the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Working in the context of Africa makes project planning through the budget process a challenge as situations change rapidly. Along with that, African cultures have a tendency to focus on a strong past and present and a weak future. Funded Mission Opportunities Projects allow LCMS missionaries to react rapidly to change, needs and opportunities through mission partner church bodies when in accord with mission objectives and outcomes. Support often helps churches in these areas become more self-sufficient and self-sustaining.



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# Church Governance Development, Training & Scholarships



“All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

As Lutheran churches in Africa continue to grow, many church leaders skilled in sharing the Gospel have struggles with managing resources and people, administration of church business, and overseeing project activities. Christian-based training is available across Africa to help newly elected church leaders learn a biblical approach to management that provides capacity-building skills with an emphasis on Christian values of integrity, stewardship, and accountability. This project would provide a scholarship for church leaders to acquire knowledge in financial management, leadership, administration, project management, or similar skill to aid them servant leadership in the growth of God’s Kingdom.



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# Member Care



**“Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.” (Romans 12:10)**

Think of a time when you or someone you knew needed care. Who were the people involved that helped provide care and support? In times of crises and ongoing challenges, a quick, caring and well-implemented response is needed. There are numerous situations that add stress and challenges to missionaries and their families overseas. This project aims to provide care, resources and training for those in the mission field who receive and offer care. It offers another set of hands in times of distress without impacting their personal expenses, as well as help establish practices for member care. Provision is made to support needs for wellness, visitation, counseling, and assistance to tend to those under care, and help acquire needed training and resources for those giving care. Sometimes it makes all the difference to know one’s community has gathered to offer support.





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# Missionary Development and Care



“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15)

Our missionaries travel many miles in an effort to garner support, move their families to distant lands to share the Gospel, establish long-term relationships within varied cultures, and every two years return stateside to repeat the process. Missionary Development and Care provides education on spiritual issues missionaries encounter and identifies the tools employed to support and care for them into generations-long service on this field. Annual gatherings of LCMS missionaries in Africa provide an opportunity for focus on fellowship, continuing education, worship with Communion, counseling, and spiritual care. Provision is made for a gathering, host team, childcare and related activities.



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# Africa Field Office



“Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

The LCMS Africa region has more than doubled the number of missionaries serving here in 2016. The LCMS Africa Field Office provides the space for collaboration between the Regional Director and regional, area, and local staff who together direct and support the work from Sudan to South Africa, and Kenya to Sierra Leone. The Field Office provides the spiritual, emotional, physical, and logistical support for the 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 so that the Field Office can serve as a collaboration base for LCMS mission efforts within the Africa Region.



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# CLETCO Regional Seminary Congo-Brazzaville



“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood..” (Acts 20:28)

Established in the 1980's by refugees from neighboring countries, the Lingala-speaking Lutheran Church in Congo-Brazzaville continues to grow and is blessed with strong pastors trained at the French-speaking Lutheran seminary in Togo (CLET). However, the language differences and expense of sending men to foreign lands for pastoral training have led this church in the Fall of 2017 to begin their first year of a local seminary that provides first-year of training for students before transferring to the CLET. Combined with local church contribution, this project would allow student scholarships for Academic Year 2020 - 2021 and enable the start of construction for a seminary facility that can prepare students to contextualize Lutheran theology in daily life and share the Gospel with Lingala speaking people.



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# Matongo Deaconess Scholarships

## East Africa



“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.” (Luke 6:40)

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 provides a certificate level deaconess studies program and a diploma level deaconess studies program. The seminary draws students from across the greater Eastern Africa area. This project provides scholarships for deaconess candidates to attend Matongo from Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda, and Zambia.





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# Agricultural Consultancy

## East Africa



“Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.’” (Matthew 9:37-38)

Most populations in eastern Africa are located in rural areas making a subsistence living and sometimes barely able to endure until the next rainy season. This project allows agricultural consultants to work with Lutheran churches in eastern Africa to help people learn valuable methods for farming, resource management and family living according to Biblical principles. The Lord has used these volunteer consultants to help congregations avoid crop diseases, increase harvests, teach stewardship, and demonstrate Christ’s love. By strengthening the skills and competencies of the church, the local church can reach out to proclaim the Gospel.



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# EECMY Mekane Yesus Seminary Ethiopia



“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia trains pastors in a catchment area for about 8 million Lutherans. A Masters in Theology is provided. Currently the Mekane Yesus church has almost 14,000 congregations with only 2,800 pastors. This project provides scholarships to complete one of a two-year accredited program in Addis Ababa allows pastors to lead and instruct other pastors in various colleges and training centers and addresses the shortage of pastors within the remote areas of this largely agricultural nation. Cost for a student to participate in the Master’s of Theology program is about USD \$2,575 per year.



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# EECMY Invitationals to LCMS Events Ethiopia



“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

As we walk alongside churches in Africa, some desire to develop a distinctly Lutheran theological character as they share the Gospel and teach salvation in Christ alone, scripture alone, and faith alone. The Ethiopian Evangelical Church-Mekane Yesus church is the largest body of Lutherans in the world and has influence in much of eastern Africa. Exposing its leaders to confessional theological forums for church leaders and youth will allow them the capacity to provide similar experiences for the members of their growing church body.



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# EELC Seminary Ethiopia



“Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

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 all the way through the course to graduation before another intake of students is accepted. Seminary students are able to 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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# CLET Students

## French-speaking / West & Central Africa



“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.” (Luke 6:40)

The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (Centre Luthérien d’Études Théologiques) in Dapaong, Togo serves as a regional seminary for the French-speaking countries of West and Central Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guinea, Ivory Coast and Togo. Students and their families travel from their home countries to live and study at CLET for three years in preparation for ordination and the pastoral ministry. Funds for CLET provide for students’ living and educational expenses.



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# Francophone Matongo Scholarships

## French-speaking / West & Central Africa



“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.” (Luke 6:40)

Although people are eager to hear about Jesus and the Lutheran church continues to grow in Francophone Africa, there is a lack of opportunities for pastors and church leaders to receive a bachelor degree in theology from a French-speaking confession Lutheran seminary. However, such programs do exist in Africa at the English-speaking Matongo Seminary in Kenya. Funds for this project will sponsor accredited theological formation to individuals from francophone Africa who have demonstrated academic aptitude, character integrity, and a conversational level of English who are from a confessional Lutheran church in Francophone Africa, and whose church is making strides to support their pastors, national church, and their theological institutes. This will be most beneficial for students from countries require pastors to hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in theology, so that they can continue to grow the church and tell communities and their people about Christ.



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# Scholarships for Accredited Theological Education

## French-speaking / West & Central Africa



“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.” (Luke 6:40)

As churches grow in Africa, there is an increased desire to train men to become pastors at locations within their countries and close to home. Instructors for seminary students require advanced degrees to ensure sound instruction. This project intends to provide scholarships for advanced theological education Lutheran churches within Francophone-speaking west Africa. Pastors who are graduates of the CLET, have been ordained for three years and remained faithful could apply for an advanced degree or seek language instruction to aid in advanced learning. Learning institutions staffed with instructors with advanced degrees have the opportunity to students an accredited and recognized degree that will enable them to sustain and grow the Lord’s church within their country.



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# Expatriate Guest Professors

## French-speaking / West & Central Africa



“In everything set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.” (Titus 2:7-8)

Within the area of LCMS mission work in francophone Africa, over 500 different languages are spoken. Although a common language, French is used by roughly 30 percent of the over 186 million people in this area. In this area where traditional and false religions and ethnic situations hold people captive in fear, the news of salvation through Christ brings peace and comfort. Although ambitious church leaders have initiated two additional local seminaries to train men as shepherd pastors who can share the Gospel in their native languages, there are not enough instructors. The number of French-speaking LCMS missionaries has dropped over 50% over the past two years. This project aims to fill this missionary instructor gap by sponsoring confessional Lutheran guest teachers to provide intensive classes and seminars to ensure theological students graduate to return to their home countries and languages to tell others about salvation through Jesus. Specifically, funds will be used to sponsor guest teachers from North America and Europe to offer seminars and teach intensive classes in OIM partner churches and theological institutes in West and Central Africa.





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# ELCG Seminary Ghana



**“Keep watch over yourselves and all of the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ghana (ELCG) is one of the LCMS’s oldest mission partner church bodies in Africa, having been established by LCMS missionaries in 1958. The ELCG currently has an estimated 29,000 members in 200 congregations and over 300 preaching points served by 25 pastors. The seminary in Accra currently has 14 students. This project augments local resources given to support the seminary in training pastors for the ELCG. A recently built seminary has the capacity to house up to 60 seminarians. Funds of this project will be used for students’ food, medical expenses, country travel, books and materials as well as building and vehicle maintenance.



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# EELG First Year Seminary Noviate Training Guinea



“The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher..” (Luke 6:40)

Brought by refugee pastors and evangelists in the early 1990’s, the Gospel soon spread from refugee camps to the local population of Guinea. Since then, this small church body has raised up 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 current 2020-2021 academic year and allow the Gospel to continue to spread in Guinea.



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# Hospital and Prison Ministry Guinea



“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 25:40)

In many parts of Africa, those who are 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. Oftentimes, family members and friends travel to the regional prison and hospital at great personal expense – leaving very little to actually 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 by 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 3 times per month during such visits. Please pray for and consider walking alongside the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guinea to serve both 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 Matongo Seminary Kenya



“Keep watch over yourselves and all of the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherd of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

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 provides a variety of credentials to students from a Certificate in Diaconess Studies to a Bachelor’s in Theology for pastoral candidates. The seminary draws students from across the greater Eastern Africa area. To augment the teaching staff, periodically a volunteer professor may teach a few intensive classes for students. This project allows for gifts to be used by the seminary for specific needs, which may include visiting professors, infrastructure construction, books, library support, training, or similar items.





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# ELCK Turkana Scholarships Kenya



“Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning.” (Proverbs 9:9)

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) is proclaiming the Gospel in the northwest of Kenya among the Turkana people. This people group is experiencing rapid change as the land no longer supports their traditional way of life and as the oil industry takes interest in their area. People are settling into communities and towns, providing opportunities for new schools. This project provides scholarships for qualified Lutherans from among the new converts to attend the ELCK’s Matongo Teacher’s College to earn a certificate in teaching with the long-term goal of starting schools alongside new churches with devout and committed Lutheran educators.



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# ELCK Christ's Care for Children Kenya



“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and keep oneself unstained from the world.” (James 1:27)

Christ's Care for Children is a sponsorship program which 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, opportunity to learn life skills, and love from a local Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) congregation.



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# ELCK Project 24 Construction Kenya



“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

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 give vulnerable children the opportunity to successfully 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, and helps them to grow in faith by providing: safe housing, meals, spiritual care, scholastic tutoring, opportunity to learn life skills, and love from a local congregation.



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# CLCMS Worship Structure Matching Fund Malawi



“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

The Confessional Lutheran Church - Malawi Synod (CLCMS) partners with the LCMS in the construction of 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 to about 50% of the total cost of the building. The LCMS grant matches their efforts by providing manufactured construction materials that need to be purchased and transported to the site such as cement, plaster, doors, tin roofing, and paint. Together, the churches in Malawi and the US are able to build a permanent place for worship for God’s people.





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# CLCMS Mission Opportunities Malawi



“He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you God?” (Micah 6:8)

Working in the context of Africa makes project planning through the budget process a challenge as situations change rapidly. In addition, African cultures have a tendency 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 has helped this church in these areas shares Christ within their communities while becoming more self-sufficient.



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# Mozambique - Angola Projects

## Mozambique



“He has told you, O man what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you God?” (Micah 6:8)

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 30 congregations and the establishment of the Christian Lutheran Church of Concord in Mozambique (ICCM). Although tribal languages are often used, Portuguese is a common language in Mozambique as well as Angola. This project provide 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 (IEBC), LCMS, Bleckmar of Germany, and churches in South Africa.



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# LCN Seminary Nigeria



“Keep watch over yourselves and all of the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

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 important 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 76 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

## Sierra Leone



“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)

The Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sierra Leone (CELC-SL) was planted by LCMS missionaries in the 1980s and has struggled through civil war and adversity. The CELC-SL currently has 8,882 members in 135 congregations. The CELC-SL also reaches out through 32 outstations and 18 schools and a number of students at their pastoral formation training center in Jembe. This project supports students enrolled in pastoral studies at the CELC-SL’s Christ Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary (CELTS-formerly the Coordinating Center for Theological Studies (CCTS)) which prepares pastors for service in Sierra Leone and Liberia. Funds are used for student transportation, meals, materials and books, and center security.





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# CELTS Seminary Wall Construction Sierra Leone



“Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain.” (Psalm 127:1)

During the civil wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone, many Lutheran refugees found themselves in Jembe, Sierra Leone. Despite the war, the Lutheran church continued to grow, and in 2002 the Coordinating Center for Theological Studies (CCTS) was started in a single building as a way to train men to become pastors in both Liberia and Sierra Leone. After years of planning, the CCTS transitioned in January 2020 to become the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary (CELTS), and through help from LCMS missionaries and resources, were able to establish a dormitory and library through the Chemnitz Library Initiative. This project intends to preserve the efforts to create this learning institution by enclosing within a protective wall, prevent loss of land due to encroachment, and enable more men to become pastors who return to the home areas to tell a generation of young people who lost their parents about Jesus. Specifically, the new seminary very much needs a compound wall to protect the facility from thieves and land poachers.



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# LTS Seminary Pretoria

## South Africa



“Keep watch over yourselves and all of the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

The Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane, South Africa is jointly supported by the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA) and the Free Evangelical Lutheran Synod in Southern Africa (FELSISA), Mission of Lutheran churches (MLC) in Germany, and the LCMS. Currently 35 men from seven different countries are training to become pastors committed to teach the truth, share Christ in their native languages, and trust 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 own seminarians. This project provides seminary support for administration and teaching so that these students are prepared to be ordained by their sending church bodies. LTS fills an important niche in preparing men for ministry all through Africa.



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# LCEA St. Peter's Seminary - Himo Tanzania



“Keep watch over yourselves and all of the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

The Lutheran Church of East Africa has established St. Peter's Seminary in the town of Himo, Tanzania to serve their conservative church. This small school provides instruction to a cohort of up to fifteen students in a four-year course leading to their ordination in the LCEA. The cohort studies all the way through the course to graduation before another intake of students is done. Seminary students are able to study at St. Peter's 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 Tanzania.



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# LCU Seminary - Magamaga Uganda



“Keep watch over yourselves and all of the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

In Uganda, the Lutheran church continues to grow with over 130 congregations and only 22 pastors. To address the emergent need for shepherd pastors to tend the growing flocks, the Lutheran Church of Uganda began a seminary in 2016 with students living in the classroom as construction continued. In a seminary where pastoral students grow food on the campus farm, this project provides support to student scholarships for members of LCU and refugee congregations within Uganda to complete one of a three-year certificate in theology program.





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# LCU Church Worker Support Fund Uganda



“Keep watch over yourselves and all of the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)

The Lutheran Church of Uganda is graduating its first class of pastors this year from its own seminary. These 20 or so men will be returning to their primarily rural congregations eager to preach the Word and administer the sacraments to God’s people. Many of them and their families sacrificed dearly in order to send them to seminary, with livelihoods at home suffering in their absence. The Lutheran Church of Uganda is eager to provide avenues for support of these men as they enter the pastoral ministry. This project allows the church to provide their church workers with occasional financial support for desperate situations to enable them to focus on the ministry before them.



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