

Help Us Grow Together With Our Companions in Malawi

Through your generosity, leadership development training—including theological and biblical training for pastors, as well as English language instruction for clergy and lay evangelists—can become a reality in Malawi.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to support these efforts. If we receive your gift by September 30, 2010, Norda, Inc. of Ladysmith, owned by Mark and Margaret Stensvold, will donate an additional \$1 for every \$2 contributed (up to \$10,000).



We can easily reach our goal of \$30,000 if every congregation in our synod donates \$100!

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The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin has been in a companion synod relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi since 2001. The companion synod program is a concrete expression of the communion fellowship among the 140 member churches of the Lutheran World Federation. In this companionship, we walk together with each other, learn about the realities of daily life and ministry contexts, and most especially pray for each other. Our relationship has been characterized by face-to-face visits, with groups regularly traveling to Malawi and groups from Malawi visiting us. These visits provide the opportunity for growth and learning for everyone involved.

When our relationship began, the ELCM had a membership of about 25,000. Ten years later, their membership is approaching 100,000! Clearly we can learn from their evangelism efforts as we assist them with their growth.

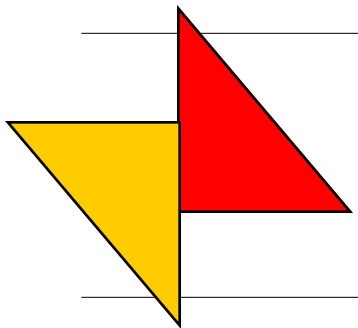


Northwest Synod
of Wisconsin
&
Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Malawi

Growing
Together



This fall, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi will host a three-week continuing education event for the 50+ pastors of the church, and we will be key partners in making it happen



Growing

Pastors and Lay Evangelists Are Growing

Many of the Lutheran pastors in Malawi have not had the advantage of extensive theological training. They need support in biblical and confessional studies. Since many resources are printed in English, they also need help with English language proficiency.

Because limited resources prohibit pastors from engaging in continuing education, the pastors' training portion of Growing Together will fill a gaping hole in supporting and equipping Malawi's clergy.



The Church Is Growing

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi (ELCM) is growing at a rapid pace. Lay evangelists are a primary reason for this growth. They preach and teach in outlying areas and develop worshiping communities that become new congregations. According to Bishop Bvumbwe, the ELCM could immediately use another 30 lay evangelists, but because of the lack of training resources, outreach is hampered. Our financial help will make it possible to provide continuing education to pastors as well as lay evangelists.



We Are Growing

The first Growing Together will take place in October of 2010. It will be taught jointly by Malawian Lutheran leaders and by Pastor Greg Kaufmann and Pastor Todd Iverson of the synod staff. In subsequent years, other pastors from our synod will be invited to teach.

As we interact with the faithful servants in Malawi, we learn from and appreciate one another. We grow in our faith as we grow in closer relationship with each other.

Matching Funds Help Your Gifts Grow

We seek to raise \$30,000. A \$10,000 challenge match will match \$1 for every \$2 contributed. Your assistance in securing funding that will significantly impact the clergy and lay leaders of Malawi will make a difference.

