



Dear Bishop Craig Schweitzer and the Western North Dakota Synod,
Greetings from the ELCA Global Mission Team.

In response to the Conference of Bishops request regarding ELCA World Hunger funds supporting the ministries of our companion church partners, we are pleased to share the following information. This report highlights how ELCA World Hunger funds accompany the ministries of the churches with which your synod is in relationship.

ELCA World Hunger supports and accompanies global partnerships that address root causes of poverty and hunger in a sustainable manner. This work is carried out both bilaterally, through direct relationships with our companions, and multilaterally through the Lutheran World Federation. Key areas of engagement include Food, Agriculture, Water and Livelihoods, Health, Education and Vocational Training, Peace, Justice (e.g., Gender, Climate), and Human Rights, Relief, and Disaster Preparedness.

In the 2026 fiscal year, through ELCA World Hunger, the Global Mission Team supports companion churches and partners around the world with \$6,181,138.40 bilaterally in program funding. The multilateral funding through the LWF for 2026 totals \$236,333.00. Below is a breakdown of the distribution of these funds to support sustainable development projects across the five regions:

Region	ELCA World Hunger Grants	LWF Multilateral Grants
Africa	\$2,819,815.10	\$70,235.00
Asia Pacific	\$1,736,680.00	\$55,176.00
Europe	\$318,621.00	\$34,200.00
Latin America/Caribbean	\$889,859.30	\$48,564.00
Middle East/North Africa	\$416,162.00	\$28,158.00

On the following page you will find a breakdown of the ELCA World Hunger and LWF projects related specifically to your companion church relationship(s). If your companion church is not listed, this indicates that they do not have active ELCA World Hunger projects.

We hope this information is helpful as it illustrates some of the expressions of accompaniment in which the Global Mission Team engages in shared ministry with global companion churches on behalf of the ELCA.

In accompaniment,

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Location	Church/Organization	Project	Amount
Central African Republic	Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic (EELRCA)	Education Primaire et Poste Primaire	\$35,644.50
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