

Companion Synod Sunday

Sunday, June 1-7 (First Sunday), annually

Hatua Kwa Hatua/Step by Step/Paso a Paso

Companion Synod Sunday is an annual celebration of the relationship between the Western Iowa Synod ELCA, the Southern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile!

May this be a time of walking with our Tanzanian and Chilean brothers and sisters in Christ through:

- * Worship and prayer
- * Cultural sharing and understanding, and
- * Financial support in our mutual efforts to address poverty.

We encourage a congregational auction or other fundraiser to generally support the Companion Synod Program or any of our partner projects:

- * **Well drilling:** provision of safe, clean water that saves lives as well as saves time for other economic or educational activities.
- * **Girls' Secondary School:** to provide a future for young women who are key to economic development for their families and the nation.
- * **Medical supply:** supplies, equipment, technology, education to assist in meeting the health and physical needs of Tanzanians.
- * **Center for Agricultural Development:** increasing smallholder farmers' productivity and profitability through sustainable agriculture—particularly via training and **SACCOS** (micro-financing) efforts.
- * **Chilean Women's Empowerment Ministries:** combatting domestic violence and bringing women together for a national gathering.

Please direct any financial support for Companion Synod to the WIS Mission Center (318 E 5th St, Storm Lake, IA 50588) with the project name in the memo.

“...That they may all be One.” -- John 17:21a