

## SEM N Synod partnership with the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania

In 1989 the Southeastern Minnesota Synod (SEM N Synod, ELCA) was linked with the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT-CD) as Companion Synods. Since 2013 congregation partnerships have shifted to the 'Accompaniment model. The partnerships are strengthened by accompaniment and encourages both partners to fully embrace each other's gifts and expertise.

*SEM N Synod website*

*ELCA.org/Global Mission 2021 Annual Directory*

"Accompaniment defines mission as God's, thus no one "owns" a mission, no "sender" and "receiver."

Five core accompaniment guiding values:

- **MUTUALITY:** A commitment to relationships in which we receive one another's gifts and expertise.
- **INCLUSIVITY:** A commitment to relationships that address exclusion in communities.
- **VULNERABILITY:** A commitment to relationships that are open to Christ's transformation and reconciliation.
- **EMPOWERMENT:** A commitment to relationships which builds one another's strengths and capacity for God's mission.
- **SUSTAINABILITY:** A commitment to relationships of accountability that steward God's given gifts now and in the future.

*Reflecting on Accompaniment ELCA.org/Global Mission and ELCA 2013 Global Mission Gathering accompaniment document*