



Walking with The Lutheran Church in Liberia

Supporting Liberia through **Stand With Africa**

Your gift will be directed to a project where the need is most urgent at the time your gifts is received.



“Stand With Africa” gifts are urgently needed to help the Lutheran Church in Liberia, the Lutheran World Federation, and others partners assist the people of Liberia as they:

- Rebuild their schools and churches.
- Rebuild their health care services.
- Rebuild their communities life in the wake of the devastating civil war.

Your gift to Stand With Africa builds on the foundation provided by regular Mission Support and World Hunger giving, which enables the ELCA to accompany brothers and sisters in Liberia year-in and year-out in God’s mission.

Mail checks payable to **Stand With Africa** and send to:

ELCA World Hunger Appeal
P.O. Box 71764
Chicago, IL 60694-1764

Gifts with **Liberia** in the notation line will go to projects in Liberia **where the need is most urgent** at the time your gift is received.

Make a Gift

to support relief, reconstruction and development efforts in Liberia

Supporting a specific project in Liberia...

If you are interested in finding a way to go above and beyond the general support given through congregational offerings to ELCA Global Mission, think about contributing to one of these special “Level II” projects:

Curran Hospital New Generator (\$16,500)

Curran Hospital is a health ministry program of the Lutheran Church in Liberia that provides primary health care to the people of Lofa County. During the 14-year civil conflict in Liberia, the hospital was destroyed several times; however, the staff of Curran hospital continued to provide medical care through a Mobile Clinic service.

This ministry also has served the displaced peoples of Lofa County in several different sites as they relocated numerous times during the war. Services include: an expanded program of immunization, primary eye care, maternal and child health care, health awareness information on HIV/AIDS and other health conditions, trauma healing and reconciliation and advocacy.

The health program has an urgent need for a Water Cool Generator for the primary health care clinic in Zorzor, the headquarters of the program operations. It is essential for operations, including sustaining a cold chain refrigeration system for medications. The number of patients is increasing as more people are now returning from internally displaced camps as well as refugee camps in Guinea, and they all take treatment at Curran Lutheran Hospital.

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Curran Hospital Medical Services Rehabilitation (\$100,000)

This project will provide support for the Curran Health Program, help rebuild the outpatient clinic, and establish a basic medical laboratory that will enable the health team to establish a base for providing quality primary health care for the people of Lofa County.

Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing (\$100,000)

Phebe Hospital has been central Liberia's largest functioning hospital, the primary source of care for the high incidence of malnutrition, malaria and cholera among the tens of thousands of displaced Liberians. During the Liberian civil war, the hospital was attacked and looted in 1990 and 1994 and again in 2002 and 2003. Prior to the arrival of UN security forces in Bong county, the entire hospital grounds were severely damaged and heavily looted.

With the collapse of Liberian Government financing in the 1980s (previously providing 80-85% of the operating budget) the Hospital has relied on an intermittent mix of operating funding from Lutheran church and EU donors, small grants and patient fees. Since the end of the war, a reconstruction effort of the Phebe hospital compound has begun. Currently, Phebe serves 100-120 outpatients daily and provides care to 65-70 inpatients daily.

Goals of this project:

1. To provide financial assistance towards the functioning of Phebe Hospital during this influx of people due to fighting.
2. To provide assistance towards the care of those people needing medical attention.
3. To provide essential care and medicines to women and children who are most affected in the aftermath of the civil war.

How to remit a Level II Gift:

1. Write your check out to "Evangelical Lutheran Church in America"
2. On the memo line of your check, write: "Level II/Liberia/name of project"
3. Enclose a letter that states: donor name, address, amount of gift, and the designation of the gift, such as what is written out for the memo line above.
4. Mail to: ELCA Division for Global Mission
Attn: The Rev. David Lerseth
8765 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631

For more information, call David Lerseth at:
1-800-638-3522, X2641

Reconstruction Projects of the Lutheran Church in Liberia (unlimited amount)

The civil war in Liberia that ended in 2003 had a devastating effect on the churches and institutions of the Lutheran



Church of Liberia. Most of the parishes, schools

St. John's Lutheran Church in Zorzor, like many others, is in need of complete rehabilitation, after being destroyed during the war.

and hospitals suffered damage from bullets and bombings. The Lutheran Church of Liberia has begun a reconstruction project of parishes and parsonages, especially in the rural areas.

Goals of this project:

1. To participate in the reconstruction efforts in conjunction with the members of the Lutheran Church in Liberia.
2. To provide a place for worship for many of the Liberian people greatly affected by the long civil war.
3. To share the Good News through community efforts in rebuilding and strengthening the Lutheran Church in Liberia.

Lutheran Church in Liberia Education Scholarship Program (\$40,000)

The Education Board of the Lutheran Church in Liberia administers an education program of the church that, before the Liberian civil war included as many as 90 Lutheran schools. By the end of the war, only 20 schools were operating. At the beginning of 2005, with the security situation vastly improved, the number of open schools is back up to 40, with more due to open as funds become available to repair buildings.

This Education Scholarship Program will create a fund to which ELCA members can contribute in their commitment to support the education of children. This means of supporting scholarships will also build the institutional capacity of the LCL to administer the Education Program and serve children in need. The Board of Education will develop and administer a scholarship program to support Liberian children in need of assistance with the payment of their tuition fees. The availability of funds for tuition payments will provide essential operating capital to all LCL schools, including those that are reopening and rebuilding their education programs as people return to villages from which they have been displaced by the war.