

# Companion Synod

## Synod Trip to Western Diocese of South Africa

*June 18-July 10, 2013*

In the early 1990s our East Central Synod of Wisconsin was matched with the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA). This is one of sixty-five ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) synods and five ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) synods participating in over 120 international companionship relationships. There are six such relationships with southern Africa:

<b>ELCA - synod</b>	<b>ELCSA - diocese</b>
• our ECSW	Western Diocese
• Caribbean Synod	Eastern Diocese
• Metropolitan Chicago	Central Diocese
• Montana Synod	Cape Orange Diocese
• Northeastern Ohio	Northern Diocese
• Southwestern Minnesota	South Eastern Diocese

These bilateral relationships between our churches and Lutheran church bodies in other countries are called **companions**. The Companion Synod Program is a concrete expression of the communion fellowship among the 140 member churches of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and is an exciting way ELCA members engage in global mission!

ELCA Global Mission has regional events and contact people to guide synods in developing their relationship:

- [Barbara Berry-Bailey](#) — for companions in Africa
- [Mary Campbell](#) — for companions in Latin America
- [Dana Dutcher](#) — for companions in Asia and the Pacific
- [Julie Rowe](#) — for companions in Europe and the Middle East

see: [www.elca.org/companionsynod](http://www.elca.org/companionsynod)

## Please pray this deepens our companionship

### Wisconsin River Valley Conference - visiting Madikwe Circuit

- **Grace Lutheran, Tomahawk** - visiting *Lekubu Parish*:

Mike & daughter, Michaela Galganski  
Chase Hilgendorf  
Brent Kelley  
Marlee Kiander  
Bob & Jackie, Aaron, Abrina Leonhard  
Jack & Sandy (Maley) Sonnentag  
Anna, Rachel, & Sarah Sudbury  
Jean Schaefer  
Marie Stark  
Karen Torkelson  
Margie, Nicole & Stephanie Welke  
Mary Wilke  
Pastor Mark Ziemer

- **Calvary, Antigo** - visiting *Mahanaim Parish*:

Julie Barger  
Karen Hegranes  
Glenn & Joann Schmidt

- **Mt. Calvary, Rothschild** - visiting *Dinokana Parish*:

Pastor Rich & Sandy & Kathryn Block

- **St. Paul, Aniwa** - visiting *Ikageleng Parish*:

Betty Wyatt

- **St. John's, Wausau** - visiting *Rietpan Parish*:

John Marquardt

- **St. Peter, Wausau** - visiting *Immanuel Parish*:

Salley Stubbe

### Appleton Conference - visiting *Tlhabane Circuit*

Grace Van Eyck & Sabrina Greene from Zion, visiting *Thabang Parish*  
Ed Benedict from Prince of Peace, visiting *Kopano Parish*

### Green Bay Conference - visiting *Odi Circuit*

Pastor Scott Adams from Incarnation, visiting *Maboloka Parish*

### Oshkosh Conference - visiting *Borwa I & II Circuits*

Ayse Timmerman from First English visiting *Wolmaransstad Parish*  
Sarah Stansfield from Grace, Ripon visiting *Naauwpoort Parish*

### Shawano Conference - visiting *Moretele Circuit*

Pastor Karla Kirkeby visiting *the Dean & parishes of Moretele Circuit*

### Tomorrow River Conference - visiting *Kgeteleng Circuit*

Eric Ecklund visiting *Melorane Parish*  
Terry Nellis visiting *Saron Parish*