

Accompaniment

Synod Trip to Western Diocese of South Africa June 18-July 10, 2013

Our Synod has been matched with the Western Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa for more than two decades. Yet this relationship is still in its infancy.

Most congregations and parishes have not visited each other and most do not correspond regularly. Visits between matched congregations are the most effective means of activating and growing companionship relationships.

But the purpose and way of visiting is very important. During the 1990s a specific methodology emerged that greatly enhanced the quality of these companion relationships. This is called “*accompaniment*”.

The ELCA Global Mission defines accompaniment as *walking together in solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality*. In this walk, gifts, resources and experiences are shared with mutual advice and admonition to deepen and expand our work within God’s mission.

This 2013 Trip has sought to implement this accompaniment style in several ways:

- Application asking thought-provoking questions
- Letters of Invitation clarifying the visit’s purpose
- Orientation raising awareness of cultural values
- Two-day orientation upon arrival in South Africa
- Debriefing with parish, circuit, & Diocese at the end

see: www.elca.org/accompaniment

Please pray for this *accompaniment* experience

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 Hegrans
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*