



Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

**God's work.
Our partnership.**

Global Connections

There's an African tradition that when someone is physically present, it's not just their "face" that is present, but life itself.

Bishop Davenport, Pastor Bradley Burke, and Ms. Yvonne Curtis visited our companion North Eastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania this summer, sharing not only the life of our Synod but your prayers and gifts. In the previous year, SEPA congregations had donated more than \$16,000 toward the ministries of the diocese, including more than \$10,000 for the Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University that SEPA people were instrumental in starting. Thank you for your global vision!

"These partnerships help the global church to come together," says Bishop Stephen Munga of the North Eastern Diocese. "We learn so much from each other, from our similarities and our differences," adds Bishop Davenport.

While visiting, our bishop helped dedicate a new church building for Lushoto sub-parish. The SEPA team also visited the Rainbow School for children with developmental needs, Irete Children's Home and School for the Blind, the Irete Mountain Biodiversity Reserve and SEKOMU.

"We are blessed to be partners of a global church, and interconnected in so many ways with amazing work taking place continents apart," says Pastor Burke. "Thank you to ALL who make this incredible work possible!"



Bishop Davenport greets children at Lushoto (top) and prepares for worship with Bishop Munga (above, center). The bishop also participated in a nationwide gathering for women pastors and theologians.



Young Adult Called to Global Mission

Cassandra Singh-Heuter, of Advent Lutheran in Harleysville, is one of 69 ELCA young adults selected for this year's Young Adults in Global Mission program. Cassandra will be serving alongside Lutheran companions in Argentina and Uruguay. Congratulations, Cassandra!

The YAGM volunteers will be sent to serve in 11 countries in a variety of areas, including congregational ministry, human rights work, development projects, health care, education and youth work. A year of service through the YAGM program helps young adults think more critically about their identity, God's work in the world and their place within it all.