



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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FAQ's about the ELCA Malaria Campaign

When did the ELCA Malaria Campaign begin? When will it end?

The 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to begin initial Malaria Campaign activities in the ELCA. In 2010 and 2011, pilot synods intentionally engaged with congregations and individuals in their synods, creating and testing materials, raising money and providing feedback. In August 2011, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted overwhelmingly to roll out the campaign on a national level and to continue it through the 2015 fiscal year (which ends Jan. 31, 2016). As of September 2015, we have exceeded our fundraising goal of \$15 million!

What happens now that we have raised more than \$15 million?

We celebrate Lutheran generosity! As additional gifts come in designated for malaria, they will be spent to expand existing malaria programs or allow companions in other countries to get involved.

Can I still give to the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

Yes. Gifts given to the ELCA for the Malaria Campaign through Jan. 1, 2016, (the end of the fiscal year) will count toward the total and go to support the continued efforts to address malaria in Africa. However, now that we have reached our fundraising goal, we encourage you to send gifts to ELCA World Hunger. If you would like to specifically support malaria work, you can indicate "malaria" on your check's memo line. Gifts can be sent to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. Or you can give online at www.ELCA.org/malaria/donate.

What happens to malaria programming?

Though our fundraising campaign efforts for malaria have ended, our commitment to walking together with our companions and supporting their health-care ministries will not end. Our global companion churches and Lutheran partners who would like to continue or begin new malaria programming in the coming years will seek funding through ELCA World Hunger, which has a long history of supporting health-related programming.

What countries participated in the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

Funds raised by the ELCA Malaria Campaign support malaria programs of Lutheran church bodies and Lutheran development organizations in 13 African countries: Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Can my congregation still obtain ELCA Malaria Campaign resources?

Resources will still be available for a limited time at www.ELCA.org/malaria/resources.

What about World Malaria Day?

World Malaria Day has captured the imagination of many individuals and congregations in the ELCA. We plan to continue to commemorate World Malaria Day each year by encouraging a special offering for malaria programming and integrated health work supported by ELCA World Hunger.