NIGERIA: REFORMING, REVITALIZING AND RENEWING EDUCATION AND MINISTRY

The Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria is a strong and growing church with 2.7 million members and nearly 2,000 congregations.

With nearly 100 evangelists and missionaries, the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (LCCN) reaches out to new communities with the gospel message of Christ and supports local communities through education, agriculture and other ministries. However, with a strong presence in northern Nigeria, the influence of radical Islamic thought had led to a need to reform, revitalize and renew the church’s education initiatives and institutions to better teach the freely given liberating grace of God and protect against radicalization.

Initiated by Archbishop Musa Filibus in the year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, a renewal campaign seeks to do just that – revitalize the church’s educational ministries and welcome members and youth to better understand their faith as Lutheran Christians.

Through the Global Ministries project, Nigeria: Reforming, Revitalizing and Renewing Education and Ministry, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is partnering with the LCCN to help the church discern its spiritual and educational needs, now and in the future.

With a goal of $350,000, the project will support:

- an evaluation of the LCCN’s educational ministries with youth, women and children and theological education, including seminaries;
- the revitalization of the education initiatives of each congregation, ensuring they have materials for Sunday school, vibrant ministries for women and youth and that pastors and teachers are adequately trained; and
- the engagement of LCCN’s large youth population through music, intentional conversation and educational opportunities, with the goal of keeping them from radicalization and empowering them to live out their faith amid these challenges.

Join us! You can walk alongside this church as it reforms, revitalizes and renews its ministries and spreads the message of Christ throughout Nigeria.
Help us do more! Make a gift to Nigeria: Reforming, Revitalizing and Renewing Education and Ministry.

ONLINE Make a secure credit card donation by visiting community.ELCA.org/Nigeria.

MAIL Make checks payable to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship with “Nigeria – GCS4035” in the check’s memo line. Mail checks to: ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

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ABOUT ELCA GLOBAL MINISTRIES
The ELCA has deep, long-standing relationships with more than 80 Lutheran churches around the world. As part of a global Lutheran community, we work alongside our brothers and sisters to spread the good news of Jesus Christ near and far.

Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, the ELCA listens to our companion churches around the world and responds to their requests for financial support to expand their ministries – to start new congregations, extend outreach in urban areas and train pastors and evangelists. We call these joint evangelism projects Global Ministries.

The initiative in Nigeria is one of 11 new Global Ministries introduced as part of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA.

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA is our moment to look toward the future of this church and boldly respond to the needs of the world with a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. This five-year, $198 million campaign will help our church grow our communities of faith, form new leaders, welcome our neighbors, overcome malaria, confront hunger and poverty, accompany our global churches and so much more. Together, we can achieve things on a scale and scope we could never do otherwise.