Located in southeastern Africa, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ) is a growing church with nearly 300,000 members.

Originating in rural districts of Zimbabwe and centered on mission stations, the church has since spread throughout the country with a strong presence in urban centers, as well. However, with this growth comes the need for additional spaces and expanded ministries to continue strengthening its witness and serving the communities in which the church is present.

Located in Zimbabwe’s second-largest city, the Bulawayo City Center Congregation caters to communities around Bulawayo and those transitioning through the city. Currently, more than 600 people worship in inadequate, rented premises, most of the time outside in the sun. During the rainy season, a heavy rainfall often disrupts Sunday and weekday worship services.

In Burure, a rural, new mission area of the ELCZ, endemic levels of malaria, inaccessibility during the rainy season and limited health care plague the community. In addition, a lack of adequate fresh water prohibits community members from growing crops and harvesting in a timely manner, a problem worsened by erratic rainfall.

Through the $800,000 goal for Zimbabwe: Building Up the Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will walk alongside the ELCZ as it builds a new space for worship and social services in Bulawayo and strengthens rural outreach in the Burure through health services, new water sources and youth training in health and technology.

Join us! Together, we will build up Christ’s church in Zimbabwe.
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The initiative in Zimbabwe is one of 11 new Global Ministries introduced as part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

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**MAIL**  Make checks payable to ELCA Global Church Sponsorship with “Zimbabwe – GCS4037” in the check’s memo line. Mail checks to: ELCA, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009.

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