



LWML KANSAS DISTRICT

DAY OF PRAYER OFFERING RECIPIENT

April 1, 2019—March 31, 2020

The new LWML Kansas District Day of Prayer offering recipient is the West Africa Partnership. The LCMS Kansas District and the National LWML both support the mission work in Africa. In April 2018, prior to the start of the convention in Hutchinson, the Board of Directors met and chose the offering recipients for the 2018-2020 biennium. The first year's recipient, which ended March 31, 2019, was the District God's Gracious Gift Fund. Beginning April 1, offerings will be given to the West Africa Partnership. Continue reading below to learn more about the mission work being done in Africa. *(Used with permission from the LCMS Kansas District.)*

The LCMS Kansas District has supported international mission work in the country of Guinea, West Africa since 1997. The LCMS sent its first missionary to Guinea in 1996 to work with refugees who fled there from Liberia and Sierra Leone; the Kansas District joined the effort the following year. (To read more about LCMS mission work in Guinea, visit the [LCMS Guinea page](#).)

Phase 1 of our mission partnership focused on spreading the Gospel and engaging in mercy work. Over the past two decades, we've deployed multiple missionaries, pursued mercy projects, sent Kansans on short-term mission trips, and offered financial support and prayer. Workers in Guinea have established churches and preaching stations, baptized believers, and encouraged evangelists.

We're now in Phase 2: Raising up pastors for Guinea and other French-speaking West African countries. Three Guinean Lutherans are currently enrolled at the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET), an international seminary in Togo, and local entry-level pastoral education is now underway in Guinea. Thanks be to God!

The Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) provides seminary education for students from countries in West and Central Africa, including Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Guinea, Republic of the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Burundi. The first pastors from CLET, five men from Togo, were ordained in 2002. The typical course of study at the CLET is three years of seminary training and two years of vicarage. For a vivid look at life at the CLET, check out the article, "[A Moment Decades in the Making](#)," in the online edition of *Lutherans Engage the World*.

Please keep these students, our church workers, and the people of Guinea/West Africa in your prayers.



(pictured above) Three students from Guinea and their families at the CLET in Togo.

