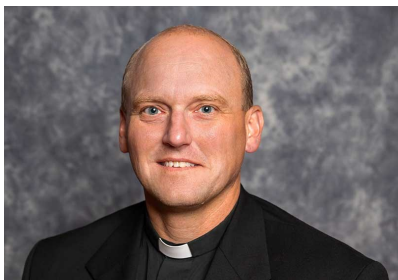


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“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

“Engaging in Christ’s Mission” is one of our triennial aims. How do the baptized, royal priests of Christ accomplish this work both here and abroad? We have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light. The crucified and risen Savior changes us. The royal priesthood has been given a charge – to show God’s love to others, to help our neighbor in need, and to share the Good News.

Since 1997, the LCMS Kansas District has been supporting the work of the church abroad in Guinea, West Africa. Since then, this has expanded into the Francophone regions. Your generosity has been used in support of missionaries, seminary students, theological education, medical supplies, human care needs, and physical structures.

This is our 27th year in partnership with this mission. **Soli Deo Gloria!** Last year, around \$25,000 was received from the 2023 Pentecost Offering.

Another \$25,000 designated for West Africa was included, totaling \$50,000 that was sent from the Kansas District. These gifts will be used to continue

We Pray: Lord of the Harvest, You invite us to ask You to send workers into the Harvest Field according to Your gracious will. Grant pastors, O Lord, not only for our congregations in Kansas, but also for the people of Guinea who are made faithful through the study of Your Word. Give us generous hearts to support the work. And bless Your servants to proclaim Your excellencies to those near and far that Your Kingdom be extended and Your Name glorified; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

supporting the Lutheran Center for Theological Studies (CLET) Guinea seminary, as well as the provision of Lutheran education and resources to the people of Guinea and West Africa. Construction on the seminary building will be finished soon. The Word is being

preached and the Sacraments rightly administered. **God is growing and strengthening His Church!**

We continue this partnership of preparing workers for God’s harvest after all these years. I encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting God’s mission in West Africa with a contribution to the upcoming Kansas District Pentecost Offering in May, which is our major fundraiser for international missions. Every gift helps as we steward what God has entrusted to our care!

You can also help with prayers. Pray for all the mission work going on in West Africa. Pray for the safety and well-being of our missionaries, students, and their families. **And pray that the Lord of the harvest would continue to bless this effort and send out laborers into His harvest field!**

Find more details for how to give at the West Africa/Guinea page on the District website:

<https://kslcms.org/guinea-westafrica>

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