



FAQ's about the ELCA Malaria Campaign

What is the mission of the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

The ELCA Malaria Campaign enables our church to join with African companion churches in the global effort to prevent, treat and contain malaria by 2015.

What is the fundraising goal of the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

The ELCA Malaria Campaign's goal is to raise \$15 million by 2015.

What are the education and awareness-raising goals of the campaign?

The ELCA Malaria Campaign aims to educate every ELCA member about the disease of malaria and its continuing impact on people living in poverty in Africa, especially children under five and pregnant women. The ELCA Malaria Campaign believes that once Lutherans are informed about the problem they will want to respond, to make a difference and to be part of the movement working for a solution to this situation. Awareness-raising for the ELCA Malaria Campaign will help ELCA members realize that they can make others aware of the problem of malaria in Africa, and of the ELCA Malaria Campaign's plan for containing the number of deaths caused by malaria.

Which countries does the ELCA Malaria Campaign support?

Funds raised will benefit our Lutheran partners, companion churches and organizations in twelve African countries: Angola, Central African Republic, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

What kinds of programming does the ELCA Malaria Campaign support?

The ELCA Malaria Campaign works with partner churches and organizations in Africa to treat and prevent malaria, to educate communities about malaria, and to support sustainable livelihood projects that allow families to stabilize their income and afford adequate health care.

- Our *malaria treatment programs* will emphasize the acquisition of proper diagnostic equipment and training for health care workers, and sufficient access to health care and anti-malarial drugs for everyone.
- Our *malaria prevention programs* will focus on individual and community malaria education, advocacy for access to health care, access to sanitation equipment and mobilization of resources such as insecticide-treated mosquito nets and residual spraying.

- Our *malaria education programs* will train and equip leaders to teach others how to recognize and seek treatment for malaria, and how to prevent malaria in their households. Educational programs will take many forms, including church events, community-based programs, educational drama and music groups, and education by village health teams.
- Our *sustainable livelihoods* programs support income-generating activities and village savings and loan groups that assist families in creating household income and working with their neighbors to purchase preventative supplies and afford payment for health care.

Will my companion synod be directly impacted by the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

The ELCA Malaria Campaign is working through companion church programs in Angola, Central African Republic, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. If you would like to organize a specific fundraising program to benefit other ELCA companions, please contact malaria@elca.org.

How can my congregation order ELCA Malaria Campaign resources?

Brochures, offering envelopes and posters can be ordered in bulk at www.elca.org/malaria/resources. To see which materials are currently available, choose "ELCA Malaria Campaign" from the menu on the left. There is no cost for materials or shipping. Additional resources for education, worship and intergenerational activities can be found under "Resources" on the ELCA Malaria Campaign homepage: www.elca.org/malaria.

Why is the ELCA involved in fighting malaria through the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

The ELCA has a long history of combating malaria through its involvement with companion churches and their health systems. Additionally, global mission personnel have experienced malaria and worked to contain it over many decades of mission service. The ELCA is involved because our brothers and sisters in companion churches are suffering with a disease that is both preventable and treatable. Through years of global mission relationships, through the understandings of ELCA World Hunger about the interconnectedness of poverty, hunger, and disease, we have been engaged in working against malaria, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, and other major health threats, as well as our ongoing ministries involving hunger and poverty. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is a continuation and an expansion of our global mission, our hunger program and our understanding of what it means to walk together as the body of Christ. When one member suffers, we all suffer. The ELCA Malaria Campaign hopes to address the suffering caused by malaria and alleviate it.

When did the ELCA Malaria Campaign begin?

The 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted overwhelmingly to begin initial malaria campaign activities in the ELCA. In 2010 and 2011, Pilot Synods intentionally engaged with congregations and individuals in their synods, testing materials and providing feedback. In August 2011, the assembled body of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly voted to roll out the campaign on a national level. The ultimate goal is that every synod and every congregation will join the ELCA Malaria Campaign in our efforts to overcome malaria in Africa.

How can I give to the ELCA Malaria Campaign?

If you'd like to send a check, you can send it to:

ELCA Malaria Campaign

PO Box 71764

Chicago, IL 60694-1764

Please indicate "malaria" on the memo line of your check, and make the check out to ELCA Malaria Campaign.

To give an online gift using your credit card, please visit www.elca.org/malaria and click on "Donate Now."

To make a gift by phone, please dial 800-638-3522 and our staff members will be pleased to help you.