

ELCA World Hunger's

# 40 DAYS of Giving

**Choose a program.  
Give a gift.  
Change lives.**



**COUNTRY**

Malawi

**PROJECT FOCUS**

Education  
and income

**COMPANION**

Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Malawi



## THE SITUATION

In the Mangochi District of Malawi, less than 4 percent of the population has completed primary education. The literacy rate is 45 percent – the lowest in the country – due to a lack of access to educational opportunities. Not being able to read makes it challenging to find work, manage money or earn an income to feed and sustain a household.

Pervasive educational inequity is a root cause of hunger in Malawi – and that's why the church is stepping in to help address this urgent need.

Working with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi, ELCA World Hunger will expand educational programming across Malawi, especially in Mangochi, Karonga, Lilongwe and Madisi.



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**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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**RESPONSE + IMPACT**

By starting with the basics – like early childhood education, adult literacy classes and vocational training – and adding programs focused on leadership, life skills and entrepreneurship, the church in Malawi is addressing literacy and educational needs head-on.

When children have access to early childhood education, they are better prepared to learn to read.

When teens get involved in leadership training, they are more likely to stay in school.

When parents participate in entrepreneurship classes and receive adult literacy training, they are equipped to support their families through their small businesses.

When we as a global Lutheran church come together to fight the root causes of hunger, we can make an impact.

**By supporting our companions in Malawi with your prayers and financial gifts, you can walk alongside them as they equip themselves with the education and training needed to break the cycle of hunger and poverty.**

*40 Days of Giving is a way for ELCA members to support this church's hunger and poverty ministry during Lent. Choose one of five ELCA World Hunger programs that urgently need support, and walk alongside our neighbors as they address hunger in their communities.*

**HOW TO GIVE**

**ONLINE**

ELCA.org/40days

**BY MAIL**

ELCA, P.O. Box 1809,  
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

*Please make checks payable to "ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving."  
Write the name of the country and project focus, if desired, in the check's memo line.*