



# North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

## **The Papua New Guinea Companion Synod Team of the NC Synod will...**

- Shepherd the relationship between the North Carolina Synod, ELCA and the Yabim District of the ELC-PNG (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea)
- Utilize the “Accompanient Model” of partnership as outlined by the ELCA.
- Be responsible for stewarding the financial resources from the synodical budget and grant dollars to foster the companion synod partnership.

## **Job Description for Team Members**

- To engage in this work through the synod’s core values: Jesus, Generosity, Relationship and Reconciliation.
- To be a person of prayer who is knowledgeable about the ELC-PNG and supports their ministry priorities.
- To work with members of NC Synod congregations who are planning visits to ELC-PNG.
- To participate fully in meetings and follow-up tasks.

## **Team Member Commitment**

This team will meet as needed to support the companion synod relationship. Members are appointed by the Synod Council. Terms generally last for 3 years with initial members being assigned staggered terms. Members can serve two consecutive terms. Ministry teams will generally be comprised of 4-8 people and strive for diversity.

## **Goals**

For 2022-2023, the Papua New Guinea Companion Synod Team will work to:

- Work to re-establish a relationship with the Yabim District of the ELC-PNG.
- Plan for a possible visit to Papua New Guinea in the summer of 2024 to learn about the ministries of the ELC-PNG and how to best support their ministry priorities.

This team’s work may conclude in consultation with the bishop, synod staff liaison, and the ministry team co-chairs.