

Bishop Urame visits the NC Synod

Bishop Jack Urame, Head Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELC-PNG), came to the U.S. to attend the ELCA Churchwide Assembly in New Orleans last week and bring greetings to those gathered there. Prior to the assembly, he visited each of the four Companion Synods with whom ELC-PNG has relationships. He was elected Head Bishop (similar to our Presiding Bishop) in January, 2016. During his quick visit to our synod, he visited Camp Agape and Grace Chapel at LRU. Assistant to the bishop, Pastor Phil Tonnesen, served as host and tour guide for Bishop Urame.



On Sunday, July 31, Urame brought greetings to St. John's, Salisbury, had lunch at Lutheran Services Carolinas' (LSC) Trinity Oaks with LSC's president Ted Goins, visited Grace Chapel at Lenoir-Rhyne University and enjoyed a boat ride on Lake Hickory. The next day, he shared with synod office staff about ministry in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Next, Urame travelled to Raleigh to have lunch with Pastor John and Lanie Nagle who have visited PNG several times and have played a key role in our synod's companion relationship with the Lae District in PNG. His final destination was Camp Agape—meeting with Agape+Kure Beach director, Associate in Ministry Randy Youngquist-Thurow, touring the camp and giving consideration to a ride on the camp's zipline.



When he left North Carolina, Urame headed to the other three ELCA Synods with whom the ELC-PNG has relationships: Northwest Lower Michigan Synod, Central States Synod, and Virginia Synod.

Bishop Urame's visit to our synod was indeed a blessing. We look forward to this continued relationship in Christ with our brothers and sisters of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea.

