

## Call to Prayer for the Nation of Malawi

Dear Friends-

As some of you know, a delegation from Pittsburgh Presbytery representing six of our congregations is visiting our ministry partners in Malawi and South Sudan. We have been in relationship with the Synod of Blantyre in Malawi since 1991 and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church since 2013. This trip is significant because it is the first since 2019, as trips planned for subsequent years had to be canceled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This week, Malawi has been in the news due to a historic storm: Cyclone Freddy. The storm has brought widespread destruction, and estimates are that more than 200 people have died. We have received word that our team members are well and were able to deliver medical supplies to Mulanje Mission Hospital earlier this week.

In light of the events in Malawi, I am asking all of our congregations to lift the nation of Malawi, and specifically our friends in the Synod of Blantyre, up in prayer this week as part of our regular worship gatherings. One of the central theme verses for the International Partnership is Romans 1:12, "... or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine". I hope and pray that through our simple but powerful act of praying for our siblings in Malawi, they might be encouraged in the days and weeks ahead.

In Christ,  
Brian