

Malaria Resolution

WHEREAS, the ELCA Malaria Campaign is working to reduce the estimated one million annual deaths caused by malaria, with the vast majority of those who die being pregnant women and children under 5 years of age, and

WHEREAS, a devastating strain of malaria afflicts the Gokwe Region of Zimbabwe, where the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of Zimbabwe (ELCZ) and the ELCA recently built a clinic at the ELCZ's Burure Mission; and,

WHEREAS, the Burure Mission is the only health facility within 60 miles, and the community has no electricity; and,

WHEREAS, some new malaria medicines need to be refrigerated, and a 6.2 mile extension of power lines must be built to bring electricity to the community; and

WHEREAS, Ascension Lutheran, Thousand Oaks, together with Holy Trinity Lutheran, Thousand Oaks and Mt. Cross Lutheran, Camarillo, in consultation with the ELCA Malaria Campaign have raised \$ 102,000 during Advent to support this project bringing electricity to the Burure Mission in Zimbabwe; and

WHEREAS, the ELCZ's Burure Mission has expressed a further need for vehicles to aid in their life saving work; and,

WHEREAS, the government of Zimbabwe has agreed to match \$90,000, and to complete the essential infrastructure, bringing electricity to the Burure Mission; and,

WHEREAS, many congregations in our synod are finding faithful and creative ways to support the ELCA Malaria Campaign; and,

WHEREAS, the staff our Bible camp, EI Camino Pines, are ready and eager to visit congregations on Sundays and schools to help promote this urgent need; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Southwest California Synod, its congregations, schools and its members be encouraged to support the ELCA Malaria Campaign by raising an additional \$70,000 to assist the Burure Mission in Zimbabwe, and other life saving malaria relief efforts by our Lutheran partners in Africa, and be it further

RESOLVED that members of the Southwest California Synod be encouraged to contact the Synod Malaria Task Force for information, speakers, and materials for this or other desperately needed malaria projects in Africa.

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