

EPIPHANY – A SEASON OF GLOBAL AWARENESS



We in the Central States Synod celebrate our partnership with the
**Kotte District of the Evangelical Lutheran Church
 in Papua New Guinea (ELCPNG)**

Pictured above are Noel and Natasha (*second from the left and second from the right*), two young adults from the Kotte District in Papua New Guinea who spent the summer of 2017 working as counselors at Camp Tomah Shinga. They are pictured here with some of the other camp counselors. They also visited individuals and congregations across the Synod. The Companion Synod Team and Camp Tomah Shinga are working to bring two more counselors to work in the camp next summer. This is just one way that the Central States Synod and the Kotte District of the Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea are living out our companion church relationship. There are also plans for a delegation from the Central States Synod to visit Papua New Guinea in late August and early September of 2019.

In your prayers, please remember:

Rev. Jack Urame, presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Papua New Guinea and Rev. Metu, president of the Kotte District.

The people of Papua New Guinea as they face the challenges of developing their mineral rich country in ways that benefit all of the people. .

For the ministry of the Lutheran people in Papua New Guinea who number approximately 1,000,000 members.

See the Synod Webpage, <https://www.css-elca.org/companion-synods> for more information.

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We in the Central States Synod celebrate our partnership with the
**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Urals, Siberia and
 the Far East (ELCUSFE)**

Pictured above are 8 members of the Central States Synod gathered around the altar with members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Arsenyev, Russia. These 8 individuals traveled by plane, train and bus from St. Petersburg on the gulf of Finland to Vladivostok on the Pacific coast of Russia visiting, worshipping, eating and praying with our Lutheran CoSyn Christians in the fall of 2017..

The CSS has been a supportive partner to the re-emerging Lutheran Churches in Asian Russia with a focus on the Far East for the past 25 years through visitations, prayers and financial offerings. For more information visit the Synod Website.

In your prayers, please remember:

Bishop of the ELCUSFE, Alexander Scheiermann

The congregations of the Russian Far East as they go through a transition of leadership. .

For Missionary Bradn Buerkle serving with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia which includes the ELCUSFE.

Please consider contributing to the Companion Synod Ministry which is totally dependent on donations. You can designate offerings for;

Companion Synod Ministry (to be used as needed)

The support of Russian Pastor Alexander Lapochenko

The International Camp Counselor Project.

The support of the ministry of the 9 congregations in the Russian Far East.