



BUILDING HERE, BUILDING THERE

Through *Building Here, Building There*, the Southeast Michigan Synod is making mission, local and global, our first priority. Sent by Jesus into the world, we will strive to combat poverty and the systems that keep people permanently in poverty. *Building Here, Building There* invites you to make significant second mile giving contributions as generous people who believe in God's abundance.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY By building Habitat for Humanity homes on the territory of the synod we work to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness by making decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of the homeowner (partner) families. Habitat houses are sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable loans. The homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses. We have already partnered in building two homes in Flint.

THE MOUNT OF OLIVES HOUSING PROJECT Housing available for Palestinian Christians in Jerusalem is declining rapidly and opportunities for a continuing Christian presence in the Holy Land are vanishing quickly. After U.S. Lutherans contribute the first million dollars, European churches will release 2 million dollars so that the project may begin. Members of the Southeast Michigan Synod have the privilege to significantly step up this work with the Jerusalem church that from the beginning has gone to the ends of the earth.

WAYDA CENTER IN MBULU The average wage in Tanzania is 300 dollars a year. Recognizing that Tanzanians do not want to create a sense of dependency, the Mbulu Diocese, with our help, will develop the Wayda Center to be a sustainable development project. The center will house an internet café, a conference center and accommodations for guests. Beyond creating paying jobs, the center will also create a source of sustainable revenue for the Mbulu Diocese to fund the many programs and projects in one of the fastest growing Lutheran church bodies in the world.

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