



One global congregation

Central Diocese of Tanzania

ELCT-Central Diocese: One of 27 dioceses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) with over **160 congregations**

Lutherans (ELCT): Over 8 million, with an average increase of 8% per year!

Economics: The Central Diocese is one of **three** most **impoverished regions** of Tanzania. As **over 80%** of ELCT-CD members are **subsistence farmers**, offerings are literally 'first fruits' – produce, chickens & goats!

Main crops: Maize, sunflowers, soybeans

Worship: Sundays are 'church days' in Tanzania, with people **walking to worship** several miles – each way! Centered on traditional Lutheran liturgy, Scripture, a sermon, and Holy Communion, the **four-hour** services are lively with **singing, dancing**, and at least **three offerings**. After worship, people **share a meal** before heading home.

Get Involved!

*Engage in a virtual
accompaniment relationship
with a Central Diocese
school or parish!*

*Provide funding for
life-giving ministries!*

Tanzania Education

Secondary School Scholarships

Formation of pastors

Life skills curriculum

Tanzania Health Care

Palliative Care

Dispensaries (rural clinics)

Tanzania Undesignated

Food insecurity (hunger)

*Special projects (water,
technology, transportation)*

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Global Ministry

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(ELCT-CD)**

Central Diocese Ministries

Health Care

Rural Dispensaries (health care): Scattered throughout rural areas of the Central Diocese, ten Lutheran dispensaries provide basic health care, including immunizations, malaria treatment, maternity and well child checks, for local populations.



Iambi Dispensary

Iambi Palliative Care: The Iambi Palliative Care Ministry provides home- and center-based care for rural folk living with chronic conditions (cancer, HIV-AIDs, heart disease, diabetes). The synod's 'ugali project' – substituting the ugali (maize) grain for rice in nutrition packets – increases the quality of life for suffering people.



Palliative Care Home Visit

Education

With only one in five rural Tanzanian children having access to secondary education, the Central Diocese is committed to equipping underserved youth – particularly girls - for the future. The three CD schools offer quality education provided by highly trained educators in a faith-based environment.

Iambi Secondary School (ISS): ISS is a nationally recognized school with its students consistently performing in the highest levels of the national examinations! A recent SEMN congregation-sponsored project brought electricity to the campus, empowering both students and staff with light for studying after the 6:30 pm sunset.

Hull High School (HHS): Since 2017, HHS has expanded its student population from eight to over 400 students - with a substantial waiting list! HHS students are well prepared for the national examinations, scoring in the upper tiers. The school is partnering with the SEMN Synod to bring a new 'life skills' curriculum, where students can learn the practical skills of cooking and sewing that will equip them for employment after graduation.

Ihanja Technical Secondary School: Preparing students for professions in science and technology, Ihanja Technical Secondary School experienced a rebirth in the midst of the pandemic. Its rapid expansion meets a critical need for quality education within the rural populations of the Central Diocese.

General

Hunger: Food insecurity is a major challenge within the Central Diocese with over 40% of rural Tanzanian children experiencing chronic malnutrition. Hunger is pervasive within the Hazabe Tribal group, one of the last remaining hunter-gatherers on the African continent, as animals flee encroaching development and plants wither in climatic drought. With the elimination of USAID dollars, the need for life-giving food throughout Central Diocese communities will substantially increase.



A Hadzabe Welcome

Equipping of Pastors: For decades, SEMN Synod has partnered with the Central Diocese in providing tuition support in the formation of pastors and evangelists. In addition, SEMN pastors have served as adjunct faculty, providing instruction on specialized topics, including theology and preaching.