

Report of Synod Committee for our Companion Synod in the Central African Republic (CAR)

The CAR team expresses a warm thank you to all congregations, individuals, and to the Lutheran Foundation of the Southwest, for your prayers and contributions for CAR. Funds received in the 2020 fiscal year amounted to just under \$42,000, far exceeding our goal. In spite of the pandemic, offerings were greater than in 2019. Your support aided Emmanuel Health Center at Gallo, water development, translation of Sunday School materials, scholarships for young women and for university students, the construction of permanent village schools and of church roofs, and more.

The ELC-CAR was able to elect and install new leaders, president (bishop) Rev. Joseph NGOE, and, for a second term, vice president Rev. Rachel DOUMBAYE, even in the midst of rebel violence and the pandemic.



President Ngoe is communicating frequently by email with our bishop and other CAR partners. He sent a note of sympathy to our synod for the devastation caused by the freeze and indicated that church members were praying for us. It is so important that we keep praying for our companion church and the flourishing of this relationship, as well as contributing to their ministries.

Committee Members:

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