



Deaconess Training in Uganda

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Pray for the development of a deaconess training program in Uganda.

Prayer #1

Dear Lord, we pray that You will bless the Lutheran Church of Uganda and the LCMS as they work together to establish a deaconess training program in Uganda. As the project moves forward, be with them as they purchase land next to the Lutheran Theological College of Uganda, build a dormitory, and train new students in the Word so they can serve You as they serve others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer #2

Dear Lord, we ask that You be with the missionaries, pastors, and deaconesses in Uganda as they go and reach out to the people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Be with the new students as they train to become deaconesses. Empower them by Your Holy Spirit to go and teach Your Word, reaching people who do not know about You and Your saving grace in Jesus. Be with all the people that are working to make this happen serving You in this part of the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Prayer #3

Dear Lord, the Lutheran Church in Uganda is steadily growing and needs more help to spread the Good News of the Gospel. We ask You to help them through this grant to establish a training center for deaconesses who will aid the pastors. May they train up faithful women who will work to provide spiritual care, teach, and show mercy in communities throughout Uganda. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Prayer #4

Dear Lord, Uganda in eastern Africa is an area that is growing in faith, and they need more teachers and spiritual leaders to help guide them to You. We ask that You bless this project of building a new dormitory for housing the ten new students who will be trained as deaconesses. We ask You to guide this project and bring it to fruition. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

The Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU) is steadily growing in eastern Africa. It has requested LCMS assistance to train deaconesses locally so they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda to teach the faith, provide spiritual care, and show mercy to communities throughout Uganda. The LCU wants to be able to provide training to qualified women at their seminary, Lutheran Theological College of Uganda (LTCU).

There are 30 pastors and two deaconesses serving 150 congregations in Uganda. The LCU leadership serves to share the Gospel message to all corners of Uganda. On average, there are twenty-five baptisms per week throughout the Lutheran churches.

The two deaconesses currently serving were trained at the Neemia Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya, and lived apart from their families, including young children, for up to three years. Their service with the LCU started in May 2019. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, they have helped strengthen Bible study groups, started or expanded children's Sunday school, expanded a Lutheran day school, and educated individuals and families about God's design for the family in various ways, thus encouraging a change in habits and behavior. They have also strengthened music ministries in their various communities.

This grant will help establish a training center for women who wish to serve as deaconesses. The funds will purchase land next to the seminary, purchase fencing, and allow for the building of a small dormitory. It will help support ten students with healthcare, food, utilities, books, and transportation. Women who wish to serve their Lord, can remain in their home country as they learn to care for their people and assist the pastors in the LCU.

Uganda is a patriarchal society, which means the needs of women and children are often placed secondary to the men and many opportunities are not available to them. Trained deaconesses serving in communities throughout Uganda will help combat the stigma towards women and children. Their presence will provide opportunities to educate communities as to the value of all people within the Christian household and their various vocations, as well as show mercy and care to those in need.

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