## Partner with Presbyterian World Mission in

# Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique

Zambia has a population of 12.9 million people and an estimated 50 to 75 percent are Christians. The PC(USA)'s partner churches in Zambia are the Kenya Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Synod of Zambia, the Uganda Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa (UPCSA), Presbytery of Zambia, and the United Church of Zambia. Zambia is among the poorest nations in the world. In Zimbabwe, Robert Mugabe has Tanzania DR been in leadership since the country gained independence in -Malawi Congo 1979. His political party, ZANU-PF, controlled the government until 2008, when an election fraught with irregularities 000 resulted in the ruling and opposition parties agreeing to Comoros Zambia share power. In 2013, however, ZANU-PF regained power. **Islands** Economic stability has improved in Zimbabwe after years of a period of debilitating hyperinflation, but many of the political and social tensions that the unity government was meant to Zimbabwe Botswana address remain unresolved. Roughly 80 percent of Zimbabwe's Mozambique 12.5 million people are Christians. Our Zimbabwean partners are the Zimbabwe Presbytery of the Uniting Presbyterian Church Swaziland in Southern Africa and the Harare Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP). In Mozambique, the PC(USA) partners with the Presbyterian Church of Mozambique (IPM). More than half of the population is Christian. Since a lengthy civil war ended in 1992, Mozambique has made much progress in economic development and political stability, although it remains one of the world's poorest nations.

### Support your mission co-workers in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique

#### Working together with our partners in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique

Presbyterian World Mission works with our partners in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique to respond to the needs of our partner churches, strengthen their witness to God's presence and make a transformational impact on the lives of the people. Our ministries with our partners are diverse as we work together to address all three of our critical global initiatives. They include:

- Addressing the root causes of poverty. We work with partners to empower people through education and through Community Health Evangelism, a program that unites evangelism, discipleship and community development. It allows communities themselves to decide their priorities for development.
- Sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ. In addition to working in Community Health Evangelism, we are strengthening the outreach of our partner churches by helping them to train new ministers. These fast growing churches are experiencing a severe clergy shortage. We are also helping our partners to extend their ministry and witness to new regions and to show God's love to marginalized and stigmatized communities.
- **Engaging in ministries of reconciliation.** We support our partners in their efforts to address gender-based violence, and in Zimbabwe we stand with partners as they seek effective ways to minister in a difficult environment.

### Meet your mission co-workers



#### **Nancy Collins**

As regional liaison for East Central Africa, Nancy facilitates PC(USA) relationships with partner churches and institutions in Zambia, Kenya, Rwanda, and Malawi. Her special focus is on partners' work related to evangelism, leadership development, and church growth. Nancy also provides support for other mission personnel in the region and assists PC(USA) congregations and presbyteries that are in or that want to be in a relationship with partners in East Central Africa. Home presbytery: Southern New England; *E200471*, *D506149* 



#### Rev. Dr. Dustin Ellington and Sherri Ellington

Dustin and Sherri are assigned to Justo Mwale Theological College, where Dustin teaches New Testament, Greek, and preaching. Sherri has assisted with the Women's Ministry program, teaching English and helping students improve their writing skills. The college trains future pastors for service in Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe, and beyond. In this region of Africa, the church has grown exponentially in the last two or three generations and has claimed a central role in solving the region's societal problems. Justo Mwale helps meet the church's critical need for more trained leaders. Home presbytery: San Joaquin/ New Hope; E200478, D507543



#### Rev. Jeremy Garbat-Welch and Luta Garbat-Welch

Luta is serving as community health facilitator in Malawi, where she is based, and in four other African countries: Zambia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. She helps African partners develop sustainable community health programs. Jeremy, a clinically trained hospital chaplain, will share his expertise with Presbyterian clergy in Malawi. "We are called to serve God by living holistic lives of faith and health and sharing God's message of wholeness to others," they write. "We hope that through our lives and work that we will help others live lives of wholeness and healing for others and the world." Home presbytery/ecclesiastical body: Mid-Kentucky/ Hurstbourne Christian Church; E200515, D507577



#### Rev. Janet Guyer

Janet is serving as regional facilitator for women's and children's interests. She accompanies African partners as they strive to address the marginalization of women and children in their communities. She assists with strategic planning, works with women leaders as they seek to expand their skill sets, supports initiatives that promote the well-being of women and children, and encourages relationship building among women across Africa. She also engages with Presbyterian Women and other US constituencies who wish to come alongside and promote these efforts. Janet's ministry focuses on the countries of Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Ethiopia. Janet has been under mission appointment since 1989. Home presbytery: Pittsburgh; *E200351*, *D506385* 



#### Rev. Kari Nicewander and Joel DeJong

"We have good news to share," write Kari and Joel. "We follow a God who loves us and cares for our spiritual, physical, and emotional health; a God who wants us to be whole." In Zambia, Kari works as Coordinator for the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program begun in Zambia in 2014, and she nurtures church growth in CCAP Zambia through respectful and authentic evangelism and discipleship. Joel helps to design and produce materials which effectively share stories of CCAP Zambia Synod work with Synod partners. Kari and Joel believe that God wants everyone to be full of Christ's joy. "Our family has experienced this joy, but we have also witnessed the pain that infects communities through disease and poverty," they share. "We feel deeply blessed to follow our call to address spiritual and physical health in partnership with Church of Central Africa Presbyterian-Zambia. Home ecclesiastical body: Edgewood United Church, East Lansing, MI; E200492, D507557



#### Dr. Douglas Tilton

As regional liaison for Southern Africa, Doug facilitates the PC(USA)'s partner relationships, supports other mission personnel, and works with presbytery and congregational partnerships. He also has responsibilities for facilitating PC(USA) World Mission advocacy efforts in Africa. He works in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Madagascar and South Africa. "I am excited and grateful when we are able to help each other discern and apply our respective gifts to strengthen our mutual capacity to do justice, to share the good news of the gospel, and to promote reconciliation so that all may enjoy life in fullness," Doug says. Home presbytery: Heartland; *E200416*, *D507200* 

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