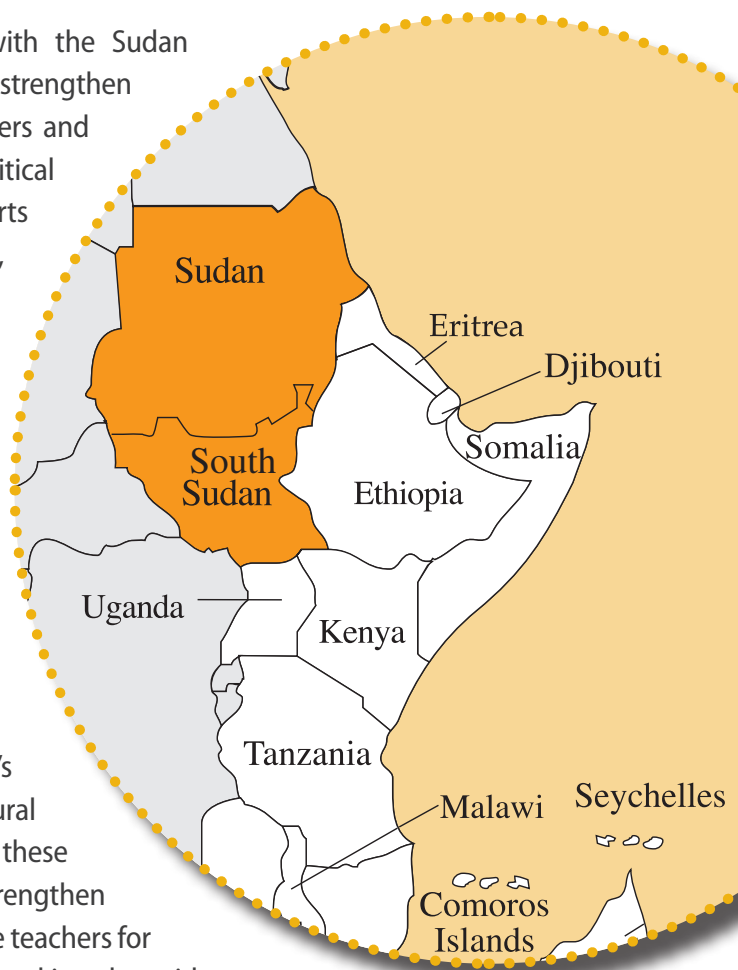


Partner with Presbyterian World Mission in **South Sudan**

In Sudan Presbyterian World Mission works in partnership with the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SPEC). World Mission seeks to strengthen the century-long relationship by encouraging our Sudanese sisters and brothers in faith and life as they serve God in a social and political environment that is difficult for Christians. Our relationship supports education and leadership development, community development, evangelism and new church development.

In South Sudan Presbyterian World Mission works in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan (PCOSS) and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church (SSPEC). SSPEC, which has its origins in the north of Sudan, is beginning to set up its structures in South Sudan. The PCOSS operates primary and secondary schools, a Bible school, health clinics, a pharmacy, bookshops, and youth, women's work, mission and evangelism, and education departments. RECONCILE is a partner engaged in peace building and conflict transformation with PCOSS, and other ecumenical partners. The years of civil war left South Sudan's infrastructure in ruins, but the region is home to abundant natural resources and many faithful people. World Mission works with these partners to develop Christ-centered peace-building programs, to strengthen and develop church primary and secondary schools, and to provide teachers for adult theological education. Mission co-workers provide expertise working alongside local leaders and other partner organizations in each of these areas.



Working together with our partners in South Sudan

Since the Comprehensive Peace Agreement was signed in 2010, World Mission has continued to build relationships and is able to send committed and called mission co-workers to South Sudan. Although their ministries are diverse, all of them share a common commitment to strengthening the witness of God's presence through our partner church and making a transformational impact on the lives of the people. Sudan and South Sudan are places where Presbyterian World Mission is pursuing work in all three of our critical global initiatives. They include:

- **Addressing the root causes of poverty.** We seek to empower people through education and through Community Health Evangelism (CHE), 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 with our partner church in Community Health Evangelism, we are strengthening the outreach of our partner churches by helping them train new ministers. These fast growing churches are experiencing a severe clergy shortage.
- **Engaging in ministries of reconciliation.** Through our partnership with the ecumenical peacebuilding organization, RECONCILE, we are working for peace among rival ethnic groups. South Sudan needs peace within its borders so that it can achieve success as a nation and so that its people can fully experience the life Christ wants for them.

Support your mission co-workers in South Sudan



Rev. Debbie Blane

Debbie is a lecturer in theology at the Nile Theological College (NTC), which is located in Juba. NTC is a theological institution of the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan and the South Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, and it also serves students of other denominations. The work of this college is nurturing skilled leaders for the growth of the church and amplifying the voice of the gospel throughout the country. Amid the severe poverty and insecurity that grip the young nation of South Sudan, Debbie and her colleagues prepare future pastors to serve its growing churches. Speaking of the college community, Debbie says, “We are the poor, the African, the Arab, the hurt, and the wounded, and we are in ministry to the same.” Home presbytery: *Cascades; E200453, D507517*



Lynn and Sharon Kandel

Lynn and Sharon are working alongside the PCOSS, doing administrative and logistical work related to the South Sudan Education and Peacebuilding Project including the building of schools as well as helping with administration and logistics with all of PC(USA)'s partners in South Sudan. They also support other mission co-workers in South Sudan and groups traveling to South Sudan with logistical needs. “We are praying that the educational aspect of our work will help improve the rate of women and young girls entering school. With education come more possibilities of jobs, better health, and a more positive future,” they say. Lynn and Sharon are in South Sudan knowing that God holds them and the people they work alongside in his love and protection. Home ecclesiastical body: *Martins Creek Mennonite Church, Millersburg, OH; E200524, D507585*



Nancy McGaughey

Nancy started work with the Murle people as a community health facilitator in November 2012, partnering with the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan with a primary focus in Community Health Evangelism (CHE). Due to continuing conflict in Pibor, most of her service is with Interchurch Medical Assistance in the areas of reproductive health—a crucial ministry as South Sudan has the world's highest maternal mortality rate. Nancy travels to remote areas of South Sudan to provide support to traditional midwives and clinic staff on ways to save women's lives in challenging conditions without health facilities. She works alongside staff to make sure they have what they need to provide basic health services to the community and the skills needed to perform their jobs. “My mission is to practice the presence of God, wherever I am, whatever I am doing,” she says. Home presbytery: *Ohio Valley; E200527, D502951*



Rev. Nancy Smith-Mather and Rev. Shelvis Smith-Mather

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Reformed Church in America (RCA) have joined their efforts by sending Reverends Nancy and Shelvis Smith-Mather to South Sudan to work alongside the Sudanese. Shelvis is the principal of the RECONCILE Peace Institute, which equips leaders to initiate sustainable peace in places of high conflict and trauma. Nancy is the project manager for the South Sudan Education and Peace Building Project, developing peace and advancing education in collaboration with the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan, Across, Yei Teacher Training College, and RECONCILE International. “Please pray God will heal the people of South Sudan so they can build a peaceful nation,” Shelvis and Nancy write. Home presbytery: *Greater Atlanta; E200316, D507554*



Leisa Wagstaff

After nearly 30 years as a mission co-worker, Leisa is working in her fifth African country, South Sudan. Leisa helps the PCOSS strengthen its educational ministry by accompanying Sudanese Presbyterians in strategic planning, developing in-service teacher training programs, and nurturing community participation in education. Statistics show that 70 percent of children between the ages of six and seventeen have never set foot inside a classroom; only 25 percent of the school-age population is enrolled in school, and almost 90 percent of teachers are untrained. Leisa invites everyone to share in this ministry. Home presbytery: New Hope; *E200501, D504924*



Rev. Michael Weller and Rachel Weller

Rachel facilitates Community Health Evangelism (CHE) projects and trainings in the Gambella region of Ethiopia. CHE programs seek to transform individuals and communities by integrating community based development, evangelism, and discipleship. Michael serves as the PC(USA) regional liaison for the Horn of Africa, where he works with partners in South Sudan, Sudan, and Ethiopia, supports the work of other mission personnel in these areas, and nurtures presbytery and congregational partnerships. Home presbytery: Abingdon/Pittsburgh; *E200421, D507277*

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