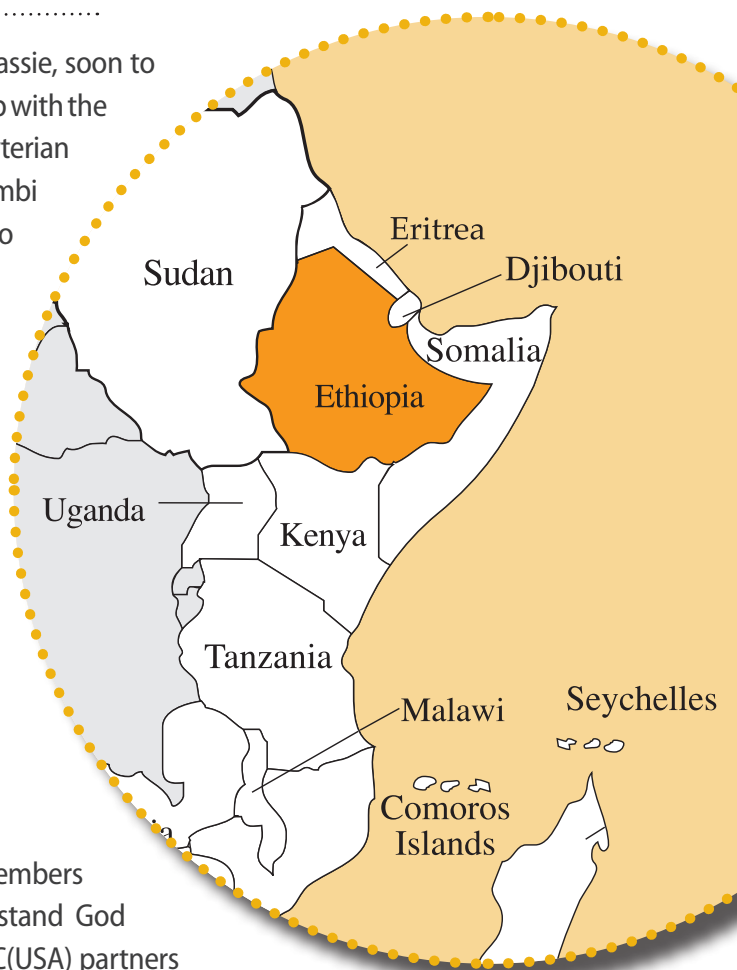


# Partner with Presbyterian World Mission in **Ethiopia**

Presbyterian work in Ethiopia dates back to 1918. Regent Haile Selassie, soon to become king, invited the Presbyterian Church into the country to help with the great 1918–19 worldwide flu epidemic. Dr. Thomas Lambie, a Presbyterian missionary in Sudan, responded and established a hospital in Dembi Dollo, as well as a school and a church there. He also started two hospitals in Addis Ababa, one of them became the Pasteur Research Institute (for infectious diseases) and the other is now the world-renowned Africa Leprosy Research and Training Center (ALERT). The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s partner church in Ethiopia is the six-million-member Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY). It is the result of Presbyterian and Lutheran mission efforts, and it has congregations throughout Ethiopia. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church is the largest Christian body in the country. Approximately half the population is Christian and about one third is Muslim. Most other Ethiopians adhere to traditional religions. While Ethiopia continues to struggle with poverty and hunger, it currently boasts one of the fastest-growing economies in Africa.

Through strong partnerships and relationships, Presbyterians and members of EECMY work together to build God's Kingdom and to understand God better. In order to provide congregations with strong leadership, PC(USA) partners with the EECMY in leadership training at institutions such as the Gidada Theological College in Dembi Dollo and the Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa. Through presbytery to synod partnerships, Presbyterians support various education, development, and evangelism programs in the EECMY. Having welcomed the Community Health Evangelism (CHE) program introduced by PC(USA), EECMY Bethel Synods are beginning grass-roots programs that bring communities together to tackle various health problems and to study the Word of God.



## **Working together with our partners in Ethiopia**

All of our mission co-workers in Ethiopia share a common commitment to strengthening the witness of God's presence through our partners and making a transformational impact in the lives of people. Ethiopia is a place where Presbyterian World Mission, alongside Ethiopian partners, 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, through various health ministries, and through a variety of programs designed to strengthen the lives of women and children.
- **Sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.** 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. Community Health Evangelism training has been warmly welcomed by EECMY.
- **Engaging in ministries of reconciliation.** We also support our partner church's efforts to address gender-based violence.

## Meet your mission co-workers in Ethiopia



### Rev. Stephen Stelle and Brenda Stelle

Brenda teaches English at the Bethel Evangelical Secondary School (BESS) in Ethiopia. Experienced in teaching high school and college English, her goal is to give students a greater understanding of and fluency in the English language. These are skills that will help them find viable careers and follow the paths God has chosen for them. Steve is teaching pastors at Gidada Bible School/Bethel Theological College, thus helping the fast-growing Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus fill its need for well-trained clergy. He brings 30 years of ministry experience to the task. "It has always been our one desire to answer God's call, and now he's calling us to serve him in Ethiopia," says Stephen and Brenda. Home presbytery: Shenango; *E200507, D507574*



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

Luta serves as the PC(USA) Africa Community Health Facilitator in Malawi, where she is based, and in four other countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Zambia. She helps African partners develop sustainable community health programs and implement Community Health Evangelism. Jeremy, a clinically trained hospital chaplain, shares 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 with 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 ecclesiastical body: Hurstbourne Christian Church, Louisville; *E200515, D507577*



### Rev. Janet Guyer

Janet is serving as the Regional Facilitator for Women 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 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. 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 Ethiopia, Sudan, and South Sudan, 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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PC(USA)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

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- To support specific mission co-workers, simply write their name on the memo line of the check.

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