

Bega Kwa Bega 2021 **A YEAR TO RECONNECT**

Raising \$20,000 will enable us to CONNECT IN PERSON.

Physical presence, walking side-by-side and face-to-face has been a hallmark of this relationship for the past 30 years. Our top priority is ensuring we have adequate financial and technological resources in place for those who will serve in Iringa as our representatives—be our hands and our feet—while global travel remains limited for the foreseeable future.

This amount will cover: mission personnel support for the BKB program coordinators (\$11,000), computer and technological upgrades in our Iringa Office to improve digital communications (\$5,000) and airfare for BKB ambassadors (\$4,000).

Raising an additional \$30,000 will empower us to better CONNECT WITH A GROWING CHURCH.

Even as the COVID-19 pandemic has slowed life as we know it to a crawl, God's church continues to grow, and the Iringa Diocese is no exception...adding 15 new congregations in 2020 alone! Once we're back on the ground, our intent is to follow through on our commitment to accompany all of the people of the Iringa Diocese—not just those privileged to have a companion congregation—in their education and development.

This \$30,000 will be directed to diocese-wide initiatives that include scholarship equity funding for secondary students from unpartnered congregations (\$15,000) and post-secondary scholarships for pastors, teachers, medical professionals, and others pursuing advanced areas of study (\$15,000).

Raising funds beyond \$50,000 will enable us to ensure our ability to CONNECT WITH THE FUTURE.

The Bega Kwa Bega Endowment Fund was established in 2018 in order to strengthen and extend God's mission through collaborative initiatives of the Saint Paul Area Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Iringa Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania (ELCT).

Funds from the endowment allow us experiment, innovate and provide direct lines of support to projects and initiatives aligned with the mission, vision, values and future directions of BKB. Already, grants have been used to purchase braille machines for visually impaired students, equip U.S. congregations as they engage in this ministry, and support the work of our affiliated partners. As the endowment grows, so too does our ability to dream and act boldly.

CONTRIBUTE NOW!

GIVE ONLINE: <https://spas-elca.org/give>. Enter the amount of your gift on the 'BKB Support' line and include 'Reconnecting Appeal' on the memo line. One-time and recurring gifts are both welcome.

SEND A CHECK: Saint Paul Area Synod, PO Box 64689, St. Paul, MN 55164-0689. Include 'BKB Reconnecting Appeal' on the memo line.