

MALAWI



Mission Overview

Malawi means “flame” in the national language of the land, Chichewa. Certainly, the Holy Spirit’s fire can be clearly seen in the Lutheran Church of Central Africa – Malawi Synod (LCCA-MS). The first WELS missionaries arrived in Malawi in 1963. Since that time, the LCCA-MS has grown to about 40,000 members in 134 congregations served by 26 national pastors. The WELS One Africa Team is currently working with the LCCA-MS to restructure its worker training program. In the past, pastoral students studied at the Bible Institute in Lilongwe for three years, and then another three years at the seminary in Lusaka, Zambia. In the future, each Synod – Zambia and Malawi – will have its own complete worker training program. Three WELS missionaries live in Lilongwe and serve the needs of our sister synod partners across Africa.

Fast Facts

- Congregations: 134
- Baptized national members: 38,000
- National pastors: 26
- National evangelists: 1
- Vicars: 8
- Students preparing for pastoral ministry: 9

Praying for Malawi

Please keep the LCCA-Malawi in your prayers as their church body passes through a key period of transition and internal growth. We thank God for the faithfulness of the LCCA-Malawi pastors and especially its leadership in this time of change, as well as the stable relationship that WELS enjoys with its largest World Missions partner.

