



The Ethiopian Partnership Team

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of the

Susquehanna Valley Presbytery

Dear Friends:

It has been our pleasure to sustain the 19-year partnership between our Presbytery and the Western Wollega Bethel Synod in western Ethiopia. We continue to witness the good work of the gospel—faith, education, mission—being done by our brothers and sisters in Ethiopia. Those who have so much less than we do, in material terms, are nonetheless following the call of Christ to do faithful kingdom work there. It is our joy to partner with them in prayer and financial support, and to keep our blessed relationship strong.

In 1996, when our Partnership was born, our Presbytery committed \$10,000 per year to the work of the saints in Ethiopia. Through your and your congregation's faithful giving, we have been able to provide that amount plus, in many years, much more. This money goes to train missionaries, support the Christian schools of the Synod, send visitors in both directions, and much more. Over the last few years, however, our Presbytery has struggled with tighter budgets. Meanwhile inflation in both countries requires more than \$30,000 to pay for the same goods and services in 2015. We hope that these figures can serve as an inspiration for greater generosity.

As we turn the calendar to 2016, would you and your congregation consider supporting our partnership with the following:

1. **Pray daily** for the “whole gospel for the whole person” in Ethiopia: the good news of Jesus Christ, better education in the Synod, and the health of the Church there.
2. Commit Unified Mission Giving dollars to the broad work of the Presbytery. There are so many ministries, including our Ethiopian Partnership, that are supported by your undesignated giving. **Unified Mission Giving is really important to our whole life together.**
3. Prayerfully consider how your congregation might **give specifically to the Ethiopian Partnership**, or to one of the particular ministries that we support there (three schools, women's ministry, mission work, and others). And if you want more information about the wonders of our partnership, get in touch with us and we'll come tell you all about it! (Designated donations go to the same address as general giving to the Presbytery.)
4. Consider **becoming an ambassador for our partnership by traveling to Ethiopia** on the next trip (probably in 2017). You will forge new relationships, support good work, and discover in new ways the height, depth, and breadth of God's love for the whole world.

We thank God for you and for our mutual call in this Presbytery and around the world. We look forward to your continued support in 2016 and beyond. **If your congregation, Session, or mission committee would like to have us come and present our ministry to you, let us know. We'd love to visit with you!**

Waaqayyo isn haa eebisu (God bless you),

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