MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

Our Mission
Inspired by God’s love for humanity, CLWR challenges the causes and responds to the consequences of human suffering and poverty.

As a specialized agency of the Lutheran community in Canada, CLWR offers Canadians opportunities to serve the needs of others.

Our Vision
A world where people live in justice, peace and dignity, united in diversity, and empowered to achieve their universal rights to basic needs and quality of life.

Our Values
PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE—In response to our faith, we as Christians are called to seek justice and show compassion.

CLWR responds to people who are suffering due to unjust political, economic and social situations.

DIGNITY—Created in God’s image, human beings are to be valued and treated with respect.

CLWR respects the dignity of each person and supports vulnerable communities to strive for justice, human rights and a sustainable future.

STEWARDSHIP OF RESOURCES—All that we have is a gift from God, entrusted to our nurture and care.

CLWR strives to responsibly steward those gifts in serving the needs of others.

PARTNERSHIP—Working in partnership is fundamental and essential to our work.

Mutuality, respect and participation characterize CLWR’s partnerships with churches, local organizations, funding agencies, international organizations, groups and individuals.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY—Operating and reporting with integrity promotes understanding and trust.

CLWR is committed to being accountable to partners, including donors, by acting in a transparent manner in all endeavours.
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One of our national newspapers carried a front page story this morning, reporting on the continuing relief efforts in Haiti and noting the vulnerability of the huge number of Haitians still living in emergency shelters. At the same time, the article noted the need for international efforts to move beyond relief to begin the redevelopment of the infrastructure in that earthquake ravaged nation.

By coincidence, there is a small team from CLWR and our two partner churches (ELCIC and LCC) who are in Haiti this week, assessing the work that CLWR has been able to accomplish on your behalf. (Go to www.youtube.com and type “CLWR Haiti” into the search engine to see their interviews.)

Because of your generosity, CLWR is a valuable contributor to those initial relief efforts and now in the work of reconstructing a shattered infrastructure, such as the rebuilding of schools.

It is our partnerships with you, our individual donors and partner churches, which has made this work possible, not only in Haiti but also in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. But it is also our partnership and collaborative work with the Lutheran World Federation and ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) which allow us to assure that your generosity is making a difference in the lives of countless people.

We are deeply grateful for your trust and for your generous partnership. Working together, we are changing lives for the better. What a wonderful opportunity. What a privilege to be able to make such a difference in the world!

Rev. Dr. Mark Harris
President

Robert Granke
Executive Director
In 2009-10, community development programming continued as a prominent core activity of CLWR. A strength of CLWR has always been its ability to seek out and work with partners around the globe. These partners are skilled at helping communities build capacity to become more democratic and equitable societies that are more economically sustainable.

Ongoing major partners in 2009-10 included the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (food security projects in Zambia and Ethiopia), the Lutheran World Federation Division for World Mission (LWF-DMD) and Division for World Service (LWF-DWS). In addition, CLWR continues to work with several other agencies and church bodies.

An example is CLWR’s continuing support for the Centre for Research on New International Economic Order (CReNIEO). Based at the University of Madras, India, CReNIEO conducts socially relevant action research and trains young leaders to work with rural communities in areas such as ecology, maternal and child health, and appropriate technology transfers.

CLWR also maintained church priority projects. In El Salvador, CLWR helped sustain the work of ELCIC missionary Rev. Brian Rude. This includes AIDS prevention/awareness and wellness workshops in prisons and program alternatives for at-risk youth in marginal neighbourhoods in and around the capital city of San Salvador. In Nicaragua, CLWR provides scholarships, making it possible for 250 children to attend schools operated by the Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua (ILSN), a partner church of Lutheran Church–Canada.

Education is also at the core of CLWR programming in Peru, where it partners with Urphichallay to train the indigenous Quechua people in water quality monitoring as well as facilitate recuperation and application of traditional knowledge. The training reaches both adults and children. Urphichallay collaborates with a university to offer an environmental module to engineering students and contributes to an inter-cultural diploma program that familiarizes future teachers with the traditional practices and beliefs of the Quechua.

CLWR continues to use the contributions of its constituency to leverage additional financial resources from the Canadian International Development Agency. Year 2 of a five-year, $12 million program has now been completed. The program includes projects in India, Mozambique, Zambia, Bolivia and Peru. Some highlights of the ways these projects are helping to make a difference are featured on the following pages of this report.
In the Katete District in eastern Zambia, inequalities among rural people are marked by lack of power sharing, restricted participation in society and violence against women, all of which hinder efforts to create sustainable development. To reverse the situation, CLWR is partnering with the Lutheran World Federation – Zambia to run the Rural Community Development and Empowerment program (RCDE). The program strives to change public attitudes and practices as well as to institutionalize gender equality.

One beneficiary of the program is Judith Tembo Zulu of Malata Strategic Action Group (SAG). Judith is 48 years old, married, and has eight children and three grandchildren. She dropped out of school at Grade 9 and was pushed into early marriage by her parents.

With training and support, Judith says she is realizing her dream to "make her life count." In 2005, she was elected as chairperson for the Malata SAG. She was also selected and trained as an adult literacy facilitator for the same SAG.

Judith has been one of the most innovative SAG leaders in the RCDE program. She participates widely in community development activities and is a leader at her church. When asked about her achievements, she credits the LWF/CLWR capacity building program for empowering her to be able to speak in public and teaching her how to prepare for and chair meetings. In August 2009, Judith successfully ran for public office and now serves as an area councillor for the Mkaika Ward in Katete District.

Judith’s case is but one example of how project interventions are gaining ground and people’s lives are being transformed. Empowerment of the rural community is yielding results, and more women are taking up leadership positions, even at political and civic levels.
The Sundarban, a coastal alluvial region of India on the Bay of Bengal, has soils that are rich in silt and clay. Agriculture is the mainstay of the region with 400,000 hectares under cereal production—almost entirely rice paddies. Production, however, has been declining, especially for summer paddy cultivation which is dependent on groundwater-based irrigation. Compounding this problem are the great portions of cultivable land that are in low-lying areas. Due to the basin-like structure of the region, farms become submerged in the monsoon season, rendering the land unusable for cultivation and susceptible to erosion.

Through its partner, Lutheran World Service India Trust, CLWR has been working with 446 farmers in the region to address these issues through a land development, water management and crop diversification project. Significant advances in the management of water have been achieved through bunding and pond construction. Ponds provide a means to store surplus water during the monsoon season as a source for irrigation during the dry season, thereby reducing dependence on rain-fed nourishment of crops. Excavation of the ponds produces a supply of soil that is then used to raise the level of the land to reduce the risk of water logging in the rainy season. Banks around the perimeter of the field aid in the control of runoff and limit erosion.

With improved land, farm families have begun to diversify their crop production, introducing vegetable cultivation. And some ponds, in addition to being an irrigation resource, are now fish farms, as well providing another source of protein for local diets. With training and education, farmers have been shifting to eco-friendly farming practices, increasing the use of green coverage and adopting low-cost water lifting devices.

The people are grateful for this welcome change. One farmer, Amodini, confessed, “This technology of land development is of enormous help to us. We are growing different types of crops and vegetables round the year. The cultivation cost is very low and we are earning more.” The cropping intensity of all the developed land has gone up by 200 percent, yielding additional income opportunities to many farm families.
Transforming communities from dependency and impoverishment to vibrancy and self-reliance requires a multi-level approach. CLWR’s strategy is to strengthen community resilience and respond to economic, environmental, political, social and cultural pressure. To achieve these objectives, CLWR promotes preventive health care practices, increased literacy status through educational opportunities, increased agriculture production to attain food security and management, and protection of natural resources. Here are some examples of what was achieved in 2009–10.

**IMPROVING HEALTH**
- 50 communities with improved access to water and sanitation
- 28 safe water sources constructed to UNICEF and/or SPHERE standards
- 9,928 households sensitized on hygiene for the collection, storage & use of water
- 9,306 households using new or improved latrines
- 175 community-based health care providers trained/retrained to facilitate STD/HIV/AIDS prevention; primary health care; maternal and child health care
- 1,521 awareness raising sessions held on HIV/AIDS, nutrition & general health to promote attitude & behaviour change among children, youth and adults

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**
- 41 nurseries developed and 2,140 households supported to plant trees
- 34 communities supported for pollution control, remediation and alternative energy sources
- 1,949 people trained on natural resources and environmental protection

**FOOD SECURITY**
- 5,065 farmers trained in sustainable agriculture
- 1,838 farmers supported with agricultural implements, tools and/or inputs
- 440 farmers trained in livestock management

**EDUCATION**
- 3,914 children and 7,386 adults accessing formal & non-formal educational opportunities in literacy, human rights, native language & intercultural issues, gender & environment.
- 185 educators trained/retrained in literacy, environmental, gender & intercultural issues
Natural disasters displace and disrupt the lives of hundreds of thousands of people each year, many of whom have little capacity to cope in the short term or adjust and adapt over the long term. Partnerships are key to CLWR’s ability to respond to emergency situations. CLWR and the Lutheran World Federation, along with over 100 other churches and church-based development and relief agencies, form the ACT Alliance, an international ecumenical relief and development agency. Collectively, ACT members work in over 142 countries.

Historically, the Canadian Lutheran community has been generous when emergencies arise and 2009-10 was no exception. An appeal following the January 2010 Haiti earthquake raised over $1.1 million. With those funds, CLWR has been able to support some of the short-term relief efforts of ACT and the LWF in Haiti through the provision of non-food items, including tool kits for clearing land, hygiene kits and kitchen kits, temporary and transitional shelter items, including tarps, rope, roofing sheets, hammers and saws, and water and sanitation facilities, including six deep wells, four public latrines and washing stations, and 500 latrines. Financial support was also given to the Haitian Lutheran Mission Society for the purchase of tents. Over the longer term, CLWR is working with partners on plans for the construction of permanent earthquake and hurricane resistant housing.

Other events that garnered significant response from CLWR supporters this year included a series of tropical storms, earthquakes and tsunamis that struck several countries in southeast Asia in October 2009 and an earthquake that struck Chile in February 2010.
The We Care program continued to flourish this year with three shipments being made from our Winnipeg warehouse and one from Clearbrook, BC. Some 44,000 kilos of materials were sent to four countries: Malawi, Mauritania, Tanzania and Nicaragua.

The Nicaragua shipment, a first for CLWR, was distributed by Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua, a partner church of Lutheran Church–Canada. It also marked the beginning of a new partnership between CLWR and International H.O.P.E. Canada, a Winnipeg-based organization devoted to distributing surplus medical equipment and supplies to the developing world. Along with thousands of kits and quilts, the Chinandega mission and medical clinic received hospital beds, x-ray machines, wheelchairs, bandages, pneumonia vests, and a dentist’s chair.

The Winnipeg warehouse operation moved this year to its new location on King Edward Street. Expanded storage space, newly installed shelving, and a one-level layout have made for greater efficiencies in receiving and shipping of goods.

Donors and volunteers remain at the forefront of the We Care program from those assembling kits and making quilts to those helping our staff sort, check and bale them. As well, gratitude goes to Home Hardware for its ongoing provision of free shipping of goods to Winnipeg from locations all across Canada.
This year marked CLWR’s 30th year of participation in Canada’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program (PSRP). As a Sponsorship Agreement Holder, CLWR assists congregations and groups in submitting refugee applications and preparing for the arrival of newcomers to Canada.

In 2009–10, 93 cases were prepared, involving a total of 220 applicants situated in Afghanistan, Colombia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Iran, Palestine, Sudan and Somalia. Seven families, representing 37 people whose applications were submitted in previous years, were finally able to make the journey to Canada and are settling into new homes in Calgary, Ottawa, Red Deer, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg. Amongst them were Bataa Eldakan and two of her adult children, Suha and Hussein, who were sponsored by Advent Lutheran Church, Toronto. The congregation initiated the sponsorship project as part of its 40th anniversary celebrations.

The global refugee situation remains critical. Currently, some 43 million persons worldwide remain forcibly displaced from their home countries. Although repatriation would be the preferred solution for refugees, the fact that some countries, like Afghanistan and Somalia, find themselves in an intractable conflict situation makes repatriation impossible.

The PSRP was initiated in 1979 in response to the plight of the Indochinese boat people. As an agreement holder in the program, CLWR has assisted Lutheran sponsorship groups across the country in bringing close to 10,000 refugees to Canada.
Established in 2006, the International Volunteer Service program provides a means for members of our constituency to offer the gift of time and talent, and for CLWR to support its overseas partners. This year, two placements were facilitated.

Gil and Fran Shultz departed in September 2009 for a year long assignment with the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem. Gil’s skills at proposal writing were put to use assisting with applications for medical equipment as well as funding to support ongoing and new programming ventures such as the mobile mammography clinic and the patient busing support system. Fran supported staff in the preparation of reports required by funders but also developed and offered courses to improve their report writing skills.

Heather Pryse travelled to Geneva in August 2009 to begin a one year internship with the Humanitarian Affairs office of the Lutheran World Federation. She participated in a variety of United Nations and other civil society forums pertaining to humanitarian affairs, as well as meetings related to the UN Human Rights Council. Her year also included visits to field projects in Jerusalem and Uganda.

CLWR extends its appreciation to Heather, Fran and Gil for their dedicated and valuable service.
In 2005, CLWR officially branded its alternative trade program under the banner of Four Corners. Sales of fairly and alternatively traded crafts, coffee, tea and chocolate were promoted through a store located within CLWR’s Winnipeg office as well as consignment sales run by church groups across the country. In 2009, an online store was added.

Since its inception, Four Corners has successfully raised awareness of fair trade issues in the Lutheran constituency. While sales of Four Corners product have grown over the past five years, financial viability has been impossible. Excluding overhead support, a significant annual subsidy has been required in each year of operation to offset losses, and financial projections suggested no significant change in this trend.

At its March 2010 meeting, the CLWR Board of Directors endorsed a recommendation to close the Four Corners program. This was deemed necessary to protect the viability of core programming such as community development, emergency and disaster relief, refugee resettlement and commodities.

CLWR extends its grateful appreciation to the Lutheran community for the support they have given to the Four Corners program. The agency especially thanks the volunteers who provided many hours of service helping staff manage consignment sales across Canada and the store’s inventory locally.

CLWR will continue to encourage its constituency to support the producers of fairly and alternatively traded commodities through purchases from Ten Thousand Villages and Level Ground. Ten Thousand Villages carries a variety of goods produced by the same artisan communities that were supported by Four Corners, and Level Ground continues to support our constituency with fair trade coffee purchases. Links to both Ten Thousand Villages and Level Ground have been placed on the CLWR website.
Where our support came from

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE: $7,891,603

- Donations from congregations, individuals and agencies (56%)
- Other (2%)
- Government and other grants (42%)

What we did with your support

- Global support (88%)
- Communications and resource generation (9%)
- General administration (3%)

Canadian Lutheran World Relief gratefully acknowledges the support of the following organizations:

- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- Lutheran Church–Canada
- Canadian International Development Agency
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation
- The Lutheran World Federation
- The ACT Alliance
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank
Will You Leave A Lasting Legacy?

Does your Last Will and Testament tell a story to others about what has shaped your faith and reveal the values and priorities that have been important in your life?

Choosing to leave a gift from the heart through a will bequest brings meaning, dignity and purpose to a life well lived. Such a gift is your opportunity to participate in the mission and ministry of CLWR long into the future.

CLWR has an international reputation as an organization that makes effective use of donors’ dollars and that means your legacy gift will have a real impact on the lives of those who need hope the most.

A gift to CLWR will support long-term development projects. Through these projects people gain the knowledge, skills and tools to build personal capacity and strengthen their communities.

To leave a gift to CLWR in your Will, ask your lawyer to include the following statement:

“I give, devise and bequeath to Canadian Lutheran World Relief the sum of $_________, (or) my property known as_________, (or) ________% of the residue of my estate, (or) the residue of my estate, for its sole use and purposes.”

Should you wish to designate your gift to benefit a specific program or project, then add:

“It is my preference that this gift be used for ________________.”

Canadian Lutheran World Relief provides a full range of opportunities for its supporters to make planned gifts. These include:

• Wills/Bequests
• Life Insurance
• Gift Annuities
• Securities
• RRSPs and RRIFs
• Property

For more information and to receive gift planning advice at no charge please call 1.800.661.2597 and ask for the Community Relations Department.

Your generous heart working through our willing hands will change lives every day.

Be an Awareness Builder

CLWR relates to over 900 Lutheran congregations across Canada. Face-to-face interaction with each of them on a regular basis would be an expensive proposition, directing valuable donor dollars away from aid and development programs. That’s where Awareness Builders come in.

Awareness Builders form a national network of volunteers who receive regular news and programming updates from CLWR and then disseminate it to their congregational community. Some serve as ambassadors of CLWR when staff members are not able to respond to requests for in-person visits to congregations in their neighbourhoods.

CLWR’s goal is to have an Awareness Builder in every Lutheran congregation across Canada. To learn more about how you can share your gifts to lift up the work of CLWR, please call 1.800.661.2597 or send an email to clwr@clwr.mb.ca.
CLWR carries out international development programming, emergency
relief and refugee resettlement on behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada and Lutheran Church–Canada.

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