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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.
In this annual report, you will learn about the outstanding work done by CLWR in Canada and around the world. Executive Director Bob Granke, the leadership team, and 18 staff all work hard to accomplish our mission: “inspired by God’s love for humanity, CLWR challenges the causes and responds to the consequences of human suffering and poverty.”

But there’s another group who work alongside Canadian Lutherans to support the staff—the board of directors. Who are these folks and what do they do?

The board has 11 members. Six are nominated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and three by Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC). Each Church appoints an additional young adult member (aged 18 to 35). The LCC president and the ELCIC national bishop serve as advisory members, as does an international advisor who provides perspectives from the developing world. Together, the board sets policy for and guides the strategic direction of the agency.

The board meets biannually, alternating between the LCC and ELCIC’s Winnipeg offices, or larger venues if numbers warrant. A four-member executive committee meets between board meetings.

Every board meeting features an educational component to keep members current with international development issues. Biennially, a few board members participate in a Global Encounter to visit international project sites, learning first-hand of the work of CLWR and its partners.

There’s the “who” and “what” of CLWR’s governance board. Feel free to contact me, any of the board members, or the national leadership of your Church with questions and comments about the board and its workings.

I am privileged to serve in this exceptional agency, to bring about God’s kingdom of love and justice in the world.

Marcus Busch
President

CLWR has completed another successful year of service to thousands of people across the globe. In this 2012-13 Annual Report, you’ll read about many of these efforts, including ones bringing life-changing reading and writing skills to rural villages in Zambia, sustainable cultivation techniques to small-scale farmers in Peru’s Andean region, We Care kits to refugees in Mauritania and Kenya, and vital transit service to Palestinians travelling to Augusta Victoria Hospital for specialized medical treatment.

Partnerships are the solid foundation on which our mission is accomplished. We continue to be blessed and strengthened by our relationships with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC). Overseas programming remains effective because of ongoing linkages with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and ACT Alliance. Our relationships with local partners ensure that needs, and programs to address them, are defined and structured by those who will benefit from them.

Closer to home, we are making a concerted effort to strengthen our connection with the youth and young adults of our partner Churches. In August 2012, the Rev. Tyler Gingrich joined the CLWR staff as its first youth engagement coordinator. Since his arrival, Tyler has been working to ensure that young people can share their gifts and passion for global justice and experience the joy of living out their faith, in part, through service to others.

We are grateful for the confidence you have in CLWR and give God thanks for the spirit of generosity that lives among you. Please know that you are making a significant difference in the lives of many and helping to instill hope and create livelihoods for years to come.

Robert Granke
Executive Director
International development programming remains a core mechanism through which CLWR lives out its mission and vision. Central to all programs is the goal of helping individuals and communities move towards a more sustainable and just standard of living.

Partnerships remain a key to funding, planning and delivering programs. An example was CLWR’s collaboration with Canadian Churches in Action to obtain funding from the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation to provide shelter repair kits to 731 families in Mindanao, Philippines, following a December 2012 typhoon. Delivery of the kits, which included galvanized iron sheets and other roofing supplies, was facilitated by another CLWR partner, Lutheran World Relief (LWR), in cooperation with the Philippines branch of Habitat for Humanity.

With the assistance of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) and the LWF, work continued this year on an irrigation-based development project in the Oromia Region of Ethiopia. Aside from their access to more reliable water supplies, people are benefiting from training in beekeeping and honey production, agronomy and integrated compost management. When the program concludes in December 2013, it will have helped improve food security for over 7,800 households in the most marginalized communities of the region.

2012-13 also marked CLWR’s ongoing support for the people of the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Through its regional partner, LWF-Jerusalem, CLWR assists with the provision of vocational training for young men and women, transporting people to Augusta Victoria Hospital for outpatient care, and with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, supports, basic education for hundreds of children and youth.

CIDA- SUPPORTED PROGRAMMING

By December 2013, CLWR’s five-year community development programming agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will come to an end. Since its inception in 2008, over $12 million has been expended on programs in five countries: India, Mozambique, Zambia, Peru and Bolivia. The following pages feature stories and statistical highlights that document how, with your support, CLWR has made a difference in the lives of thousands of people by addressing the root causes of poverty.
The village of Luia is situated in the Chifunde District of Tete Province in the far northeast corner of Mozambique. Since 1999, it has been home to Veronica Mussolora Cadoue. Veronica works at the local hospital but is also vice-treasurer of Luia’s Community Development Committee (CDC). Supported by LWF and CLWR, Veronica reports that the CDC has greatly enhanced the community’s quality of life.

According to Veronica, prenatal care has improved significantly. Pregnant women previously gave birth in their homes using traditional methods. They did not like to go to the hospital and cases of stillbirths were high. To address this situation, community volunteers were trained as Traditional Birth Assistants. Assistants encourage women to go to the hospital to deliver their babies. As a result of these efforts infant mortality has been reduced.

Another community health initiative has centred around the provision of clean, safe drinking water. Community members used to drink contaminated water from the Luia River, which runs through the village. In the same place where they collected drinking water, people wash clothes and animals would come to drink. The risks of contamination-related illnesses such as cholera, diarrhoea and typhoid were very high. The LWF supported the construction of five wells, created a water committee and trained its members to maintain the wells. Currently, the whole village has access to clean water and the incidence of water-borne illness has been significantly reduced.

A third community health initiative emphasized hygiene. Veronica notes that before intervention by the LWF, there were no latrines in Luia. After dark, people would go into the bush to defecate. The LWF has raised awareness about the need for better hygiene and mobilized people to construct toilets near their houses and latrines using UNICEF/SPHERE standards. As a result, the risks of contamination, diarrhoea and cholera have been greatly reduced.
Doris Rodriguez Vallejo and her three sons live in the Casma region of Peru. The small farm she and her husband operate was not generating enough income to support the family so he has moved away from the family home to find work. To continue operating their small farm, Doris knew that it was critical to get support to improve her economic opportunities. She decided to enrol in community activities to learn more about farming and to enhance her networking within the community. That networking led her to participate in an ecological farming initiative offered by DACONIA, one of CLWR’s program partners in Peru.

The training taught Doris about crop diversification, irrigation management and soil conservation methods such as contour furrows, terraces, and hedgerows with crops and containers. Applying this new-found knowledge to her one hectare plot, she now manages a year-round multi-cropping system, which includes avocados, cherimoya, lucuma, potatoes, onions, carrots, lettuce, chard, cabbage, parsley, medicinal herbs, corn and beans. Vegetables and cereals are mainly used for family consumption and the surplus is sold in the local and district markets, or sometimes used to barter with neighbours for other kinds of food and supplies.

Improvements to her farming operations have allowed Doris to create a better life for her family. Income from the farm has risen almost threefold. They are eating a more balanced diet and their daily calorie intake has increased by almost 50 percent. Her sons have been able to stay in school, and now the oldest is pursuing university studies. She wishes for him to study agronomy but his dream is to be a civil engineer.

And now, Doris is giving back to her community. She has become a tireless and knowledge-hungry volunteer leader who works with her peers to disseminate what she has learned through training workshops and seminars, field trips, farmer exchange visits and marketing exposure trips to fairs.
Emelia Phiri is a widow. Her home is the village of Biziliele in Zambia’s Katete District. Now a senior citizen, she lives with one of her daughters and her six grandchildren.

Emelia is one of the many beneficiaries of an adult literacy education program supported by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and CLWR. Illiteracy, especially in rural areas of Zambia, is a significant deterrent to economic advancement. It is estimated that 62 percent of Katete’s population is unable to read and write.

Illiteracy amongst Zambian women has roots in cultural traditions. Despite having an interest in attending school, Emelia was held back. “My father never believed formal education was for girls. He believed girls were supposed to help their mother with household chores and later get married.” She married at age 16.

In 2010, at age 65, she heard about adult literacy education and joined a class. After attending classes for two-and-a-half years, she is now able to read and write in the local language. She proudly boasts that, “with my basic reading and writing skills, I am more positively involved in people’s lives, despite my advanced years. I read my Bible for my grandchildren and I am sometimes called upon to read for my friends at my local church.”

Emelia is also proud to be able to share her new abilities with others in her village by reading and writing letters for those still unable to do so on their own. “As a result of these interactions with and contributions to members of my community, especially with my grandchildren, as a senior citizen, I feel I am more appreciated and that makes me very happy.”

The value of literacy
Building Community Capacity

Inspired by God and with your generous and gracious support, CLWR reaches out to thousands of people, bringing an improved quality of life and the hope of a more sustainable livelihood. Here are just some of the tangible accomplishments your gifts enabled in 2012-13.

- $157,000 in new micro-enterprise loans distributed to entrepreneurs
- 15,214 households sensitized on safe ways to collect, store and use water
- 26,419 people participated in gender equity awareness programming
- 75 communities provided with a safe source of drinking water or sanitation facilities
- 142 community-based health care providers received training in primary, maternal and child health care and HIV and AIDS prevention
- 132 schools received equipment and supplies to improve literacy of children and adults
- 5,529 children and 5,003 adults accessed educational opportunities in literacy, human rights, native language and inter-cultural issues, and gender and environmental issues.
- 401 entrepreneurs supported with business management training
- 12 communities assisted by pollution control and remediation initiatives
- 771 farmers provided with agricultural implements, tools, seeds and/or livestock.
- 4,576 farmers trained in sustainable agriculture practices
The plight of refugees from war-torn regions of Sudan, Somalia and Syria, and those struggling with drought in the Sahel were the primary focal points of CLWR’s emergency relief response efforts this year.

In August 2012, an appeal was launched to offer aid to thousands of people forced to leave their homes in Sudan due to violence and food shortages, and now living in refugee camps in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya. Your donations were channelled to our partner, the Lutheran World Federation, enabling their efforts to provide basic services, including food, water, shelter and toilet facilities.

Additional assistance supported programs to help refugees recover from the trauma of losing homes and loved ones.

At about the same time, a second appeal was launched to address the needs of people affected by a severe drought in the African Sahel region.

Through your response, CLWR supported LWF initiatives to distribute food to and improve nutrition for 58,000 people in five regions of Burkina Faso.

Other appeals this year helped assist people in Haiti in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and those in Thunder Bay, Ontario, coping with damage caused by summertime flash flooding.

CLWR continues as a member of the ACT Alliance, a Geneva-based ecumenical coalition of over 100 churches and church-based organizations. CLWR membership in ACT provides the Canadian Lutheran community with a means to contribute to the relief work of any ACT member church or agency.
This year, the We Care program completed five overseas shipments, two destined to Mauritania and one each to Nicaragua, Kenya and Jordan. Combined, the shipments weighed 42,500 kilograms.

Displaced adults and children living in refugee camps continued to be the prime beneficiaries of the program. Aside from the thousands of We Care blankets, quilts and kits, containers were packed with items such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste and pneumonia vests. Winnipeg-based International Hope Canada continued to support our program with a variety of medical equipment and supplies, including hospital beds and wheelchairs. Ontario Christian Cleaners donated over 1,234 kilograms of soup mix.

Our Winnipeg warehouse continues as the primary operations base for the We Care program, completing three shipments. In May, volunteers from Lower Mainland churches participated in BC Baling Days. In one day, they prepped for and packed a 20-foot container. In August, a similar complement of volunteers from Kitchener-Waterloo region churches prepared a shipment as part of our first baling day event in that area.

Donors and volunteers remain at the forefront of the We Care program. As well, gratitude goes to Home Hardware, Ridsdale Transport, Arnold Bros. Transport and Gardewine North for their provision of free shipping services.
During 2012-13, CLWR worked with sponsorship groups in Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, assisting them in the process of welcoming 85 refugees to Canada. Thirty-three new applications to sponsor 80 more people were completed and filed with Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

CLWR remains a Sponsorship Agreement Holder within the Canadian government’s Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program (PSRP). Through this program, CLWR assists congregations and groups in submitting refugee applications and preparing for the arrival of newcomers to Canada. CLWR continues to operate two regional offices, one in Vancouver and the other in Kitchener-Waterloo.

Both offer support to groups wanting to learn more about refugee sponsorship.

Two of this year’s arrivals, Yohanna and Lidi, were sponsored by NEST, a Winnipeg-based inter-church consortium of volunteers that has been active in refugee resettlement. Five years ago, these young women were forced into national service training in Eritrea. When Yohanna was accused of influencing others to rebel against the government, they fled Eritrea to Sudan, leaving behind their parents and two younger siblings. When it became unsafe for them there, they made their way to Cairo, where they lived for three years before coming to Winnipeg in 2012. Once in Canada, both Yohanna and Lidi successfully finished their high school education and are now attending university and working part-time.

The need for refugee sponsorship remains great. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees estimates the number of persons currently displaced from their homelands stands at over 10 million.

85 refugees resettled in Canada

7 Countries of origin: Afghanistan, Burma, DR Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia and Sudan

33 new applications prepared on behalf of 80 refugees
Engaging children, youth and young adults with the vision and mission of CLWR is one of the core strategic directions of CLWR. There were many good reasons for this emphasis, not the least of which is to ‘turn on’ younger members of our Churches to the relevant and life-changing work of CLWR.

A major step taken in living out this direction was the appointment this past year of the Rev. Tyler Gingrich as CLWR’s first-ever youth engagement coordinator. During his first year, Tyler has been busy breathing life into CLWR’s priority to develop a formal network of youth and young adults knowledgeable in international relief and development issues, and committed to alleviating poverty and achieving positive social change. Wherever Canadian Lutheran youth gather, they are likely to encounter Tyler, whether at a CLWR information booth, leading workshops, presenting a sermon or sharing his musical talent.

Also part of this initiative is CLWR’s extended use of social media and technology to expand networking with youth and young adults within our Churches and in the general public. Regardless of your age, we invite you to explore CLWR’s cyber presence by visiting our Facebook pages, Twitter feeds or YouTube video channel by clicking on the hyperlinks below.

Congregational youth leaders can also turn to the CLWR website to access additional resources for starting a conversation about CLWR during Sunday school and confirmation classes, or wherever youth and young adults gather.
Financial Highlights

Where our support came from

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE: $7,736,713

Government and other grants (53%) .........................
Other (1%) ...........................................
Donations from congregations, individuals and agencies (46%) ............

Where your support is at work

Middle East (5%)
Asia (8%)

What we did with your support

Global support (86%) .......................
Education and community relations (9%) ..............
General administration (5%) ..............

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Lutheran Church–Canada
Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development
Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation
The Lutheran World Federation
ACT Alliance
Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Africa (65%)
Latin and Central America (22%)

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Across Canada, individuals and groups within congregations actively participate and support CLWR’s mission and vision. Here are a few ways they are putting faith into action.

- organizing drives to assemble We Care kits
- starting a One Community Project within their congregation
- initiating a discussion about refugee sponsorship
- staying informed about the work of CLWR by subscribing to News Briefs, subscribing to the CLWR YouTube channel, or by following CLWR on Facebook or Twitter
- becoming a CLWR Awareness Builder and raising the profile of CLWR within their faith community
- supporting the work of CLWR with a financial donation or planned gift

CLWR extends its appreciation to all those who extended their gift of time and resources during 2012-13. Many hours of volunteer time go unaccounted but the ones we are aware of totaled just over 3,000 last year. That’s the equivalent of more than a year and a half of a full-time staff person. Volunteers supported the work of our warehouse staff by helping sort, pack and load We Care kits and quilts for overseas shipment. They also assisted head office staff to process and receipt donations.

To learn more about how you can share your gifts to lift up the work of CLWR, please call 1.800.661.2597, visit www.clwr.org or send an email to clwr@clwr.mb.ca.
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