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Robert Granke, Executive Director

With over 200,000 constituents, CLWR is an amazing organization! Observers agree that we outperform for our size. You will be proud to know that CLWR has established a solid reputation with all levels of government, international organizations and recipients of our *diakonia*, our call to support those in need.

How do we decide whether CLWR is worthy of our donations of time and money? There are, after all, many Christian and secular charitable causes to support. As I speak with supporters throughout the country, I hear time and again that folks give to CLWR for three main reasons: it’s Lutheran, it’s effective and it’s efficient with the funds it receives.

Thousands of Lutherans live out their call to serve in Christ’s name through volunteering in church basements and halls in every corner of Canada. Whether it is fundraising events, producing quilts, or filling We Care kits, we celebrate those loving hands every day at CLWR.

When I visit Lutheran congregations, people are moved by what we do, often saying, “I had no idea!” At the same time, publicity and fundraising literature appears on many congregation bulletin boards from organizations that compete against CLWR. How much more could be accomplished if we put all our effort behind our own Lutheran international humanitarian aid and disaster relief agency?

I encourage all 200,000 of us to hold CLWR in our hearts and prayers—the agency with the 70-year history of compassionate service in our name—and focus our international support here. Augustine said of Christians,

> In essentials, unity;  
> in non-essentials, liberty;  
> in all things, charity.

Through CLWR we can act in charity, inspired by God’s love for humanity!

Marcus Busch, President

GREETINGS

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In 2014–15 we provided over $6.2 million of assistance in 26 countries.* Our vision is for 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.

This year, we focused on:

- helping fulfill urgent, basic needs for internally displaced people and refugees, people affected by poverty and people affected by natural disasters.
- helping people improve agriculture and food availability.
- helping people improve education and livelihoods.
- helping Canadians resettle refugees in Canada

* Totals include international programs and We Care humanitarian aid shipments.
IRAQ

“Before there was very little water that reached the house, mostly air [through the pipes]. We couldn’t wash everything. There was not sufficient water for the children. Now it’s very good,” says Piros.

Piros’ village in northern Iraq is poor, and the community’s resources have been strained further with the arrival of people fleeing ISIS.

To bring safe, water to the village, upgrades to public water systems were included as part of a $1.81 million project to assist displaced Iraqis. Water lines were installed and upgraded so that individual houses could access water off the existing main lines, which were also repaired or replaced.

The Iraq Crisis Shelter and Water Project was funded by Canadian Lutherans, the International Humanitarian Assistance Unit (IHA) of the Government of Canada’s Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), and the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation (SCIC). The project was implemented by Lutheran World Federation–Iraq and included infrastructure repairs provide safe water and better sanitation, bathroom facilities, weather-focused non-food items like heaters and blankets, and communal shelter support.
DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF PROGRAMS
SUPPORT FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE

CLWR programming for displaced people helped fulfill urgent, basic needs in Jordan, Ethiopia and Iraq.

ETHIOPIA
A $40,000 project in Ethiopia’s Tierkidi refugee camp provided safe water to 12,000 South Sudanese refugees. Three shaded water yards with elevated water tanks were constructed near schools and connected to the permanent water system in the camp. This project was funded by Canadian Lutherans and the Manitoba Council for International Cooperation, and implemented in partnership with Lutheran World Federation–Ethiopia.

JORDAN
Maysun (not her real name), her husband and their four children fled Syria’s conflict-ravaged Daraa region for Mafraq, Jordan, over a year and a half ago. Her husband is ill and they have been relying on help from friends to cover their rent. In the past, they have even chosen to sell their World Food Programme food coupons for cash to help meet their needs. Their financial situation is so serious that it does not even allow Maysun to visit a hospital to attend to her own health concerns.

Maysun’s family is one of 3,817 households that received essential household items like hygiene kits, sheets, mattress covers and underwear in the summer of 2014, allowing them to direct the little money they do have to other urgent needs. This was part of a $1 million emergency assistance project, implemented in partnership with Lutheran World Federation–Jordan, that provided essential non-food items and improved hygiene conditions for vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian families. It also supported upgrades for 308 residential shelters in need of improved bathroom facilities, plumbing and water storage, and hygiene promotion workshops that reached over 2,200 women. Funding was provided by Canadian Lutherans, the IHA Unit of the Government of Canada’s DFATD, and SCIC.
CLWR provided food aid to vulnerable people in Jordan and provided agricultural support to help small-holder farmers produce more food and earn more income in Ethiopia, Cameroon and Bolivia.

ETHIOPIA

Kulsuma Leita Aredo was born and raised in a nomadic herding family in the Afar region of Ethiopia. Over the years she has witnessed the gradual decline in rainfall and pasture land for her family’s livestock.

“Unless we have an additional source of food, the animals die and we starve.”

She is participating in the construction of an irrigation system on the Jara River to provide access to 100 hectares of irrigated farmland for 300 households. This project will benefit approximately 2,400 people. Community members, including Kulsuma, are receiving food in exchange for their labour, as well as training in irrigated farming practices and other supports that will benefit their farms once they start growing their own food.

“My family will receive an irrigable plot when the infrastructure is ready. Inshallah [God-willing]! Life will be different soon.”

The $382,570 Amuli II Small-Scale Irrigation-based project is funded by Canadian Foodgrains Bank, CLWR and the Amhara National Regional State in Ethiopia, and implemented by our local partner agency, Support for Sustainable Development.

JORDAN

In Jordan, food aid was provided in the form of redeemable vouchers to allow refugees and vulnerable Jordanians to buy food of their choice at participating grocery stores. “We are quite happy [when we receive the food vouchers],” says Maria. “The kids will come along to pick the items at the store.”

Maria lives in one rented room with her husband and their five children in Zarqa, Jordan, after fleeing conflict in Syria. Although refugees are not legally allowed to work in Jordan, Maria’s husband risks imprisonment and does some casual work as a porter when his asthma is not too severe. When money is especially low, the parents skip meals to have enough food to feed their children.

Maria’s family benefitted from a food assistance project that supported 1,600 households. The majority of beneficiaries were Palestinian refugees from Syria. The agency mandated to support them, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), is chronically underfunded, which puts these families especially at risk. This $871,000 project was funded by CLWR and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and implemented by Lutheran World Federation–Jordan.

“I’d like to thank Canada and the people on this program,” says Maria. “[The coupons] really cover a large amount of what we need.”
CLWR supported educational opportunities in southern Africa, Ethiopia, Palestine, Haiti, Nicaragua, Peru and Bolivia.

PERU
Accessing education for children with disabilities remains a struggle for families in many parts of the world. CLWR is taking action to address this issue in the San Juan de Miraflores district of Lima, Peru. From 2012 to 2015, CLWR has been working with a Peruvian partner agency, Servicio Ecumenico de Pastoral y Estudios de las Comunicacion (SEPEC), to promote the adoption of inclusive approaches to education within local public schools.

Through training for 300 school principals, teachers and technicians, the goal is to integrate as many as 840 children with disabilities into regular school programs and firmly establish the right of children living with disabilities to education, the same as any other children.

HAITI
From 2012-2015, your support allowed CLWR to provide funding for young adult job training programs in Haiti.

In 2010, more than half of the people in Haiti were living below the poverty line, a crisis that was only made worse by the devastating earthquake that hit that year. The vocational training programs aim to give students marketable job skills. The classes are run by Fondation Nouvelle Grand’Anse and include technical training in tile-laying, small engine repair and plumbing.

The program also works to enroll young women, who are under-represented in the Haitian workforce. For example, of the 16 students in a recent plumbing class, four were women. A tile-laying course had three young female participants.

More than half of Haiti’s population lives below the poverty line. Technical vocational training in Haiti aims to give young men and women market-relevant job skills. Photo: Fondation Nouvelle Grand’Anse
DEVELOPMENT AND RELIEF PROGRAMS

HIGHLIGHTS

America
- Argentina: $2,500 (Supporting Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida (United Evangelical Lutheran Church) in investigations and advocacy against illegitimate debt)
- Bolivia: $7,500 (Agriculture and livelihood support, food security, water, sanitation and hygiene)
- Colombia: $2,500 (Development support for Iglesia Evangélica Luterana de Colombia (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia))
- El Salvador: $33,319 (Disaster risk reduction: Construction and training at two schools to mitigate risk of landslides)
- Haiti: $150,000 (Vocational training)
- Nicaragua: $35,000 (Primary education, health care)
- Peru: $31,168 (Human rights education for children and youth; training educators in inclusive education for students with disabilities)

Africa
- Cameroon: $2,500 (Agriculture and livelihood support, food security)
- Ethiopia: $1,224,656 (Agriculture and livelihood support; food security; water, sanitation and hygiene; refugee support; environmental protection)
- Southern Africa: $30,000 (Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia, Zimbabwe) (Advocacy, awareness building and pastoral counselling for people affected by HIV and AIDS (through the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa))

Middle East
- Palestine: $168,177 (Support for Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Elder Care and Palliative Medicine Institute; Lutheran World Federation Vocational Training Program)
- Jordan: $2,686,131 (Response to Syrian refugee crisis: food assistance, winterization, water, sanitation and hygiene, shelter, non-food items)
- Iraq: $807,489 (Response to Iraq emergency (ISIS violence): non-food items; shelter; winterization; water, sanitation and hygiene)

Asia
- India: $42,778 (Shelter for vulnerable people affected by disabilities)
- Philippines: $260,000 (Typhoon disaster relief: shelters, livelihood programs, psychosocial support)

Country Budgets

- Americas: $261,986* 4.8%
- Africa: $1,257,156* 22.9%
- Middle East: $3,661,797* 66.8%
- Asia: $302,778* 5.5%

* Totals do not include domestic emergencies, We Care shipments, small church projects, program reviews and evaluations, and other miscellaneous support.
CLWR appealed for funds to respond to emergencies in Gaza, Iraq and Liberia. We remained involved in rehabilitation efforts in the Philippines following Typhoon Haiyan and in southern Alberta and Thunder Bay, Ontario, following severe flooding in those regions.

GAZA

A joint appeal with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada provided financial support to Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in East Jerusalem, which provided treatment to Palestinian civilians injured as a result of violent conflict in Gaza in the summer of 2014. The hospital is a program of the Lutheran World Federation in East Jerusalem. The Palestinian health sector relied heavily on the services of AVH, transferring patients there during and after the fighting. Hospitals in Gaza are under great pressure because they suffer from acute shortages of essential drugs, medical supplies and fuel to provide power. Over $37,000 was raised by Canadian Lutherans.
“Salamat very much. It is a big help to have built such a good home for us. Thank you to all those who donated for a house. I hope much grace will flow to you. To God we say thank you.”

PHILIPPINES
Following Typhoon Haiyan, donations from Canadian Lutherans supported our partner World Renew as they helped provide typhoon-resistant permanent shelter and psychosocial counselling, and helped restore fishermen’s livelihoods by providing new boats and nets to those whose supplies were lost in the disaster. CLWR has committed funds to a similar livelihood recovery response implemented by our US-based partner Lutheran World Relief. In 2014–15, support to the Philippines totaled $260,000.

IRAQ
Over $37,000 has been raised in support of the $1.8 million Iraq Crisis Shelter and Water Project, designed to assist displaced Iraqis through infrastructure repairs to provide safe water and better sanitation, installation of bathroom facilities, weather-focused non-food items like heaters, blankets and mattresses, and communal shelter support. Please see pg. 5 of the annual report for more information.
“You haven’t just built us a house, but a home. You have no idea how much it means to me to be able to welcome our friends and family into our home, to be able to once again cook for them in my kitchen.”

SOUTHERN ALBERTA FLOODS

In 2014–15, $73,614 in donations from Canadian Lutherans helped rebuild eight flood-damaged basements, rewire another basement and build three new houses in High River, Alberta. CLWR partnered with Mennonite Disaster Service and their dedicated volunteers to accomplish this work, which was completed in July 2015.

The donations also helped fund free counselling at the High River Counselling Centre to help people cope with the psychological impact of the disaster. As well, St. Peter Lutheran Church in Medicine Hat was able to provide food vouchers and bus passes to people unable to return to their homes, and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in High River received funding to coordinate resources and volunteers, and provide pastoral support.

LIBERIA

In response to the Ebola epidemic, CLWR committed $48,798 to Lutheran Development Service Liberia, which created and implemented training on Ebola prevention, constructed a holding and isolation unit at Phebe Hospital, financially supported health workers in Phebe and Curran hospitals, provided psychosocial support to patients and provided food and essential household items to affected families.

Over $68,600 was raised from Canadian Lutherans.
The We Care program sent three humanitarian aid shipments this fiscal year. Two of the three containers contained items to support refugees.

MAURITANIA—MAY 2014
Volunteers from Lower Mainland Lutheran churches in British Columbia gathered in Abbotsford to prepare nearly 11,300 kg of kits and quilts to ship to Mauritania. The 2014 BC Baling Days shipment made a difference for over 9,500 vulnerable people in poverty-affected areas: Malian refugees hosted in Mbera Camp, local people participating in the Lutheran World Federation–Mauritania development program, people affected by flooding in Mbout and refugees living in Nouakchott who have been receiving very little humanitarian support. ■
KENYA—JULY 2014
Over 13,500 kg of supplies were sent to Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, which is a refuge for more than 180,000 people from at least 20 countries, the majority from South Sudan and Somalia. Over 1,700 of the most vulnerable people benefitted, including children without parents or adult guardians and new arrivals at the camp’s reception centre. Our Road to Kakuma fundraising campaign raised almost $21,000 to pay for the container’s transportation to the camp.

Following the Kakuma shipment, we received this report from Collins Onyango, a Lutheran World Federation staff member working in Kakuma: “The feedback from mothers and families is really very positive on the baby quilts especially. [They find them] very useful and irreplaceable.”

NICARAGUA—NOVEMBER 2014
Our third annual Ontario Baling Days in Mississauga saw more than 60 volunteers assemble 5,800 kg of supplies for Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua (ILSN), a partner of CLWR and Lutheran Church–Canada. ILSN operates a medical and dental clinic in Chinandega, and works with communities affected by poverty to provide educational opportunities for children.

Over 30,000 kg shipped in total, worth over $330,000

- 5,000 Baby bundles shipped
- 6,000 We Care kits shipped
- 12,500 Quilts and blankets shipped

Over 3000 boxes of donations given by 225 congregations across Canada

- 4,867 We Care kit bags ordered
- 3,024 We Care kit backpacks ordered
- 2,598 We Care quilt tags ordered

Dr. Mary M. Marete from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America checks out a We Care kit before it makes its way to a recipient in the Kakuma refugee camp. CLWR/H.Patterson
CLWR helps congregations and groups sponsor refugees through its role as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder with the Canadian government.

Ninety-three refugees arrived in Canada with the help of 18 sponsor groups, and 202 refugees had their sponsorship applications submitted with the help of 59 sponsor groups.

For example, one sponsor, Trinity Lutheran Church in New Hamburg, Ontario, welcomed a Burmese couple and their three-year-old son into their community in 2015. The family had lived nearly all of their lives in a refugee camp in Thailand.

On Canada Day, members of the parish helped the family move into a two-bedroom apartment, their first home in their adopted country. Over the summer a team of teachers gave English lessons until the family could begin their own schooling in the fall. They were able to celebrate with the family when the couple gave birth to their second child.

“We experienced wonderful moments of both poignancy and lighthearted fun in getting to know each other… their gifts of courage, humour and determination have graced us all and left us transformed.”

For more information on how your congregation can welcome the stranger, please visit www.clwr.org/refugeeresettlement.
CLWR seeks to help Canadian Lutherans and members of the general public understand and get involved with international development and relief and refugee sponsorship.

AWARENESS-BUILDING EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS
CLWR staff members spoke to congregations, Sunday schools, pastors and convention attendees; held We Care mission events for youth and church groups; participated in World Refugee Day events in Vancouver and Kitchener-Waterloo; and held refugee sponsorship workshops and 21 appreciation receptions for our supporters.

Highlights included:

**The Biggest Lutheran BBQ Ever**, which saw CLWR staff members and Lutheran congregations hold 18 BBQs in 17 different towns and cities. The events built fellowship and raised awareness of CLWR across the country.

Eight **Evening of Hope** receptions in British Columbia,
Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario focused on the work of Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH), a Lutheran World Federation ministry in East Jerusalem committed to providing accessible health care to Palestinians. The receptions acted as fundraisers for AVH’s Elder Care and Palliative Medicine Institute, an important new facility and the first institute of its kind planned for the Palestinian Territories. For three of the events, we were pleased to welcome Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan, current president of The Lutheran World Federation, head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and a Palestinian refugee himself.

The events above do not include the many events, fundraisers and CLWR Sundays that congregations and individuals hold every year on our behalf that we are not able to attend. For these we are very grateful!

INFORMATION AND WORSHIP RESOURCES

CLWR shared stories and resources in two print Partnership newsletters, monthly e-News Briefs, bimonthly We Care Network e-newsletters, on our website and our blog, and on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram. Weekly prayers, written by pastor volunteers, have some of the highest engagement on our Facebook page. The CLWR Sunday worship resource continues to be a popular way for congregations to celebrate their partnership in CLWR’s work. For the first time this year, we produced a Refugee Sunday worship resource to be used in World Refugee Day services, and created two new worship resources for children and youth, Sharing What We Have and Songs from Other Cultures. The World Food Day and Earth Day resources, created in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, encouraged Canadian Lutherans to get involved in the Harvest of Letters campaign, which asks Members of Parliament to increase aid dollars for small-scale farmers in developing countries.

MEDIA COVERAGE

This year, CLWR received media coverage on the sweater campaign for Syrian refugees, Bishop Dr. Munib A. Younan’s visit to Canada, sponsorships and fundraisers by congregations, our Road to Kakuma We Care shipment, and our emergency response for civilians injured in the violent conflict in Gaza.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

WHERE OUR SUPPORT CAME FROM

Donations from congregations, individuals and agencies (50.3%)....

Other (0.2%)........................................

Government and other grants (49.5%).................................

$9,569,692 Total support and revenue

WHAT WE DID WITH YOUR SUPPORT

Youth/Young Adult Engagement (1%).................................

Administration (4%)........................................

Education (4%)...........................................

Resource Generation and Stewardship (6%)........................

Global support (85%)........................................

THANK YOU

"Gelatoma, Canada!" ("Thank you, Canada!") These Ethiopian farmers are thankful for the farming and marketing training your support has brought them. The dairy co-operative members say their cows are producing three times more milk. CLWR/H.Platt

Canadian Lutheran World Relief gratefully acknowledges the support we receive from:

- Government of Canada (Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development)
- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- Lutheran Church–Canada
- Lutheran congregations and individuals across Canada
- Our volunteers
- Canadian Foodgrains Bank
- Manitoba Council for International Cooperation
- Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation
- The Lutheran World Federation
- ACT Alliance
PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

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:

- contributing We Care kits and quilts
- donating money through the Gifts from the Heart catalogue or an appeal, or “giving forward” with a planned gift
- organizing a fundraiser or a CLWR Sunday
- inviting a CLWR speaker to come to their church
- sponsoring refugees to come to Canada
- staying informed about the work of CLWR by subscribing to email News Briefs and following CLWR on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram
- volunteering

The We Care program wouldn’t be possible without the hard work of our volunteers. They put in a whopping 1961 hours this year, checking kits, folding quilts, wrapping bales and loading shipping containers. We are also grateful for a long-time volunteer who helps us process donation receipts at our head office at busy times throughout the year. Our Eastern and Western Regional Offices employ more than 10 volunteers to review and edit refugee sponsorship applications, complete administrative tasks, act as guest speakers at presentations, and help with events. Many are former refugees we’ve helped sponsor or their family members.

So many more volunteer hours we cannot count are accumulated in churches across the country as our supporters prepare We Care kits, make quilts, prepare and hold fundraisers and CLWR Sundays, write prayers, and much more. CLWR extends its appreciation to all those who generously gave their gifts of time and resources during 2014–15.

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.
OUR MISSION, VISION AND VALUES

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.

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.

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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