

Stewardship and Mission Support Table

The focus of our synod's Stewardship and Mission Support Table this year has been on building relationships with congregations and sharing stories of the impact of your mission support.

With the help of our synod's creative director, Katie Simbala, we produced a video highlighting just 3 ways in which your mission support dollars have made a meaningful difference. The video is still available on our synod's YouTube page or at this link:

<https://youtu.be/pq2DXYbXx-c>

In the video, **Rev. John Mbatta of the Swahili Lutheran Church in Rockville, MD** speaks about his sense of call to start a Lutheran church for Swahili-speaking communities in our area. His first step was to contact our synod where he received needed support. It was a day of celebration when Rev. Mbatta was ordained this year!



Rev. Brett Davis of Georgetown Lutheran Church is a pastor new to our synod. In the video Brett speaks of her congregation's work with young adults and her gratitude for the way in which our synod connects leaders and congregations.

Rev. Carmelo Santos of Hope Lutheran Church in Annandale, VA has been instrumental in our synod's partnership with the churches and leaders in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria. He expresses his thanks to you as a part of the Metropolitan DC Synod for your commitment to the needs and dreams of the people and churches on the islands.



Your mission support makes a difference.

You have helped form new worshipping communities.

You have helped ensure churches are matched with effective pastors and deacons.

You have been a continued presence in Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands after many have forgotten and moved on.

Thank you!

Jeanette Leisk (chair), Yvonne Lembo, Gary Rhinesmith, Robert Sargeant, Sarah Scherschligt, Yvette Schock, Carolyn Sowinski, Darcy Tillman, Katharyn Wheeler, Jeff Wilson