

## COMPANION SYNOD COMMITTEE

## What do you know about our Companion Synods?

## Take the Companion Synod Quiz:

- How many companion synods does the Rocky Mountain Synod have?
- Where are our companion synods located?
- How many synods are there in the Malagasy Lutheran Church?
- How many Lutherans are in Madagascar?
- What is the goal of our companion synod relationship?
- How have we supported our companion synods in the past?
- What is the name of the seminary we support?
- When is the next Madagascar trip?
- Do you know how you can be involved and support our companion synod relationship?

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Brad Doty at bdoty@stphilip-co.org or visit us at the Companion Synod Table!

The Rocky Mountain Synod is companion synods with four of the twenty five synods in Madagascar! They are: Mahajanga Synod, Antsiranana Synod, Avaratra Atsinanana Synod, and Sofia Synod. The name Malagasy Lutheran church in Malagasy is Fiangoanana Loterana Malagasy (FLM)! In an Island, the fourth larges in the world, of twenty three million people, there are over three million Lutherans!



The last trip the Rocky Mountain Synod took was the Bishop's trip in 2017 where all five synods got together to share and rejoice our companion synod relationship. The next trip will be in September 2018! Reverend Albert Ranaivomanana, the president of Betela Seminary will come to visit us in the Rocky Mountain Synod! The Companion Synod Committee is working on ways for your congregations to be in church to church/ministry relationships. Come to the Companions Synod Table to learn more!



The main goal of our companion synod relationship is accompaniment, which means, walking with and along side each other. There are some ways we support our companions synods: In 2016, the Rocky Mountain Synod purchased eight motorcycles for pastors to get around to their multiple churches. We also helped Betela Seminary, in the Mahajanga Synod to repair their solar to have electricity again.

