



Some things you might be asking about the new relationship between CLWR and the ELCIC

What will be the benefits of this new relationship?

- Greater efficiencies will be achieved as the ELCIC and CLWR pursue a common vision and mission
- Greater clarity resulting from a single entity (CLWR) being responsible for development programming and responding to global emergencies
- Shared and common approach to advocacy work
- Prayerfully, we will be able to increase our capacity to serve those in need.

What will happen to the advocacy and anti-poverty initiatives in Canada previously supported by GHDA?

- These initiatives will continue and possibly expand depending on the level of donations received from ELCIC congregations and individuals.
- The agreement makes provision for a portion (an overall minimum of 13%) of any undesignated donations received from ELCIC sources to be directed to domestic initiatives previously supported by GHDA. These funds will be allocated to advocacy work (50%), leadership development and training (25%) and poverty alleviation in Canada (25%).

Where should congregations and individuals send donations?

- Individuals may mail gifts directly to CLWR.
- Donations may also be made electronically on the CLWR website.
- Gifts may also be given through an individual's congregation. Such gifts would be forwarded by the congregation to its synod which would send them on to CLWR.

How will the agreement affect relationships and programming within companion synods?

- Synodical relationships with companion synod partners will not be directly affected.
- Donors may choose to designate gifts to projects that involve companion synod partners.
- CLWR will seek to work with synods in responding to project requests from companions and may be able to provide additional funding for such projects.

What if I just sent a donation to GHDA?

- Donations sent to GHDA after July 1 will be processed by ELCIC and forwarded on to CLWR. For these donations, you will still receive a charitable donation receipt from the ELCIC.
- All future donations to support this work of the church should be directed to CLWR.

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Will there be a change in the way the ELCIC is represented on the CLWR Board of Directors?

- The ELCIC will have six representatives on the Board of Directors.
- The agreement makes provision for broad national representation on the board with representation from each of the five synods (two members from the Eastern Synod, one each from the other synods).
- The new composition will be phased in as current directors' terms of office expire.

My congregation has GHDA listed on their offering envelopes. Do we need to change this immediately?

- The timing of replacing local offering envelopes is a congregational decision.
- Congregations are encouraged to make their members aware that donations marked GHDA on the envelope will be forwarded to CLWR.
- Congregational treasurers will continue to forward donations through the synod benevolence process; forms will be changed to indicate CLWR.

What do I need to do if I have GHDA listed as a beneficiary in my will?

- No immediate action is required. This is currently being reviewed and further information will be available in the fall of 2009.
- If you are interested in making a planned gift, please contact the ELCIC or CLWR offices.

Does this affect our partnership with other organizations such as KAIROS?

- Effective partnerships are a priority for both ELCIC and CLWR. We continue to work with the organizations who were our partners before our new Memorandum of Understanding was implemented.
- This new way of working together provides resources for domestic ministry with a focus on education, advocacy and local expressions of development. Synods are key partners in this work.
- Both ELCIC and CLWR value domestic work as part of our call to be *In Mission for Others*.

If our church is no longer facilitating the work of GHDA, does this mean it is no longer a priority for us?

- International relief, development work, and support for the hungry and poor of the world through funding and care both close to home and around the globe are all part of the ELCIC's call to be a church *In Mission for Others*.
- While administration and programming will now be done through CLWR, the ELCIC's commitment and support of this ministry, and our compassion for helping those in need remain as strong as ever.
- This new Memorandum of Understanding helps the ELCIC and CLWR to make effective use of staff resources, to share wisdom and to respond to opportunities for relief, development, education and advocacy.
- Through the integration of GHDA into the work of CLWR, the capacity of ELCIC members to reach out to those in need will be strengthened.