

NOTE ON MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIES AND PHARMACEUTICALS

The Eastern Coastal Diocese (ECD) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania maintains numerous clinics and other institutions that provide medical services to the people of the Dar es Salaam area. They welcome surplus medical equipment, supplies, and pharmaceuticals donated from individuals and institutions in the United States. Your gifts are greatly appreciated. When considering donating, please note the following:

1. All materials sent to Tanzania should be on the approved request list from the Eastern Coastal Diocese OR a list of the materials to be used by/left at the Diocese should be sent to and approved by the Eastern and Coastal Diocese medical director prior to travel to Tanzania.
2. It is essential that no expired or outdated medical supplies, equipment or pharmaceuticals be sent to Tanzania. Outdated materials are subject to confiscation by custom officials upon entrance to the country. Expired supplies and pharmaceuticals will not be accepted by the Diocese. Further, used medical equipment sent to Tanzania must have sufficient service life to make the donation usable.
3. Some medical equipment may not be useful to the Tanzanians if there are not enough skilled persons to operate it.
4. Documentation of the gift should be included with every donation specifying the giver, the date of the gift and the contents of the donation. The following sentence should be included, "These items are gifts from the American people to the Eastern Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, and are not subject to sale upon arrival in Tanzania."
5. Copies of all documentation involving these donations should be sent to the Northern Great Lakes Synod Office, 1029 N. Third Street, Suite A, Marquette, MI 49855.

Transportation of items to Tanzania should be in the personal luggage of travelers or may be coordinated with the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Thank you for your consideration.