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Dear Friends in Christ,

It recently came to my attention that there was a fire at the Mkuza Girls School in our companion synod in Tanzania. This fire caused considerable damage to a dormitory, and while the girls lost clothing, mattresses, bedding, school supplies, and personal possessions, we give thanks to God that there were no injuries.

Congregations of the Eastern and Coastal Diocese have responded to the immediate needs of this emergency. The displaced girls are receiving temporary housing, and school supplies and clothing are being replaced. However, the dormitory remains uninhabitable until repairs are made, not only to the building, but the electrical system in all of the campus buildings requires an upgrade as it has been established that faulty wiring was the cause of the fire.

In honor of our companion partnership and desiring to offer meaningful support, during the summer months, I ask you to make a financial gift to help the Mkuza Girls School in their repair work. The first \$1500 will be matched by synod funds already designated for projects in Tanzania.

The Northern Great Lakes Synod has a long history of supporting Mkuza. Our Synod's Women's Organization has made Mkuza the focus of their generosity many times, donating to dormitory beds, a new well, and most recently, the purchase of a vehicle. Synod members have contributed to scholarship funds, toured the school itself, and celebrated the accomplishments of Mkuza graduates. During these days when it feels like much is beyond our control, this is a tangible and practical way to make a positive difference. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to assist our friends at Mkuza Girls School.

Giving options include:

[www.nglsynod.org/donations](http://www.nglsynod.org/donations)

**Please designate your gift to "Mkuza Girls School."**

Or make out a check to Northern Great Lakes Synod with **Mkuza Girls School** in the memo line and mail to:

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To learn more about Mkuza Girls School go to: [Mkuza Girls Secondary School | ELCT - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania \(kkktdmp.or.tz\)](http://MkuzaGirlsSecondarySchool|ELCT-EvangelicalLutheranChurchinTanzania(kkktdmp.or.tz))

Your monetary support and prayers are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan