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By Gail James, Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod WELCA president

At their May meeting, the executive board for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod Women of the ELCA made a decision to use the interest earned from investment funds as a benevolence gift.

The recipient of that gift will be the South Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. A check for \$650.00 was deposited in the account of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod, where it will remain until the proper arrangements can be made for its transfer to the church in South Central Tanzania.

This gift to our Partner Synod in Tanzania was made in conjunction with the 2007 Convention of the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod's women's organization. At that gathering on June 23, a special offering was received from many women's groups in the synod. A part of that offering was designated for the women's organization in another Partner Synod, Iglesia Evangélica Luterana Unida of Argentina and Uruguay.

The decision by the executive board to make cash gifts to our Partner Synods was greatly influenced by a visit from Señora Graciela Stein, from the church in Argentina and Uruguay. When she was here with her husband at the 2006 Synod Assembly, Señora Stein pointed out that, many times, cash gifts can be put to good use more easily than tangible items. The funds can be used to buy local products,



which can then be distributed quickly and with less expense than purchasing and shipping from the USA would require.

We are grateful to all the women across the synod who have made this gift possible.

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