

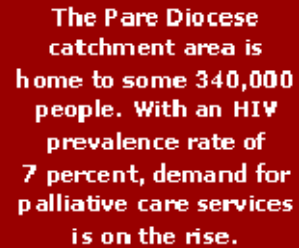
Partnership Links Lutheran Communities in Iowa, Tanzania to Improve Palliative Care for PLWHA

The Twinning Center recently launched a new partnership designed to expand palliative care services for PLWHA in Tanzania's Pare Diocese, which includes Same and Mwanja districts in the Kilimanjaro Region.

With funding from the CDC, this faith-based partnership links the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania's Pare Diocese with the Southeast Iowa Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Partners met in Des Moines, Iowa, September 22-30, where they developed a workplan to help them achieve their objectives of strengthening institutional capacity related to palliative care and developing a sustainable training program to ensure healthcare workers and other caregivers in the region have the skills they need to provide quality care and support to PLWHA.

Presently, only six of the 130 healthcare providers in the region have had any training in palliative care.



The Pare Diocese catchment area is home to some 340,000 people. With an HIV prevalence rate of 7 percent, demand for palliative care services is on the rise.