Going once…Going twice…S O L D ! ! !…

to the Christian with a heart for mission towards our companion synod, the Southern Diocese of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania!!

Might that be YOU ?!!?

In Tanzania, church members often do not have monetary means to share an offering. Instead of money, an offering may be whatever tangible items they may have--whether it be a woven basket, wood carving or utensil, agricultural produce, even livestock—as a sign of their thanksgiving and service to God. Some, having neither money nor tangible items, simply put their hand in the offering basket as an offering of themselves to God. After the worship service, outside the church, the tangible items are converted to cash by way of an auction performed by the area pastor. It is a lively, joyful time of oneness and coming together for the common good of God's church.

On June 6, 2010, Companion Synod Sunday, we invite you to walk Hatua Kwa Hatua/Step By Step with our Tanzanian brothers and sisters in Christ by hosting a congregational auction in support of our multi-faceted companion synod undertakings. We ask you to encourage congregation members to offer items and services for sale at an auction held after the worship service on or near June 6. Proceeds are to be collected and sent to the Western Iowa Synod (PO Box 577, Storm Lake, IA 50588) with a check made payable to the Western Iowa Synod with either a specific project (wells, girls school, medical supply, Center for Agricultural Development) or general Companion Synod Program support in the memo.

All ages can participate: children can offer a toy or tea party; youth can offer lawn mowing or babysitting or cleaning services; elders can offer pies or woodworking items or fishing outing; adults can offer services or gift certificates or products—the ideas are endless!

What a great way to come together in solidarity of spirit and in support of our companion synod partners!! Please plan to generously participate in this wonderful act of fellowship, caring and oneness!!

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Companion Synod Sunday
June 6, 2010
Worship & Program Resources

Go to the Companion Synod link (under Mission Outreach) of our website, www.wisynod.org, for the following resources to make this a special worship celebration:

- Worship resources: bulletin insert, service, music, prayers
- Companion synod resources: companion synod covenant, companion congregation information/covenant
- Companion Synod Projects brochure

Asante sana (Thank you) & Mungu Awabariki !! (God Bless You All!!)

Please contact Cindy Wells (wiscw@wisynod.org; 712.732.4968) with any questions or needs.