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## Pre-College Luther Academy



### M.L.T.C.

- MLTC stands for: Matongo Lutheran Theological College
- The school has had several names over the years.
- Originally, Matongo Bible School.
- In 1978 it was established as Matongo Lutheran Theological College.
- We are now part of Neema Lutheran College, which combines both our School of Theology and a Teacher Training College.
- Still, our focus is on teaching and training pastors, deaconesses, and evangelists for Kenya and the Lutheran church bodies in East Africa.
- MLTC is committed to being the premier confessional Lutheran Seminary in the region.
- We are the only seminary recognised by the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya.



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### Walter stands with the students at the Pre-College Luther Academy

Project 24 is a partnership between the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Kenya (ELCK) and LCMS Office of International Mission. The project provides boarding facilities for vulnerable children in Kenya so they can complete primary school while they live on site. The children also receive Christian instruction and are provided pastoral care throughout their time at the homes. What is unique about Project 24 is that these homes are not typical orphanages. The children maintain contact with their extended families. They even go home on breaks so that they learn their home cultures.

Qualified students continue on to secondary schools, trade schools, and even colleges and universities. In fact, this year, about ten students have qualified to go to universities and become leaders in their fields of study. This is a major success story!

Before college and university, each of these young people attend the Pre-College Luther Academy (PLA) at Neema Lutheran College, Matongo. **And that is where we come in.** Walter was asked by the school's principal to remain at Matongo this summer, rather than return to the USA for Home Service, in order to coordinate the PLA programme as well as to work on curriculum issues that need urgent attention at the seminary.

This term, 23 students are enrolled in PLA. Of these, 18 are Project 24 youth. The PLA is open to any Lutheran youth who has completed high school. So, while the Project 24 youth provide the core, five others are benefiting as well.

You ask, "Just what subjects are taught at PLA?" We're glad you asked!



#### UPDATE:

- A few months ago, we wrote about Kelvin, who had returned to Matongo to complete the Diploma in Theology Programme. Great news! The photo above was taken at his ordination. The Samburo people now have a full-time pastor serving them.
- Pray for Kelvin as he begins to serve this remote region in Kenya.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Walter as he coordinates the PLA programme, teaches two pastoral classes, and revises curriculum.
- Robyn as she considers how to utilize training directed toward women in Kenya and Community Health Education materials.

#### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our continued health and strength to serve on the mission field in Kenya.

## So, what do they learn during the PLA Programme?



College and university are challenging to all Christian youth, especially for those who take the Faith seriously. That is why PLA was created. It's a new programme, only three years old. But already it bears fruit.

Our students study:

**Introduction to the Bible:** to begin to dig deeper into the Word of God.

**Luther's Small Catechism:** to become firm in the truth of the Gospel.

**Christian Doctrine:** to be able to distinguish the truth from the lies of Satan.

**Lutheranism:** to be able to understand our history and how the faith came to Kenya.

They also get practical training in:

**Campus & Christian Life:** so that they might remain faithful as they avoid the things that do damage to their faith.

**HIV/AIDS:** to learn the health dangers of this scourge of the African continent.

**Basic Computer:** so that they might succeed in their many college classes.

*It is your continued support that allow us to remain here as requested for this essential work. Since we cannot be home for support-raising this summer, please prayerfully consider a special gift to allow us to continue in the field. We pray for you all regularly. Please pray for us.*

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