



# GLOBAL MISSION

## *Kuambatana (Accompaniment)* Discussion Guide

In the documentary *Kuambatana (Accompaniment): The Ministry of Mark and Linda Jacobson*, you heard the story of how ELCA missionaries Mark and Linda Jacobson have accompanied our companions in Tanzania and South Sudan. Use the following questions for solitary reflection or group discussion.

### Questions:

1. Accompaniment is the practice of walking alongside someone on their journey while learning and growing with them. How do you see accompaniment in this documentary? Where else do you see accompaniment in the world?

2. Read the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37). What does it mean to receive a stranger? At one point, we were all strangers to one another. How does this parable reflect accompaniment? Who is your neighbor?

3. During what moment in your life – big or small, joyful or difficult – has someone accompanied you? What did their accompaniment mean to you?

4. What do you think of when you hear the word “missionary”? How does the accompaniment model reinforce or conflict with your idea of mission?

5. The “white savior complex” is a racist ideology that imagines a white person needs to save Black people, Indigenous people and people of color (BIPOC), often through performative exploitation. What are examples of white and/or Western saviorism you’ve encountered? How do you recognize it?

6. Was there anything in the documentary that made you feel uncomfortable? Why or why not? Try to unpack this discomfort.

7. What does it look like to engage in global mission through accompaniment? How can you accompany your local and global neighbors? What can you learn from your neighbors and partners across the street and around the world?