

## Bishop Moyo of Zimbabwe visits synod



**Bishop Ambrose Moyo**, retired Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe and former head of the Lutheran Communion of Southern Africa, came to the US through the invitation of ELCA Global Mission. He is pictured here with NC Synod Bishop Leonard Bolick making a Skype call to the Ecumenical Committee during his visit on December 8.

On World AIDs Day Bishop Moyo spoke with ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson in Atlanta. Visiting in many places across the country

Bishop Moyo addressed the concern for the spread of malaria, a preventable and treatable disease. In Southern Africa 40% of children who die before age two do so because of malaria. While in NC Bishop Moyo visited and preached at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Raleigh, a congregation which has for 11 years provided school essentials for up to 40 orphans in the Mnene Parish in southern Zimbabwe.

Bishop Moyo has been instrumental in leading a coalition of pastors called the Ecumenical Leaders Forum (ELF) which provides training in peaceful conflict resolution. This organization is filling a gap in Zimbabwe after the 2008 elections in which much mistrust developed between persons of differing political allegiances. Through the efforts of the ELF persons are breaking down barriers through direct communication. The current Zimbabwean government has embraced the work of the ELF and the United Nations is providing a grant to further their work. Bishop Moyo updated members of Good Shepherd about the work of ELF. In April 2012 another group from Good Shepherd will visit the Mnene Parish in Zimbabwe.

For more information about the ELCA's malaria campaign go to [www.elca.org/malaria](http://www.elca.org/malaria).