



# 2025 Jan-Term to Tanzania:

## Travel Course Information

Wartburg Theological Seminary

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<b>Facilitators</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Dean, Cheryl Peterson, departing with the group from Chicago</li> <li>• Associate Professor Beth Elness-Hanson, welcoming the group in Tanzania (Wartburg faculty on leave of absence, living in Tanzania)</li> </ul>
<b>Dates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tentatively January 8–22, 2025</li> </ul>
<b>Airports</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depart Chicago O'Hare Airport (ALL expected to meet at ORD)</li> <li>• Arrive Kilimanjaro International Airport, Tanzania (JRO)</li> </ul>
<b>Students/ participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 maximum; 8 minimum (plus Dean Peterson and husband, and Beth)</li> <li>• Some housing arrangements—but not all—will require double rooms with gender matching, unless married, to respect our hosts.</li> <li>• If spaces available, then spouses of students may join (waitlist started)</li> <li>• If spaces still available, then alumni may join (waitlist started)</li> <li>• Waitlist names sent to <a href="mailto:cmpeterson@wartburgseminary.edu">cmpeterson@wartburgseminary.edu</a></li> </ul>
<b>Health</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good physical and mental health of students required</li> <li>• All participants must have the ability to walk several miles at high altitude in temperatures potentially reaching the high 80s or low 90s</li> <li>• Basic health insurance included in cost</li> </ul>
<b>Student profile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexible temperaments; adaptability to developing world circumstances</li> <li>• Gracious learners who can flourish in traditional contexts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conservative dress (skirts below the knees for women)</li> <li>○ Alcohol is not available at most locations.</li> <li>○ In Tanzania, same-sex sexual acts (even private and consensual) are criminal offences, punishable with life imprisonment and fines. For the safety of LGBTQIA+ persons, they need to willingly be under the radar during our travels.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



<b>Course objectives</b>	<b>Student learning outcomes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engage African context(s)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indigenous religions and culture, including the Maasai as well as other people groups (120 people groups in TZ)</li> <li>○ Colonial history and post-colonial theory introduction</li> <li>○ Mission history in East Africa introduction</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Develop understanding of East African Christianity &amp; Ecumenism</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lutheranism, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal dialogues and worship</li> <li>○ To analyze how the multi-cultural, religiously pluralistic, post-colonial context of Tanzania shapes holistic gospel proclamation</li> <li>○ Introduction to African biblical and theological hermeneutics, and models of contextual theology</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Increase intercultural competencies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flexibility, polite dialogue, being gracious guests, increasing self-awareness</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Examine contextual biblical-ecothology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The role of the church in bridging a clash of climate ontologies (Dr. Elness-Hanson's Marie Curie Fellowship)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Location</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tanzania, East Africa</b>, North central diocese of the ELCT</li> <li>• Makumira, Monduli, Ketumbeine villages, and Arusha city</li> </ul>
<b>Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Church ministries</b> (<i>kerygma</i> and <i>diakonia</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Worship (Monduli, Ketumbeine)</li> <li>○ Dialogues</li> <li>○ Women's projects (gender, economic)</li> <li>○ ELCA missionary visit (tentative)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Diocese schools: MaaSae Girls Lutheran Secondary School</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Health care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rural clinic (Ketumbeine)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cultural Arts Center: lecture on indigenous music in worship; music, drumming, and dancing</li> <li>○ Guest lecture on traditional Maasai worldview</li> <li>○ Ecotheology (Beth's Marie Curie postdoctoral fellowship)</li> <li>○ Safari (1-day at Arusha National Park)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passport <u>valid through August 2025</u></li> <li>• Liability waiver, signed and submitted to the Registrar, Kevin Anderson</li> </ul>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>Estimated \$3,990 to \$4,190 (perhaps less, quotes are being developed)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Depending upon airfare (currently estimated at \$1700)</li> <li>• Depending upon number of students; more students means a smaller portion of fixed costs per student</li> </ul>



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**More on  
Costs****Included in the course costs**

1. Transportation to/from Chicago O'Hare to Tanzania
2. Basic international health insurance—  
<https://www.eiia.org/international-travel/>
3. Most tips (guidance will be given on amounts)
4. Most meals
5. Lodging
6. Transportation in country
7. Program expenses
8. Hospitality gifts to host institutions/churches
9. One-day safari at Arusha National Park
10. Travel expenses of the faculty facilitators (Beth's expenses do not include airfare.)

**Not included**

1. Pre-trip cancellation insurance<sup>1</sup>
2. Transportation to/from Chicago O'Hare airport
3. Passport (must be valid through August 2025)
4. Entrance visa \$100
5. Immunizations (and travel clinic visit) and malaria meds  
(<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/tanzania>)
6. Some meals (airports and 1-2 meals estimated on your own)
7. Beverages in most places, including water
11. Small cash offerings during worship services



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**Reservation  
Process &  
Registration**

- Email Cheryl Peterson, [cmpeterson@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:cmpeterson@wartburgseminary.edu)
- Put in the **subject line: Tanzania J-Term** stating your interest to get on the interest list for information/email updates.
- Make a **\$350 down payment** to reserve your spot on a first-come-first-served basis on or before **June 1.**
  - Contact Sherry Driscoll in the Business Office by email or phone
    - [sdriscoll@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:sdriscoll@wartburgseminary.edu)
    - Ph: (563) 589-0218
    - It is preferred students pay out of pocket for travel deposits. Sherry **can** take payment over the phone. Sherry **cannot** take payment via email, and you **cannot** sign up for this by logging on to MyWTS and making a payment on your student account.
  - Down payment is refundable until **Aug. 15, 2024.**

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<sup>1</sup> An option for buying your own pre-trip cancellation insurance is: <https://www.gninsurance.com/travel/trip-cancellation/img-ittravel>. You have the option of adding "cancel for any reason" coverage on the LX option if purchased within 10 days of initial trip payment/deposit.

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- Submit a picture of your **passport picture page** to Cheryl Peterson by **Aug. 15, 2024** (need information for airlines). Frequent flier information, mobile phone numbers, dietary restrictions, and other info will be collected at this time.
  - **Second payment** of \$1,500 due **Aug. 15, 2024** (tentative date, depending upon deadline from travel agent).
  - **Final payment** (balance est. between \$2,140 and \$2,340) due **Oct. 15, 2024**
  - **After August 15, payments are not refundable.** This is because we are traveling during peak tourist season and need to make reservations, including making deposit payments. The travel agent may be able to refund your airfare (but this is still not a guarantee). If you have concerns about cancellation and refunds, please purchase the travel insurance with trip cancellation insurance that includes "cancel for any reason" coverage. See the footnote on p. 3.
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**Questions?** Contact Cheryl Peterson, [cmpeterson@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:cmpeterson@wartburgseminary.edu)  
Or Beth Elness-Hanson, [belness@wartburgseminary.edu](mailto:belness@wartburgseminary.edu)

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## Tentative Schedule

Day	Date	Day	Place	Event
1	8-Jan-25	Wed	ORD	Depart ORD 16:20, so at ORD at 13:00 (tentative KLM airlines)
2	9-Jan-25	Thurs	Amsterdam-Makumira	7 hour and 30-minute flight; Arrive AMS 6:50 am Depart AMS 9:15 am; 9 hour and 10-minute flight; Arrive JRO 20:25
3	10-Jan-25	Fri	Makumira	AM: Morning chapel, theological education in TZ; PM: CAC lecture on indigenous music in worship; music, drumming and dancing
4	11-Jan-25	Sat	Makumira-Monduli	AM: transport to Monduli; PM: boma (traditional Maasai family settlement) visit
5	12-Jan-25	Sun	Monduli	AM: Worship at Monduli Lutheran; PM: Monduli market walk
6	13-Jan-25	Mon	Monduli	AM: Lutheran secondary education at the MaaSAE Girls Lutheran Secondary School ( <a href="#">MGLSS</a> ); PM: MGLSS
7	14-Jan-25	Tues	Monduli	AM: Monduli Lutheran Parish dialogue; PM: seminar on evangelism/traditional Maasai worldview
8	15-Jan-25	Wed	Monduli	AM: Monduli Catholic parish dialogue; PM: Monduli Pentecostal church dialogue
9	16-Jan-25	Thurs	Monduli-Ketumbeine	AM: Morning off, pack; PM: to Ketumbeine
10	17-Jan-25	Fri	Ketumbeine	AM: Visit Ketumbeine school; PM ELCA missionary Bethany Friberg (tentative); Visit Naapok women's cooperative
11	18-Jan-25	Sat	Ketumbeine	AM: Visit Ketumbeine clinic; PM walk to boma
12	19-Jan-25	Sun	Ketumbeine-Makumira	AM: Worship at Ketumbeine Lutheran Church; PM: Oldonyo Sambu TEE center; then to Makumira
13	20-Jan-25	Mon	Makumira	DAY: <a href="#">Arusha National Park safari</a> ; EVE: Special dinner with debrief
14	21-Jan-25	Tues	Makumira - Arusha	AM: Arusha tourist shopping PM: Late afternoon transit to airport; KLM (tentative) flight 21:50
15	22-Jan-25	Wed	Amsterdam-Chicago	11 hour and 50 minutes to arrival in AMS 7:40 am Depart AMS 12:35 pm; 8 hour and 45-minute flight; arrive ORD 14:20