

**One thousand nets...**  
**Can our diocese provide them?**  
**Diocese of Easton "Nets for Life" Campaign**

**Goal: 1,000 nets – 100% participation**

It's mosquito season and we plan to do something about it – in Africa. Every year nearly one million people die of malaria, a mosquito-born disease, in sub-Saharan Africa. In the time it takes you to read this sentence, another child will have died from malaria. Insecticide-treated nets provide an easy way to lower this death rate. Just \$12 will buy a net and pay for training in its use to save three lives.

In 2009, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church renewed not only its commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, but also specifically committed to raising \$5 million in the triennium through Episcopal Relief & Development for NetsforLife®. This national campaign within the Episcopal Church to eliminate malaria in sub-Saharan Africa includes efforts to increase awareness and raise funds by involving dioceses, parishes, seminaries, schools, and individuals at the grassroots level.

**The Diocese of Easton could provide 1,000 nets by raising \$12,000 this summer. This would save 3000 lives, roughly the total average Sunday attendance in the diocese. To reach this goal, each parish is asked to make a special appeal for contributions or hold an event to raise the equivalent of a net from each member.**

Checks for contributions should be made to the Diocese of Easton and marked for the Nets for Life project. The offering should be completed by September 21, the end of our summer, which is the beginning of summer in Africa.

**Episcopal Relief & Development  
implements the NetsforLife program  
in 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa  
by distributing nets and training volunteers  
to educate communities about malaria**

**One net  
saves three lives  
\$12.00  
buys and delivers  
one net**

**Make your parish participation generous!**

Make checks payable to your parish  
or Diocese of Easton  
marked "Nets for Life" in the memo line.

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