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Dear Communications Director/Editor,

Malawi is in southeastern Africa, where it borders Mozambique, Tanzania, and Zambia. In 2019, when general elections were held for president, members of the national assembly and local offices, the Episcopal Conference of Malawi took a pastoral approach and engaged faith leaders to advocate for free, fair, peaceful, and transparent elections and to encourage citizens' full participation in the electoral process.

With support from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, the Malawian bishops organized a pre-election prayer weekend, issued joint interfaith statements encouraging voter registration and participation, and disseminated voter education materials and TV programs. They also facilitated election monitoring by regional faith leaders. When you participate in the collection to support the Solidarity Fund, you support the pastoral civic engagement efforts of local churches to help faithful citizens work together to promote open and democratic governments.

Please use your publication(s), website, social media channels, or any other outlets to talk about the Solidarity Fund's support of the Malawian bishops' voter engagement and education efforts and of all those who benefit from this collection. Free resources, including an editable sample letter from your bishop, web ads, and a social media tool kit, are available for download at www.usccb.org/africa/collection.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact me at 202-541-3365 or ngermain@usccb.org. Thank you for your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.

Gratefully in Christ,

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