

Pastor Hartmut Barsnick, a long time friend of the Meru Partnership Committee, completed his baptismal journey on Friday, December 22 at his home in Athenstedt, Germany. He was 81.

Hartmut served at Wellington Park Lutheran Church, Milwaukee in the 70's and again after his retirement, he returned to the Milwaukee area each winter to offer pastor care there. He also attended our Meru Partnership meetings and promoted his own Tanzanian partnership in the south central part of the country.

On December 20, 2017, Pastor Hartmut represented the Meru Partnership Committee and the Greater Milwaukee Synod at the planting of a tree in Luthergarten in Wittenburg, Germany. Tree plantings took place to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This particular tree was planted to honor Diocese of Meru Bishop Akyoo's retirement.



Pastor Gail Brodersen Heins, a longtime friend of Hartmut, received this news from Hartmut's wife Marlis. Pastor Gail shared the following in her email with this news:

The alternate Christmas Gospel, John 1 includes this: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it". Hartmut reflected that light of Christ throughout his life, as he embodied what it means to serve and do so lovingly and courageously. He is at peace.

Hartmut's funeral will take place on January 2. Cards may be sent to:
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