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NEWS FROM GENERAL SYNOD

Primate's letter calls for support to Palestinian refugees

By Matt Gardner

Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, is calling on the Canadian government to increase support for Palestinian refugees through the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) following a sharp reduction in contributions from the United States.

In an open letter to MP Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister for International Development and La Francophonie, Archbishop Hiltz implored the Government of Canada to increase funding to UNRWA to sustain education and health care services for Palestinian refugees across the Diocese of Jerusalem. This area includes Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank, and Gaza. The Primate also asks that the federal government joins UNRWA in creating new funding initiatives and partnerships.

UNRWA currently oversees 700 schools and 137 medical clinics, which provide education and health care to Palestinian refugees throughout the diocese. The U.S. government recently announced that its 2018 contribution to UNRWA would amount to \$60 million—an 84 per cent reduction from its \$350 million pledge the previous year.

“As Chair of the G7, Canada has an opportunity to raise greater awareness that health and education are the building-blocks for sound development and eventual peace and stability,” the Primate wrote in his letter.

For the Diocese of Jerusalem, the funding shortfall as a result of the decreased U.S. contribution would principally impact the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City. A key diocesan ministry, Al Ahli is one of several hospitals in Gaza that serve poor and

marginalized people who cannot afford basic health care or serious medical treatments.

Should funding for UNRWA continue to decrease, Global Relations Director Andrea Mann said, "the current situation of reduced amounts of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, electricity, fuel for generators, all of that will continue to be more and more compromised, so in the end, fewer services are provided".

"We may see a time where those that work for the hospital don't receive full wages or wages in a timely manner," she added. "That has happened in the past and you can imagine how difficult that is for individuals and for their families in what is already a very, very difficult place to live in the world."

Mann encouraged Anglicans to pray for all those affected by the cuts, and to learn more about Canada's existing support for UNRWA and how the program has supported Palestinian refugees.

Read the Primate's letter attached separately.

News and Events:

1. **DEANERY COUNCIL:** Next meeting is April 21, 2018 in Little Current. A reminder dues for 2018 are due. Please bring a check and pass it onto Ursula Paxton. More details to follow next editions of the Digest.

2. **LENTEN EVENTS:**

Church of the Epiphany:

"MOTHERING SUNDAY" will be observed on Sunday, March 11th. Traditionally the faithful were to return to their home church that morning, so we gladly invite all former members of the Epiphany to return for that morning!!! We are looking forward to enjoying traditional "Simnel" cake at coffee-hour as our Mothering Sunday treat.

IN HONOUR OF ST. PATRICK'S WEEKEND, the Church of the Epiphany will hold a "Celtic Eucharist" on Sunday, March 18th at 10:30 am...join us...and wear green!

St. Alban's, Capreol:

Bible Study: Wisdom of Henri Nouwen - Sunday's at 1:30 PM

Parish of Christ Church and St. John the Divine (Lively and Copper Cliff):

Bible Study: Epistle reading from the previous Sunday - 10 AM at St. John's
The Book of Romans - 7 PM small group from Christ Church
meet in a home in Lively

Holy Week Services available throughout our Deanery will be added next week.

3. **ST. ALBAN'S, CAPREOL:**

Our prayers are with this community of faith as they say good bye to Rev. Doug Prebble and begin the search for a new Incumbent.

4. **World Day of Prayer: Mar 2 2018 at 2 PM.**

Church of the Ascension: See separate attached poster for details

St. Alban's Anglican, Careol: See attached poster for details.

5. **QUIET DAY:**

Bishop Anne Germond will be hosting a **Quiet Day on Saturday March 24** at the Anishinabie Spiritual Centre south of Espanola. The day will begin with lunch at noon for all registered participants and end with evening prayer by 5 pm. The cost of the Quiet Day will be covered by free will donations and any surplus will be donated to an outreach project. Please register by contacting the Ven. Glen Miller at livelyanglican@bellnet.ca.

6. **Manitoulin Island Congregations**

To the 5 Congregations on Manitoulin Island, congratulations: Bishop Anne has made the announcement that a new Incumbent has been appointed to the Manitoulin congregations:

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the **appointment of the Rev. Doug Prebble as Interim Incumbent for the parishes of Manitoulin Island effective April 15, 2018 for one year.**

Rev. Doug is a cradle Anglican who sensed God's call in his life early on and was active in Christian ministry in a number of capacities. He attended Tyndale College where he earned a M.Div. and was ordained as a presbyter in the church of God by Bishop Andrews in February 2012. Since then he has served as the Incumbent of St. Alban the Martyr in Capreol.

We welcome Doug to his new ministry with Manitoulin Island and ask that you uphold him and the parish in prayer during this time of transition.

We also request that you keep St. Alban the Martyr in your prayers as they prepare for ministerial changes with Doug's departure.

Bishop Anne has also **requested prayers** for Rev. Bain Peever and his family:

Following a lengthy illness, Canon Bain Peever has been hospitalized in Mindemoya. We ask that you uphold him and his wife, Lynda, in your prayers. We pray for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and for the love of Christ to

surround them and their family at this difficult time. We also pray for wisdom and compassion for his care givers, particularly his wife, Linda.

7. **Thorneloe University**

Pipe Organ Concert in Memory of Hubert Kruzel. To Benefit the **Chapel Organ Fund at Thorneloe University**. **Organist:** Jan Overduin, Professor Emeritus of Organ and Church Music, Wilfrid Laurier University.

Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 3:00 P.M.

St. Andrew's Place, 111 Larch St., Sudbury ON

Free admission

Donations will be accepted to support the Chapel Organ Fund at Thorneloe University.

For more information: **705-673-1730** - **Thorneloe.ca** (See separate attached poster for details).

Some thoughts from Society of St. John the Evangelist:

This week we've been exploring the theme of intimacy with the Father. When praying with this theme, I couldn't help but to think of a family photograph I recently found on a trip home, one that my mom took. And, in the picture, my dad is standing before the bathroom mirror with shaving cream on his face and a razor, and is shaving his face. And standing right next to him is me on a stool with shaving cream all over my face and a plastic razor, mimicking everything he's doing and obviously delighted at the fact that I'm shaving my face with dad.

The photograph is endearing, but it also points to this intimate moment between father and son, a moment of love and tenderness, which we almost feel like we shouldn't be looking at, because it points to this very intimate life, this inner life that most people don't see outside the home. I often think that Jesus' relationship with his Father was just like this. And, we often see throughout the gospels that in everything Jesus does, whether he's breaking bread with friends or whether he's healing or he's teaching and preaching, in everything he does he often stops and gives thanks and acknowledges his Father, through whom he is extending his very ministry and mission.

He even alludes to this in John 5:19 when he says, "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing, for whatever the Father does the Son does likewise." So, what does this mean for us? Well, I would say that Jesus desires relationship, an intimate relationship with us, just as he enjoys a relationship with his Father. And that this relationship he wants from us is one that extends from his Father as a continuance of that love.

And so, we have to take some moments in our prayer life to develop this relationship with Jesus, to spend some time alone, perhaps in the morning with a cup of coffee; to sit with Jesus in silence and perhaps out of that then to express your hopes and your fears, your joys, the ways in which you suffer or worry, and to share that with

Jesus, so that we can be assured that he knows what's on our heart and he can assure us of his presence with us in all that we undertake and that his love will actually guide us and show us what we need to do in the moment, if we'll just take that moment and develop that relationship with Jesus in intimacy.

-Br. Jim Woodrum
Society of St. John the Evangelist
Lenten Study: "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John"

We are sending our this Digest weekly on Wednesday, usually before 10 PM. Feel free to send me and Allison Cline (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. Articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

We would like to receive items by the Sunday night before Wednesday. Some items may be repeated due the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as PDF attachments to the Digest.

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