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THE INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP REPORT



A NOTE FROM **ERV LISCHKE**

Let's begin the new year with a prayer for missions:

send thy blessed Son to the torch lit". preach peace to them who are far off and to them that are nigh; Grant that all men everywhere may seek after thee and find thee. Bring the nations into thy fold, pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

from the 1928 Book of Com- from year to year. mon Prayer.

The year 2020 was, as they say, "One for the books." Hopefully, we won't see another one quite like it again. In spite of it all, our Fellowship continued to meet its support objectives. And, as you will see, we are in solid financial shape to meet the new year head on.

from our missionary project work closely with so many leaders, you will note that generous and dedicated peoeveryone has been affected ple has been a rare privilege. in one way or another by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Beginning in May, contribu-However, our bishops, cler- tions should be sent to: gy, and other church leaders have managed to hold things together. In many ways, from what I have read and observed, "O God, who hast made of stronger than ever before. one blood all nations of men Our folks are showing a will- God bless you all, for to dwell on the face of ingness to sacrifice and to Erv the whole earth, and didst innovate in order to "keep

> As always, I thank everyone who has helped keep our Fellowship growing and filling I am sure all of us will agree a need in so many different that we owe Erv Lischke a giplaces around the world. ant debt of gratitude for spear And special thanks to Fr. heading this Fellowship over Glenn Galenkamp, St. Bar- the past eight years. nabas Anglican Church, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, for his help in having formated this newsletter

Effective May 1st, I will be stepping down as Executive Director of our Fellowship. Most everything will remain the over. He has a wealth of tinue this mission together. experience in both management and missionary support activities. For me, the last

eight years in this role have been extremely rewarding. As you read the comments Having the opportunity to

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Greetings Everyone,

The Fellowship has grown, and so has its membership. 2021 promises to be a banner year for this mission and it is my great privilege to be able to help steer it in the direction Erv as charted for us.

Fr. Ed Ihde, pastor of St same- even as some things will Nicholas Church in West change. Hopefully you will find Seneca, NY will be taking the changes exciting as we con-

> God's Blessings to you, Fr. Ed Ihde



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The International Anglican Fellowship Letter from the Primate of the Traditional Anglican Church

In our present world of increasing challenges to the Christian Faith, it is ever important that resources be dedicated to the ongoing mission and ministry of the Church across the globe. Pandemic, poverty, natural disasters, and increasing secularization all contribute to the need for effective evangelization. The generous contributions of so many individuals, parishes, and provinces across the Traditional Anglican Church, as well as the Continuing Anglican Churches, to the mission of the International Anglican Fellowship go far in enabling our clergy and people to worship, to teach, and to evangelize in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We, who are so blessed, are called to give so others may share in the truth of the Gospel and the fellowship of Christ's holy Church.

The International Anglican Fellowship, as the missionary arm of the global Traditional Anglican Church, has been blessed with faithful contributors, able stewards, and sound executive management. Under the guidance and stewardship of the Board of Directors, our Fellowship continues to provide resources of the IAF to the many worthwhile projects, missions and ministries of the Church around the globe. As Primate of the Traditional Anglican Church, serving on the IAF Board of Directors, I have come to appreciate the diverse needs of the Church in her missionary activities. I am most grateful for the generosity of our many contributors, and pray that God will continue to bless the work of the International Anglican Fellowship in furthering His Kingdom in His world.

The Most Reverend Shane B. Janzen, OSG Primate of the Traditional Anglican Church Metropolitan of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada Board of Directors, International Anglican Fellowship.

Financial Wrap-up for 2020

The numbers were really flying into various "pots and buckets" throughout 2020. Here is a year-end summary of our most notable financial efforts during the year

Recipient	Disbursement (US dollars)	Purpose	Comments
Continuing Anglican Church of Zambia (CACZ)	7,200	Recurring missionary grant	Includes costs for truck repair
Anglican Church in India	6,000	Recurring missionary grant	
Traditional Anglo- Catholic Latin Ameri- can Province	14,100	Recurring missionary grant	Includes funds for COVID 19 relief
Anglican Church in Southern Africa	10,400	Recurring missionary grant	Includes funds for COVID 19 relief

Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC)	4,200	Recurring missionary grant	Support for Dominican Republic churches
Sun Star Mission	552 46 (avg per month)	Mission support	Church electric bill
Providence Anglican Church, Jakarta, Indo- nesia	3000	Recurring missionary support	
DPRC	13,150	Earthquake relief	Funds specifically earmarked for aid to the DPRC
Caracas, Venezuela	687	Foodstuffs for St. Humanitarian relief Mary's Anglican Ch	
Beginning Balance for 2021 (estimated)	45,253	IAF General Fund	

Some good news for 2021: A healthy financial position at the beginning of the year allowed the IAF Board of Directors to approve an augment of \$1000 to each of our missionary support efforts in South Africa, Zambia, India, Guatemala, Indonesia, and the Dominican Republic.

Things are looking UP

Generosity and the desire to be a part of something that helps to fill a real need have resulted in a sustained growth of our Fellowship. Many thanks to those who have helped make this possible:

A five year snapshot

Year (beginning January 1st)	Number of Sustaining Members	Beginning Bank Balance
2016	41	\$14,680
2017	48	31,847
2018	51	32,747
2019	50	31,900
2020	51	36,900
2021	51	45,253

Current Projects

Currently, the Fellowship is providing financial support for seven missionary projects. All of these involve missionary and emergency/humanitarian relief efforts for clergy and churches that are members of the Traditional Anglican Church (TAC).

Traditional Anglo-Catholic Latin American Province (TACLAP).

The following message from Bp Ruben Rodriguez in Guatemala was received during early December 2020. To date, no specific requests for financial assistance from the IAF have been received. However, the Fellowship stands ready to help even at this late date should the need arise:

The effects of hurricanes Eta and lota that affected Central America were horrendous. The dead still cannot be counted, the large amounts of water in the affected regions, the waters are stagnant in large areas and communities, they are isolated due to the impediment of two or three meters of water in parts of roads and highways. Bridges destroyed. Corpses are still found among the mud and huge stones. To provide food and drinking water, we use [helicopters], and aerial devices with cables and modules to transport seriously injured people and provide medicine, food and water for human consumption and boats. There is much suffering and anguish among the populations, we must pray for these human beings who continue to live with that nightmare. Thank you for the chain of prayers among our TAC brothers for all those who suffer here and in other parts of the world.

Bishop Ruben

Continuing Anglican Church of Zambia (CACZ)

Bishop Andrew is the Bishop Ordinary of the CACZ. He writes:

We are the Continuing Anglican Communion in Zambia (C.A.C.Z.), a fellowship committed to continuing in the Christian faith which our fathers had and practiced. We have vowed never to compromise the Word of God in any way. Our parishes are found in Eastern, Central and Lusaka Province and we belong to the Traditional Anglican Church worldwide. Our vision is to be a people of God's presence in the world and to have a church that demonstrates strong faith in God. Our mission is to defend the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, to uphold the catholic Faith and Doctrine, and to build a vibrant church for the future based on credible leadership.

Here all is well despite the challenge of Coronavirus which has made life difficult. We guess it is the same everywhere. We have heard quite a lot of news about the situation in the US. It is sad to hear of the big numbers of people that are infected and affected by the pandemic. The number of those that have died is alarming. We thank God that efforts to have a vaccine are yielding results, and we hope the situation will improve. Here the church is slowly coming to life after a long period of lock down. Our people are still scared of attending church services and participating fully in the life of the church. We are encouraging them to come to church and working hard that they adhere to the health measures which the government has put in place. We are still doing our pastoral visitations, holding meetings and conducting seminars. With the temperatures above 38 degrees Celsius, there are chances of the virus not spreading much.

In the month of December 2020 Bishop Andrew and his Vicar General Fr. Maxwell Lungu visited five parishes in Eastern Province of Zambia. This visit was possible because of the missionary grant we receive from IAF. One of the parishes we visited is a new one. He inspected a plot of land which the parish has acquired for the construction of a new church building. Currently Christians are worshipping in a grass thatched shelter, constructed on a piece of land that has been given by the village head-







Fr. Lungu with church leaders, a thatched shelter for worship, Bishop Andrew with leaders, inspecting the plot of land at the new congregation at Nyakaconkho in Petauke District

We thank you and may God bless you and keep you safe. Bishop Andrew

The Anglican Church in India (ACI).

For many decades, Indian Christians and followers of other non-Hindu religious beliefs have been marginalized and even physically attacked by members of a strong Hindu nationalist movement. Violence has increased dramatically during the last decade and has included the burning of churches, forced "reconversions" to Hinduism, bomb threats, distribution of threatening literature, burning of Bibles, destruction of property at Christian schools, colleges, and cemeteries, and the murder of priests and other Christian workers. Through all of this discord, Archbishop Samuel Prakash, Metropolitan of the ACI, works to keep a Christian presence alive and functioning. The IAF provides a monthly missionary grant to Abp Prakash to assist him in his efforts. Funding provides scholarships for Christian students in their primary classes, for families in need, and also helps fund an annual youth camp.

The effects of COVID 19. A note from Abp Prakash:

During March and April 2020, the government of India announced a total lockdown. The Anglican Church fully supported the lockdown and asked people to stay at home and to practice social distancing. In such times of crisis, people look up to religious leaders for prayers and a word of support. For that we arranged a "prayer from home" program whereby anybody can join the program.

We have told our parish priests to help the needy and distribute food to poor people, labor class people, and anyone who needs any help as the small businesses and daily wage workers are worst hit and they cannot buy food for their families. Soon another problem might arise in which people would be dying of hunger.

We have asked our congregation members to sew cloth masks to provide to the needy. We are all in this together as a community to save humanity and to end the spread of the virus.

Much of our population lives below the poverty line and are illiterate and are not fully aware of the problems associated with COVID 19 including the severity of its spread. Social distancing seems to be working for now in India but, in many cases, people do not adhere to the rule.

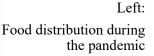
The ratio of doctors to the population is approximately 1 per 11,000 people. Therefore, should the situation worsen, the results could be dire.

Archbishop Prakash



Right:

Abp Prakash with some of his younger parishioners





The Anglican Church in Southern Africa

Abp Michael Gill continues to guide the Church in Southern Africa as new churches are planted and congregations grow. He recently shared these comments:

God's peace be with you and your loved ones in these dangerous times. Southern Africa has experienced a large impact from Covid-19. Every country in the sub-continent has experienced infections. The problem with the countries around South Africa is that there is, in most cases, an almost non-existent health system, which in turn translates into no capacity to test for COvid-19. Thus, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Mozambique must have numerous cases, but there is no way of verifying it. Mozambique and Zimbabwe are the worst in terms of collapsed health facilities, and so nothing that comes out of these countries can be in any way considered reliable.



South Africa has been most efficient in the control of the spread of the virus. At the end of March, a national lockdown was imposed by the State, restricting all movement, closing the borders and enforcing curfews using the Police and the Military. These restrictions are still in force. Schools, restaurants, hotels and churches have been closed. This has caused chaos in the employment market, but in terms of the Covid-19, the results have been comparatively good. South Africa has 700,000 infections, but only 17,000 deaths. We were bracing for a much higher figure, but it seems that the enforced restrictions were effective.

Church wise, we have had an interesting time. Every South African has a mobile phone, not many have computers, and so we have held services via WhatsApp since March. The results of the pandemic have forced our clergy closer together, and I believe that we will emerge stronger than before. I lead many prayer groups (also via WhatsApp) and these are extremely well-attended. Each Sunday has allowed a different clergyman to 'Preach' a homily, and so there has been good exposure of the clergy to the people.

Health wise, we have been quite hard-hit. We have lost many elderly parishioners in rural areas. Four of our clergy have contracted the virus, with two spending considerable time in Intensive Care, and we have lost one of our finest Priests, Fr Vusimuzi Wonderful Edom, who died of Covid-19 last Wednesday. This is a great blow to the church, as he ran two successful parishes in Qwa Qwa, and will be hard to replace. We pray for the repose of his soul.

In Christ our Lord Archbishop Michael

Diocese of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean (DPRC).

A note from Abp Juan Garcia:

Here some photos from the Dominican Republic Mission. Father Fanfi has been distributing food for the children of the mission and food supplies to the families as well. The Dominican Republic has been severely impacted by COVID-19 and their food supplies and capabilities have been significantly diminished due to work interruptions and there has not been any support from the government. Please continue praying for all of them. The church has been one of the greatest means of support for these people; thanks to the International Anglican Fellowship Donations.



Archbishop Juan

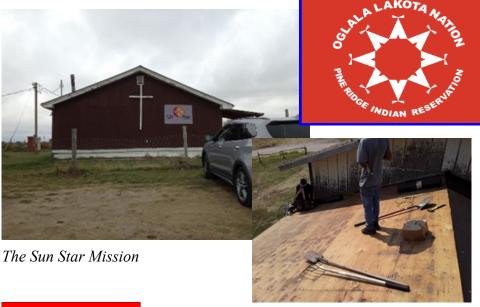




Food package distribution in the Dominican Republic during the COVID 19 pandemic

The IAF and the Diocese of the Missouri Valley (DMV) supported this mission in the Lakota Sioux nation for several years until it closed. Both the DMV and the IAF are providing financial support: The Fellowship has assumed responsibility for the mission's

monthly electric bill.





New roof work partially funded by the IAF

The new roof

Provindence Anglican Church in Indonesia

Fr James Long has started a mission, the Providence Anglican Church (PAC), in Jakarta, Indonesia. Currently, it is under the episcopal authority of Bp. Brian Marsh and the Anglican Church in America. Fr James is expanding the reach of his ministry into other parts of Indonesia.

General ministry report:

All worship meetings were suspended by the Indonesian government at the beginning of the lockdown. Some restrictions were lifted for a time, and now Jakarta is going back into severe lockdown because their hospitals are overflowing with patients. I had sent my wife and children stateside as the crisis worsened but remained at my post to do what I could. We expanded to 3 bible studies on Zoom per week. Evening Payer on Wednesdays, and three services each Lord's Day. One is Morning Prayer in Indonesian led by my assistant Aan who is finishing his ThM. and preparing for eventual ordination. Next is Morning Prayer for all three of our mission points together. Last is the Farsi service.

One spinoff blessing of COVID has been the development of midweek Evening Prayer and weekday bible studies. Traffic in Jakarta makes such meetings all but impossible, but online there is no traffic, so Bali, Karawaci and Pluit all meet together thanks to Zoom. Zoom has also allowed us to include friends from places like China in our weekly studies. One Chinese woman whose life God impacted through PAC Canggu during her vacation in Bali was later discipled online by our member in Karawaci. We cannot baptize her online, but she is now a professing believer and is able at times to join our bible studies from within Communist China.

Fr James





Drinking water for the Kalideres camp which houses particularly destitute people



Fr James distributing items donated to children at the refugee Dormitorio refugee camp

St. Mary's Parish, Caracas, Venezuela

In November 2020, the Fellowship sponsored its third shipment of non-perishables from California to the congregation of St. Mary's Church. Once again, Judy Creel and Darlene Peacock (ACA Diocese of the West), along with our friend, Tere Caicedo, answered the call and coordinated a 220 pound shipment from Los Angeles to Caracas. It arrived just in time for Christmas. This was the third shipment funded by contributions to the IAF. The political situation in Venezuela is still in turmoil with grocery shelves basically empty. Our hope is that the Fellowship will periodically continue to ship basic necessities to St. Mary's.





If you would like to assist us in that effort, please send your check, payable to the "International Anglican Fellowship" and earmarked for "St. Mary's Caracas"

Darlene Peacock and Judy Creel preparing a box for delivery to St. Mary's

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS THE IAF HELPING THOSE IN NEED?



The Sustaining Member and Steward Programs

Sustaining Members

The IAF Sustaining Member program was begun in 2012 as a tool to formally recognize those churches and individuals that support the Fellowship on a recurring basis. For example, if one of the line items in a church budget contains a donation to the IAF, that church is eligible to become a Sustaining Member. Similarly, individuals or families who desire to provide support on a regular basis can be recognized as Sustaining Members.

This program helps to give the IAF Board of Directors an idea of how to plan distribution of donated funds for TAC missionary projects and to target those projects that are most in need. As a token of appreciation, Sustaining Members are presented with a wall plaque (shown below)...a tangible example of commitment and caring.



As of February 2021, the following churches, families, and individuals are a part of our Sustaining Member family. Many thanks for your active and continuing participation in support of the IAF missionary support projects:

Diocese of the Northeast, ACA, USA:

Church of the Good Shepard, Charlestown, New Hampshire

St. Margaret of Scotland, Conway, New Hampshire

Trinity Anglican Church, White River Junction, Vermont

Trinity Anglican Church, Rochester, New Hampshire

Olde St. Paul's, Portland, Maine

St. Thomas, Ellsworth, Maine

St. Luke's, Amherst, New Hampshire

St. Matthias, Mystic, Connecticut

St. Elizabeth's, Tuxedo, New York

Holy Redeemer, Canandaigua, New York

St. Nicholas, West Seneca, New York

Diocese of the West, ACA, USA:

St. Augustine Anglican Church, Hamilton, Montana

All Saints Anglican Church, Fountain Valley, California

St. Mary's, Los Angeles, California

St. Francis, Portland, Oregon

Diocese of the Eastern United States, ACA, USA:

St. Stephen's, Timonium, Maryland

St. George's Columbus, GA

St. Peter's Anglican Church of East Palatka, Florida

St. Barnabas, Picayune, Mississippi

Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA, USA:

Trinity Anglican Church, Prairie Village, Kansas

St. Patrick, Hurst, Texas

St. John's Cathedral, Quincy, Illinois

St. Augustine's of Canterbury, Topeka, Kansas

St. Dunstan's Church, St. Louis Park, Minnesota

Anglican Catholic Church of Canada:

The Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Victoria, British Columbia

All Saints', Calgary, Alberta

Church of the Resurrection, St. Albert, Alberta

St. Barnabas, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Anglican Church in South Africa:

St. Andrews, Johannesburg

Independent, USA:

Church of the Epiphany, Phoenix, Arizona

Individuals and families in:

Chulmleigh, Devon, England Brackettville, Texas South Strafford, Vermont Belchertown, Massachusetts Ivoryton, Connecticut Middletown, Connecticut

Peterborough, New Hampshire

Nashua, New Hampshire

Alstead, New Hampshire

Scarborough, Maine

Brewer, Maine

Buffalo, New York

Canandaigua, New York

Huntington Beach, California

Los Angeles, California

Waukesha, Wisconsin

Lawrence, Kansas

Lexington, South Carolina

Lilburn, Georgia

Deland, Florida

Scottsville, Kentucky

Abbottsford, British Columbia



Spot light on sustaining members

Bruce and Debbie Milano are both nurses retired from the US Army and US Air Force respectively. They were introduced to the work of the International Anglican Fellowship through the late Reverend Granville Henthorne who was their priest in Maine.

They spent nine months at Makeni Ecumenical Center in Zambia; and operated a clinic as well as providing nursing support to the outlying villages connected to the Center. Since then, they have lived and worked as nurses in Texas, Italy, and Delaware, finally returning to Fort Clark Springs, a deactivated cavalry fort which was active from 1852 until 1946. Deborah is a genealogy enthusiast and active member in the San Antonio Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Bruce enjoys playing golf on the Fort Clark golf course and works around their newly purchased home.

Stewards

The IAF Steward program has been established as a management tool and communication link between the Board of Directors (specifically, the Executive Director) and members of various TAC churches and organizations. Working with the IAF Executive Director, Stewards (who are volunteers) assist the Board by maintaining contact with and funneling IAF related information to the churches and individuals in their home dioceses. This includes distribution of newsletters, collection of donated funds, and information concerning the IAF mission and planning goals. They also field questions regarding IAF operations and help identify candidates for the Sustaining Member Program. Currently, we are pleased to have seven active Stewards:

The Very Rev. Merrill Perkins, Diocese of the Northeast, ACA Darlene Peacock, Diocese of the West, ACA Sarah Albert, Diocese of the Missouri Valley, ACA Laura Ewald, Diocese of the Eastern United States, ACA The Rev. Glenn Galenkamp, Diocese of Canada West, ACCC The Rev. Cn. Doug Nicholson, Diocese of Canada East, ACCC Jenny Gill, Diocese of Pretoria and South Africa

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