

Reformed Episcopal Missions

News & Prayer Concerns —March/Lent 2014

World Mission Sunday: March 2 has been designated by Archbishop Robert Duncan as 2014 ACNA World Mission Sunday. Celebrate World Mission whenever and as often as you like in your parish with information, videos, reports, prayer requests and gifts for missions.

The 2011 REC General Council set a goal of each REC parish giving at least \$500 per year to REC Mission Projects. Is your parish meeting this goal? You'll find several current giving opportunities noted below.

March 14, Sora Colvin travels to Leyte Island to serve in a “Birth Camp” in Dulag. November’s super typhoon destroyed 80% of the homes in this town. Hospitals need to be rebuilt. Most midwives, doctors and health care workers lost their homes. Sora will spend 4 weeks working with Filipina midwives and with CNN hero of the year Ibu Robin Lim who directs this birth camp. Consult the following link for more information on this mission and how to contribute for needed medical supplies: <http://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com/2014/02/15/birth-camp-on-leyte-island/>



March 21-23, pray for the leaders of Reformierten Episkopalkirche (the REC in Germany) as they meet for their annual synod with Bishops Royal Grote and Gerhard Meyer. This will include the ordination of Deacon Sebastian Krause, the reception of a new presbyter: the Rev. James Crofts, and the presentation of the newly printed Book of Common Prayer in German. A two-day Theological Conference will follow on March 23-25.



Sign up for English Camp in Germany (July 20-Aug. 3) at http://www.recbfm.org/missions/Germany/English_Team_Application-2014.pdf The Bible teachers include Bishops Gerhard Meyer & Sam Seamans (Arkansas), and the Revs. Douglas Mills (Missouri) & Mark Woolsey (Texas). *Contributions to the Board of Foreign Missions for the travel of US clergy going as teachers are welcome!*

Seminar course in Croatia: Reformed Episcopal Seminary Professor Dr. Jonathan Riches will teach a seminar in **April** at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek, Croatia as we work with Bishop Jasmin Milić developing an Anglican track for students in Central Europe.

Regional Anglican Mission Day March 29 for those in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, at St Vincent’s Cathedral in Bedford TX. There will be an REC Mission table and Canon Bill Jerdan will lead a workshop on current outreach in Europe. Register at: <http://fwepiscopal.org/mission>

REC Mission Videos are being posted on the new video page of the Board of Foreign Missions website: <http://www.recbfm.org/> We encourage you to share these short visual mission reports in gatherings of your congregation, perhaps in your coming Lenten Services. Please tell us how you use these videos and what reports would like to have available.

May 3-June 2, Bishop Charles Dorrington, with his wife Claudia, will make his fifteenth visit to Cuba, visiting 19+ REC congregations and missions on the Island.

New Church plant in Karlovac, Croatia: Newly ordained Deacon Almir Pehlić, who grew up in Karlovac, is planting a church in his home town. Weekly services began January 19, 2014. Christ the Redeemer Church, a mission congregation in the capital city of Zagreb, helps support the new ministry.



Short Term Missions to Croatia: Pray for the 5-member Holy Cross Parish Team going from Alpine TX to Croatia April 21-May 5 to engage in evangelistic outreach to college-prep young people along with our Croatian partners in Good Shepherd Church in Osijek.

Pray as Canon Bill Jerdan recruits a **second Mission Team for Croatia May 7-21**. Priority will be given to Pastors and lay church leaders wanting to discover this on-going partnership ministry in view of leading future small teams to Croatia. We are also seeking other candidates with ESL experience or other skills helpful for the Mission's goals of on-the-street outreach in English to students. Each team member will need about \$2300 in support for this project.

Help build the Church in Croatia and Serbia: Visit the RE Missions webpage to read and download a four-page report on ministries in Central Europe. Your giving would further this growth:

- \$300-\$400 monthly helps support a church planter
- \$200 monthly rents a meeting room for the Karlovac church plant
- \$6,000 buys a building for the Roma outreach in Kapelna
- \$1,200 provides a one-year scholarship covering 50% of seminary tuition for a future pastor
- Support the 2014 Spring Short Term Missions to Croatia with a special gift

General Council visitors: Bishop Jasmin Milić will come to the U.S. the week before General Council, speaking at St Stephen's REC (Eldersburg MD) June 1, Reformed Episcopal Seminary June 2 and St Mark's REC (Rydal PA) June 8. If your parish would like to schedule a weekday meeting with Bishop Milić, please call Bill Jerdan. Bishop Gerhard Meyer can be contacted by email about possible visits. The Rev. Matt Colvin will attend General Council and participate in Sunday services at Trinity REC (Mason OH), his home parish. The St Timothy School Choir from Dallas TX plans to attend the June 8 service with Bishop Milić at St Mark's Church.



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