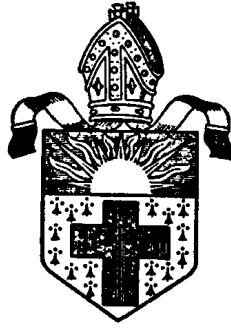


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THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE (ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA)

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

August is not a usual time for a Bishop's pastoral letter, however, there are a number of things which I want to remind you of and bring to your attention for consideration before we the end of the summer and the fall "start-up" busyness.

First, as you may recall, the Diocese of Qu'Appelle has taken on two outreach initiatives in the past six months. The first was a decision by Diocesan Council, supported by Synod to sponsor a refugee. Since our decision we have been asked and have agreed to sponsor an Iraqi mother and adult daughter at risk. So far we have about \$10,000 of the \$30,000 that is our target amount. I know that a number of parishes have taken on fundraising initiatives to help raise funds, and it is likely that some cheques have been stuck in the mail, but I would ask you to give thought and prayer toward making a generous contribution for this important ministry. Cheques can be sent to the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, clearly marked as support for our Refugee Sponsorship.

Second, we passed a resolution at Diocesan Synod to raise some funds to assist the churches in Christchurch, New Zealand and in Japan as they struggle to both recover and do ministry in their earthquake ravaged zones. As many of you will know, Bishop Victoria Matthews, who used to be the Bishop of Edmonton here in Canada, is now Bishop in Christchurch. Communications and news reports from her indicate that the clergy and church leaders are under a great deal of stress and being worn down – especially after the smaller, but still damaging earthquake which has occurred since the initial destruction. To date we have received just over a third of our \$10,000 goal. Again, I would ask your generosity in helping our brothers and sisters in these troubled areas.

On a celebratory note, this year is the 10th anniversary of our full-communion agreement with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Bishop Cindy Halmarson and I will be jointly celebrating at a service on November 27th in the late afternoon in Regina (details to follow). I would like to encourage all of our folk to join in celebrating with us – either by attending the service or by working together with your local Lutheran congregation to have a service of your own.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that I have appointed the Reverend Michael Sinclair as the new Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. His induction and installation will take place on September 25th at St. Paul's Cathedral at 4:00pm.

May God grant you a restful and refreshing summer.

In Christ,

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