September, 2025

Women's Day Project

• The Board of Foreign Missions is once again a grateful recipient of the annual Women's Day Project. The 2025 goal is to print 1,000 of the first handsome copies of the Spanish translation of The Reformed Episcopal Book of Common Prayer and deliver them to the Missionary Diocese of Cuba for its synod during the first week in Advent. *Thank you, WOC!*

Advent Offerings at work

- 2024 offerings for Knüll Camp ownership, transportation in Cuba, and Christmas gifts for BFM missionaries are all being enjoyed. *Thank you!*
- The 2025 Advent Offering will focus on developing leaders, bringing missionaries to General Council, and equipping local missions for self-sufficiency. *Details in November!*

Brief News

- Upcoming BFM Synod presentations this year will include The Rev. Dr. Robert Gresser, "When Helping *Helps—learning how to distinguish between relief and development.*" Be sure your parish delegation comes home ready to share!
- During June, REC100–Europe! gathered for its third annual church planter cohort training with delegates from Croatia, Serbia, Holland, Germany, the US, and the Free Church of England. These teams will share their progress for the Reformed Episcopal Proto-Province of Europe during General Council next year. Check out a new Website showing the Reformed Episcopal presence in Europe.
- Bishop Gerhard and Grace Meyer were honored at their retirement party, Sunday, August 3— and Fr Lee Nelson was installed as Camp Director on the same day! Bishop Gerhard continues to serve as local pastor, and as bishop for the REC Convocation of Germany.
- The Missionary Diocese of Colombia welcomed a team led by Bishop Boonzaaijer during its synod in July. The diocese is in its first stage of achieving later full REC membership.
- Fr Paul Howden represented The Board of Foreign Missions at New Wineskins this year.
- Track all Reformed Episcopal Missionaries online, follow their news, pledge support, and stay updated with pictures at <u>The Board of Foreign Missions</u>.
- Knüll Camp is ready for you to book your personal or group RETREAT.

To consider...

- See an online <u>WISHLIST</u> for items you can send to *Cuba* through a visiting team.
 - Five types of Cuba Mission Trips: Vision, Provisioning, Working, Teaching, Discovery
 - Select "Adopt-a-Priest" with your generosity for \$350 per month.
- Watch a Reformed Episcopal doctor explain the work of African Mission Healthcare.
- BFM General Fund (distinct from the Advent Offering)—all parishes and missions are asked to send at least \$750 per year. These gifts allow 100% of missionary support to be directly applied to them, and provides for pastoral care of the dioceses, travel, and emergency relief.

All Reformed Episcopal missionaries *depend upon the generous support* of our parishes and friends to sustain them in ministry! Consider supporting three or four missionaries, and inviting them to your parish next time they are on deputation. Make your family's monthly commitments at the <u>BFM Donation Page</u>. Also, don't forget to sign up for <u>E-News</u>; to pray the 2025 <u>Cycle of Prayer</u>; or to read the latest <u>Cuba Chronicles</u>—full of pictures and stories!

For the Kingdom, The Rt. Rev'd John Peter Boonzaaijer, DMin BFM President & International Missionary Bishop Suffragan for Cuba

