

Dear Fellow Churchman, we have lots of news for you!

Advent Offering and Cycle of Prayer

- BOTH the 2024 Advent Offering Brochure and the Advent through Pentecost (2025) Cycle of Prayer are available online for you to download and distribute. See below.

National Church News

- Pray for Bishop Boonzaaijer, Dr. Benjamin Bernier, Fr. Paul Howden, and Canon Barclay Mayo (Canada) as they travel to Havana from November 8 through 18 to meet with the clergy of the Missionary Diocese of Cuba, and with the Cuban Council of Churches. Future trips will include a) Vision Trips; b) Teaching Trips; and c) Provisioning Trips. *Sustaining the clergy and parishes requires about \$65,000 per year. Continued and monthly generosity is most welcome!*
- The Reverend Lee Nelson and his wife Ela (Diocese of Fort Worth) have accepted a call to serve as Director at the Knüll Camp Reformed Episcopal Ministry and Retreat Center in Germany, and are moving there from Waco, Texas—with their seven children! Consider taking your church group's next guided spiritual formation retreat in this inspiring, remote, and peaceful location.
- The Missionary Diocese of Croatia has expanded into Serbia.
- A diocese in Colombia, South America has been granted Level One Associate status. Welcome!
- REC members responded to the \$10,000 September Challenge Match by sending \$12,230! The General Fund frees all designated gifts to be applied 100% to the mission works.
- You can now sign up to attend the [New Wineskins Network Missionary Conference](#) next September. Young People considering a call to missions are especially welcome!

Reformed Episcopal Missionaries around the world

- Dr. Robert Gresser is guiding the Leonard Kamungu Theological College into accreditation for the four dioceses of the Anglican Council in Malawi, while Traci's Chichewa is rapidly progressing through her friends in the Mothers' Union.
- Mrs. Diane Jerdan taught a French-language biblical instruction class in Rwanda.
- The Rt. Reverend Bill Atwood has been accepted as a BFM partner missionary to serve the Muslim Background Believers within GAFCON.
- Miss Oksana Specht continues to teach at Bingham Academy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- The Rev'd Sunil Rajah is ministering to Indian and Pakistani immigrants in San Diego, CA.
- Bishop Gerhard and Grace Meyer are retiring from Camp ministry, while continuing to serve REC Germany and its church planting missions.
- The Rev'd David and Mrs. Patricia Ayres are hosting an [online information party](#) for the REC mission [Christusgemeinde](#) in Berlin on Sunday, November 24.
- RES distance-learning student Gustavo Rendón Yáñez is traveling from Caracas, Venezuela to meet our team in Havana for Confirmation, and his oral ordination exams.

One of the blessings of Advent is to enliven our immediate hope for the eternal kingdom of God through the reign of Jesus Christ. Don't forget to: 1) download your [Advent Offering Brochure](#); 2) sign up for [E-News](#); 3) pray the [Cycle of Prayer](#); and 4) choose three favorite projects or missionaries for *monthly* support through the [BFM Donation Page](#).

For the Kingdom,

The Rt. Rev'd John Peter Boonzaaijer

BFM President and International Missionary Suffragan Bishop for Cuba

