

From Croatia and Serbia

Ordination:

On Reformation Day (October 31, 2014) the Rev. Deacon Almir Pehlić will be ordained a presbyter and priest by the Rt Rev. Jasmin Milić. Your prayers and presence are invited for this service which will be held in the Zagreb Orthodox Church.

Almir Pehlić was born on December 13, 1986 in Karlovac where he attended elementary and high school. He studied theology at the Bible Institute in Zagreb and at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Osijek. Since 2012, he has served our Reformed Episcopal partners in Croatia as a theologian, and in 2013 he was ordained a deacon and has led the mission church in Karlovac. He also acts as the coordinator of the Department of ethical issues within the Croatian Christian Coalition.



From Kapelna: Church planter Alen Ranković reports that work is advancing on the building in Kapelna (Croatia). There was a Protestant Church in Kapelna as recently as 1918 and through the prayers, gifts, and ministry of believers in Croatia and North America, there is again a meeting place for a church rooted in the historic Christian faith reaching people of the 21st century. Thanks to the generosity of donors, there was enough money to purchase and renovate the house, as well as to obtain furniture. The Chapel will be dedicated October 30. The service will include five baptisms, two confirmations and a wedding.

From the Philippines

In September, Sora Colvin returned to Leyte with her daughter Naomi for the grand opening of the Cumpio Midwife Clinic, newly rebuilt after being destroyed by a typhoon in November 2013. Sora had spent a month in Leyte this spring assisting midwife Nerissa Cumpio and was grateful to see this result of the prayers and donations of God's people:

Looking around the clean, bright, spacious clinic building, I couldn't help but remember the many nights Nerissa and I had spent attending births together in a hot, stuffy tent. What a contrast! What a significant step, not just for the Cumpio family but for the whole community, in recovery, rebuilding, and restoring local capacity!

From <http://receivewithmeekness.wordpress.com/2014/09/22/return-to-leyte-part-3-tears-and-joy/>

During October, Sora is spending three weeks in Canada and the US, attending the Midwives Alliance of North America conference and the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council annual Board meeting in St. Louis, as well as the annual synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church Diocese of the Central States.

Also during October, Fr. Matt's travels take him to Singapore to attend the consecration of Assistant Bishop-elect Kuan Kim Seng (currently Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral and Mission Director for the Diocese of Singapore) and to Indonesia where an Anglican Seminary is being developed. During the time when both their parents are traveling, the Colvin children will be in the capable care of Gabriela, a friend of the family. Pray for safe travels for Sora and Matt, and for health and safety for the children.



Christian Formation Ministries

The Rev. Samuel Maduma, our trainer for Christian Formation Ministry in Tanzania (East Africa), has been asked to develop his ministry in the Anglican Diocese of Morogoro. This includes teaching in Morogoro Theological College and leading St. Joseph Parish, in the Msamvu area of the town of Morogoro. He requests our prayers for his teaching and pastoral ministry in this diocese.

Executive Secretary's Travels

TSM Mission Day:

Canon Bill Jerdan represented RE Missions at Trinity School of Ministry's annual Mission Day, a multicultural annual event for Trinity students and faculty, as well as individuals and organizations interested in missions. The 2014 conference kicked off with a student-organized international dinner on Tuesday evening, October 7, with guest speaker, Bishop Henry Scriven, Mission Director for South America for the Church Mission Society (UK). Mission Day continued on Wednesday, October 8, with a Eucharist service, a Dean's Hour with Bishop Scriven, workshops, and a closing service of commissioning.

From http://www.tsm.edu/news_stories/mission_day_2014

Anglican Global Mission Partners:

On October 11, Executive Secretary Bill Jerdan and other Anglican Global Mission Partner representatives met with Archbishop Foley Beach concerning North American and Global mission as part of their semi-annual meeting. This board also hosted the reception at the Archbishop's investiture in Atlanta on Thursday, October 9.



Upcoming Trip to Singapore:

Bishop Peter Manto and Canon Jerdan will join Archbishop Foley Beach and other ACNA and Global Anglican representatives November 11-14 in Singapore for an International Mission Round Table hosted by the Diocese of Singapore. They will be discussing outreach into Indonesia, Cambodia, Viet Nam, Thailand, Nepal, and Laos, and how international partnerships can facilitate some of these ministries. While in that part of the world, Bishop Manto and Canon Jerdan plan to visit REC missionaries Matt and Sora Colvin who are members of Bishop Manto's parish.

Diane Jerdan is safely back from West Africa:

Diane Jerdan was in Senegal October 10-22 serving as interpreter for the biennial council of leaders from 38 mostly Global South Churches from 34 countries. These churches, planted by French missionaries over the last 150 years, regularly network to cooperate in projects and encourage one another. Diane shares the interpreting duties with Emmanuel from Togo. The Jerdans thank you for your prayers for safety for and the work accomplished by Diane and all the delegates.



Be a part of the work of REC BFM: Our goal is for every REC parish to contribute \$500.00 or more annually to support REC Mission projects. Better still, your parish can partner with a parish overseas to sponsor a seminarian, assist with costs for worship space, support a church planter, or plan a short-term mission.



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