



A New Mission Partnership in Southeast Asia

On Sunday June 12, 2016, Bishop Peter Manto, with Fr David Truax and Canon Bill Jerdan re-commissioned Fr Matt and Sora Colvin and their four children as Reformed Episcopal Missionaries, this time to Indonesia.

The Colvins, who have already served in the Philippines, look forward to now serving with the GAI (Gereja Anglikan Indonesia, Anglican Church in Indonesia.) The GAI is a rapidly growing mission deanery under the Diocese of Singapore. Matt, who is ordained and holds a PhD in Greek, has been asked to pastor a new English-language congregation in Bandung, West Java.

During their first year Matt and Sora will mainly focus on learning the Indonesian language. Then, Matt will

teach seminary courses for national clergy, and Sora will look into opportunities for ministry in maternal child health and midwifery education.

Assistant Bishop Kuan Kim Seng, Indonesia Dean Timothy Chong, and Bishop Rennis Ponniah (pictured at right with the Colvins) participated in the recent New Wineskins Anglican Mission Conference, meeting with Presiding Bishop Royal Grote and other REC leaders and planning this ministry.



Spring 2016 Visits to our Mission Partners

May 27 – June 6 Discovery and Service Mission to Croatia

As part of the **2016 REC Project Croatia** (see http://www.recbfm.org/missions/Croatia_Serbia/ProjectCroatia.html) the Rev. Deacon Michael Vinson (Chapel of the Cross, Dallas) led a seven-member team, including Fr Charles and Jackie Erlandson (Good Shepherd, Tyler TX), choirmaster Andrew Dittman, and three members of the St Timothy School (Dallas) Choir: AJ Vinson, Nathaniel and Dietrich Boonzaaijer.

They visited REC parishes in Karlovac, Osijek, Kapelna, Tordinci, and Zagreb, participating in services and outdoor evangelism, and helping with construction work on Reformation Heritage Museum at the Michael Starin REC Theological Seminary and Good Shepherd Parish Center.



Dr Erlandson taught classes at the Seminary and preached in several parishes. Mrs Erlandson spoke to the women at Kapelna. While the choir members sang in front of the entrance to Good Shepherd Church (Osijek), people passing by were invited to Evensong and offered a New Testament. Bishop Milić indicates that FIFTY Croatian New Testaments were distributed.

You will find more pictures and a report from Bishop Jasmin Milić at

http://www.recbfm.org/missions/Croatia_Serbia/2016_Report_Jun.html

May 20-27 Visit to the Reformed Episcopal Churches in Cuba

In 2003, Bishop Charles Dorrington met with 8 people who wanted to form the REC in Cuba. That has grown to seven parishes and 25 mission posts with a combined Sunday attendance of over 1200. For the first time in 14 years, Bishop Charles could not visit Cuba this year, but his wife Claudia went with Bishop Trevor Walters and three members of the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC/ACNA). Seventeen ANiC and REC parishes partner with the Cuban parishes and church plants, but more are needed. See a slide show of the 2016 visit at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCyr2HV-IU0&feature=youtu.be> and contact Bishop Charles for more information at revchas@shaw.ca.



Presiding Bishop Royal Grote visited Germany and Croatia in April

Bishop Grote attended the annual synods of the REC in Germany and Croatia, meeting individually with many of the clergy about their local parish vision. He also spoke at the graduation of Michael Starin REC Seminary in Osijek, Croatia. Twenty students from three European countries study at the Seminary. Don't miss his two-page report, with photos, on his 2016 visit: http://www.recbfm.org/media/Bishop_Grote_2016.pdf

Twenty-Fifth English Camp in Germany

For the 25th year, Bishop Gerhard and Grace Meyer will organize English Camp July 16-23 at the Knull in Germany. The Rev. Deacon Mark and Mary Woolsey (Providence Church, Weatherford TX) and two students will join the Meyers, the Rev. James David Crofts and Fr Thomas Andrews in leading the program. The goal of this camp is to give German youth wanting to improve their English, contact with Christian young people from the US and Great Britain, as well as Christian teaching. +Gerhard indicates the need for more American young people to join the project this year. The camp is open to Germans age 9-21 and to American teenagers and young adults. Could you perhaps send a young person from your parish or diocese?

http://www.englishcamp-knuell.de/registration_english.html

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