



Anglican Province of America

Lenten Appeal 2018



Dear APA Clergy and Lay members,

Having focused our Lenten Appeal efforts on our domestic missions during these past three years, we are once again shifting our focus to our foreign missions and their needs.

Our focus this year will be to provide funds for a second APA Good Shepherd School, for Dalit children, in India. The first school was built at Kollur in the state of Telengana using funds from the 2011 Lenten Appeal. The school was part of a larger development initiative among women and children at risk in this region and was completed in late 2015. We are happy to report, there are currently six grades being taught at the school.

This second school will be constructed in the Kadapa District of the state of Andhra Pradesh and its exact location will be determined by Bishop Jaya Rao, the Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of India. Children from several of our churches in the area will be able to benefit from our new school. The search for suitable land is already underway and we anticipate that the school will begin in rented premises once an agreement on the land is reached.

This school will change the lives of numerous Dalit children, as well as provide numerous benefits to the surrounding village communities. Through the spread of the Gospel and an English-medium education, future generations of children will be able to escape the crippling poverty and oppression resulting from the Caste system and be able to lead full and productive lives in Indian society.

Our Lenten Appeal Project 2018 challenge will be to raise \$150,000 for an APA Good Shepherd School near Jammalamadugu, Andhra Pradesh in partnership with OM (USA) and Good Shepherd Ministries (India).

I am asking each individual within our churches to make a sacrificial Lenten offering of \$1.50 per day for the 40 days of Lent (a total of \$60 per person), or more as our Lord leads you. We will need one hundred percent participation in order to achieve this goal. Please make this a family project for Lent. Remember, your generous gifts will enable Dalit children to be liberated from the bondage of poverty and oppression.

Please pray every day during Lent that God will use our offering to show His great mercy on the Dalit children of India.

Checks should be made payable to your local church with a notation in the memo field "Lenten Appeal 2018." I ask each church treasurer to combine the monies and send one church check to the APA Treasurer* with the designation "Lenten Appeal 2018."

Please make your Lenten Offering by April 15, if possible.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

The Most Rev. Walter H. Grundorf, D.D., Presiding Bishop, Anglican Province of America

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