GENERAL SYNOD OFFERING 2020

The Synod offering is normally taken up during the Eucharist at the start of Synod, but this year Synod members are asked to donate online instead. The beneficiary of the Synod offering will be the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Anglican Communion Fund “Together in Unity Appeal” and information about the Appeal is included below.

How to Donate

Online donations can be made at:  
https://www.give.net/Together_In_Unity  
(ie https://www.give.net/Together_In_Unity).

Synod members should insert “SEC General Synod” in the ‘message of support’ box on the website to allow the donation to be identified as relating to our General Synod offering. Whilst the appeal itself is ongoing and not time-limited, it would be helpful if members who wish to donate do so if possible by the end of 5 December, so that the overall total donations can be computed.

Gift Aid

UK taxpayers can increase the value of their donation by 25% with no additional cost by declaring Gift Aid. This can be automatically selected on the give.net website.

Together In Unity Appeal

“Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.”  
Psalm 133:1

The COVID-19 pandemic has hurt communities throughout the world. Many communities are not equipped with even the most basic of hygiene and sanitation facilities, and lockdown measures have increased economic hardship in the poorest communities with people unable to work. The Archbishop of Canterbury’s Together in Unity Appeal is raising funds to support virus prevention and emergency relief for vulnerable communities throughout our Anglican family.

The Anglican Communion Fund has already begun responding to COVID related needs, allocating over £180,000 across 21 provinces of the Communion. We are supporting the Church in its ministry, providing food relief to the vulnerable, communicating ways of staying safe from the virus, and providing handwashing facilities and PPE. In the South Sudanese Diocese of Maridi, an ACF grant provided food items, soaps and seeds to over 200 pastors and lay-readers and provided bicycles and hand microphones for pastors to carry prevention messages into remote areas. Speaking of the support, Bishop Moses Zungo said, “You held our hand during our most trying moments.”

To find out more about the appeal, please visit: archbishopofcanterbury.org/appeal

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