



Anglican Province of America

Lenten Appeal, 2019

Dear APA Clergy and Lay Members,

Last year our Lenten Appeal efforts were focused on providing funds for a second APA Good Shepherd School, for Dalit Children in India. We set an ambitious target of \$150,000. I am happy to report that we achieved over half of that goal last year.

Our focus this year will be to raise the balance of the funds needed to construct this second 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 the new school. The search for suitable land is making progress and we anticipate that the final selection of property will be made by July of this year. Once the land has been secured the school will begin in rented quarters.

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 2019 challenge will be to raise the balance of the \$150,000 for the APA Good Shepherd School near Jammalamadugu, Kadapa District, 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 a minimum 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 2019." I ask each church treasurer to combine the checks and send one church check to the APA Treasurer* with the designation "Lenten Appeal 2019."

Please make your Lenten Offering by April 21, if possible.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

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