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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am writing to bring your attention to the upcoming World Mission Sunday, which falls this year on **February 20**, the seventh Sunday after Epiphany. This day offers us the chance to celebrate the ongoing advance of the gospel around the world, to pray for the global church, and to reflect on the Great Commission that our Lord gave us of making disciples out of all nations.

This past year has been a time of tribulation, sickness, and setbacks. But it has also been a time of great hope, courage, and perseverance as our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world have rallied around each other and continued the good fight, proclaiming the gospel through faith, word, and deed. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, *the word of God is living and active* (Hebrews 4:12). We are messengers of the living word, and God is actively moving in and through us to advance his kingdom.

As we prepare to celebrate World Mission Sunday, I invite you to consider: How can we make every day a day of mission, and not just one day out of the year? How can we continue to build each other up as a body as we pursue global mission? To assist and encourage you in your mission work, resources have been compiled online at newwineskins.org/worldmissionsunday, including missional videos, prayers and a special liturgy, and promotional graphics. World Mission Sunday is the perfect time to highlight the ministries that you are partnering with and to invite an Anglican Global Mission Partner (AGMP) Partner or missionary as a guest speaker to speak about their work.

I also want to encourage everyone to promote and consider bringing a team to the New Wineskins Global Mission Conference, September 22-25, 2022, at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. The New Wineskins conference offers an opportunity to gather together with fellow mission-minded people from around the world in worship, prayer, training, fellowship, and renewal. Inspiring testimonies, highlight videos - including one from me - and promotional materials for the conference can be found online at newwineskinsconference.org/media. Registration is open now and early-bird discounts are available at newwineskinsconference.org.

The missionary force comes from the local church. However, most congregations don't know how to help people discern if they are being called to serve cross-culturally. A special pre-conference called "Exploring a Call to Missions" will be held September 22, 9 AM, immediately preceding the New Wineskins Conference. This free pre-conference, led by current and former missionaries, is for anyone (lay or ordained) discerning a call to serve God cross-culturally, whether overseas or here in the U.S. Check out the invitational video at newwineskinsconference.org/exploring-a-call-to-missions. Many other pre-conferences and a special two-day post-conference teaching the Discovery Bible Study method are also available. Don't miss this opportunity that only comes around every three years!

In closing, I invite you to pray with me this collect for the Mission of the Church from the Book of Common Prayer:

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

In His Service,

The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach

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