First Friday Letter

The World Methodist Council August 2021

Greetings from the General Secretary

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For the past few months, every edition of the First Friday Letter carried either a comment or an article on the global Covid-19 health crisis, and rightfully so, as the pandemic has reaped a grim harvest of lives and livelihood plunging many economies into freefall.

We note with concern the fake news and disinformation on social media. We unequivocally declare that we believe in the efficacy of vaccines and therefore joined major world communions, government, and non-governmental organizations calling on people to vaccinate as soon as possible to stem the tide of the pandemic. It is the right thing to do!

It is still not easy for middle to lower-income nations to obtain vaccines. We are all bombarded with messages daily, and some of us may be suffering Covid fatigue, but there is no time for complacency when people are dying. We need to raise our voices and mount a campaign for universal access to vaccines. It is crucial to recognize that none of us are safe until we are all safe. The situation is dire, and the only way to protect all of us is to work towards vaccine equity.

In last month's First Friday Letter, we focused on climate justice and the work youth-led global campaign called 'Climate Justice for All." The devastating flooding in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, and China; heat waves in North America; and rising water levels in the Pacific ocean, which could see whole communities displaced, demand an immediate response. We cannot wait a minute longer. We need innovative and resilient changemakers; therefore, we encourage all Methodists to support the example of our young people. worldmethodistcouncil.org/cj4a

Please see the story celebrating the work and life of our friend and great evangelist, Rev. H. Eddie Fox, as we mourn his recent death and lift his wife, family and friends in prayer. You will see that the Methodists family continues to be busy helping others in the stories from Jordan, Australia and more.

Grace and Peace, Ivan

Free education policy affects church schools

Three years ago, the Sierra Leone government launched the phased Free Quality School Education initiative that provides no-cost admission and tuition to all children in government-approved schools.

Since then, school rolls have increased, with the government providing textbooks, tuition, school buses and subsidies for school administration. Teacher salaries have increased by at least 40%. Children of teachers who have taught for 10 or more years qualify for scholarships that fund their education up to university.

There are more than 350 United Methodist schools in Sierra Leone, with the majority of them assisted by the government and affected by the free education initiative.

"Free education," said Isatu Peacock, principal of Harford School for Girls, "has positively impacted lives. We see more girls coming to school because parents are not being asked to pay fees, which used to be a challenge."

Harford, United Methodism's largest and oldest girls' school in Sierra Leone, is a government-assisted boarding and day school.

Children in government and government-assisted secondary schools are loaned textbooks for core subjects. Parents can provide books for other subjects.

"We are seeing a remarkable change from where we were previously to where we are now," said Moinina Sengeh, the country's education minister for basic and senior secondary education, in a radio interview.

"We have done all of what we promised in our election manifesto on education governance," he said, citing depoliticizing education committee boards, training school management committees and hiring quality-assurance monitors.

However, the implementation of the program has left some United Methodist school administrators and teachers with mixed feelings.

Kai Jimmy, principal of Koidu Secondary School, a United Methodist school in the diamond-rich Kono District, said the government pledged to add more buildings to schools in order to accommodate the expected influx of new students. But his school is yet to benefit.

"Our school is the only school with an equipped science laboratory," he said. "It attracts a lot of students, but we cannot accommodate all students who apply."

Jimmy struggles to maintain an ideal learning atmosphere. Seventeen hundred students squeeze into limited space, with an average of 80 students per class. Although Jimmy is constructing a six-classroom structure, meager resources slow completion. He hopes to reduce class sizes when the new building is complete.

Advocacy is essential to the success of free education, Jimmy said. Obstacles include high illiteracy rates, declining educational standards, extreme poverty and corruption.

"Free education," he continued, "opened the door for the underprivileged whose parents could not afford fees. Even those who had left are returning to school, making the learning environment overcrowded. But some others don't even value free education. As long as they are not paying, they don't value it."

Jimmy said some parents refuse to take or collect the government-loaned textbooks because students must pay for damage or loss. He said some teachers were demanding money where pupils are not supposed to pay, some compromising standards because they have been bribed.

The free education policy is implemented only in government and government-assisted schools. Proprietors of private schools fund the running of their schools, and students pay admission, tuition and other charges.

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Pupils of the UMC Kulanda Town in Bo, in southern Sierra Leone, rush back to class in March 2020, shortly before schools were closed down after the first cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in the country. There are more than 350 United Methodist schools in Sierra Leone, with the majority of them assisted by the government and affected by the free education initiative. File photo by Phileas Jusu, UM News.

Free education policy affects church schools continued...

At the United Methodist Secondary School in Njagboima, Bo, teachers complained about regularization of their status. Although some graduated years ago, their salaries do not reflect their qualifications. Others were promoted but still receive salaries below their promotions. Some were recruited as new teachers but have now worked for years without salary because their names are not on the payroll.

The government introduced the educational initiative alongside the fight against corruption. Before, cheating on exams was commonplace. Students would protest, sometimes violently, if they were not allowed to cheat. Since then, the Anti-Corruption Commission, in swoop operations, has raided exam centers, homes and other locations where examinations are secretly conducted. Sometimes, students pay an agreed amount to be favored in exams.

Leonard Gbloh, education secretary for primary schools for the Sierra Leone Conference, said progress has been made in teacher recruitment, which once was a problem. Additional buildings have been constructed and school supervisors hired and empowered. The government has approved additional schools for government assistance; textbooks have been provided, and more children are attending school.

But Gbloh also contends that the government should go back to the drawing board if progress is to be made in actualizing quality education. Schools in remote rural communities are grossly understaffed, he noted.

"We still have schools in those communities that have just one qualified teacher," he said. One way to encourage qualified teachers to serve such communities is to give them remote-area allowances. He noted that the free education package should be rolled out in phases since it is a capital-intensive project and the government is struggling with raising required funds.

"Government has started up well; we no longer pay fees," said Sylvanette Tawah, a United Methodist parent whose children attend church schools aided by the government.

However, she said there are gaps in learning and the education process that must be filled, noting that parents often have to pay for extra classes.

"More needs to be done to ensure quality education in government-assisted schools."

Read more stories at https://www.umnews.org/

After 51 years, African Methodist Episcopal Church returns to Cuba

The 16th Episcopal District announces the reestablishment of the AME presence in Cuba. In 1898 the African Methodist Episcopal Church records its first church in Santiago, Cuba. In 1938, a high-level delegation of church leadership led by Bishop Reverdy Ransom visited the island and was well-received. Until 1960, there were many AME active congregations and members of the AME Church in Cuba who participated in all aspects of the life of the denomination. When the change of government occurred, the AME presence diminished and became almost non-existent. Hoping for an eventual return, the Cuban Annual Conference was never legally dissolved by the General Conference and various attempts were made to restore AME congregations on the island.

In May 2020, these hopes were realized with Pastor Ilsido Perez Carrion requesting membership into the denomination. Pastor Perez Carrion learned about the church from a Brazilian AME member and inquired about joining. He and Jehovah Nisi Church were received on May 21, 2021, at the Planning Meeting of the 16th District (Caribbean, South America, and Europe) after numerous conversations, prayer sessions, and appropriate vetting. Five other pastors and congregations were received pending appropriate vetting by the Dominican Republic Annual Conference which will have temporary administrative oversight of the AME congregations in Cuba.

"Returning to Cuba has long been a dream of my predecessors who have served in the 16th Episcopal District. I have even heard stories from the descendants of Cuban members who still remember stories of an AME Church on the island. I thank God to be able to bear witness to this moment—even amid the suffering of this global pandemic," stated Bishop Anne Henning Byfield, President of the Council of Bishops and Presiding Prelate of the 16th Episcopal District.

An official request by Bishop Byfield has been received by the Cuban Government for the AME Church to be reactivated as a denomination and full restoration is expected. The reopening of the AME Church in Cuba will expand the work of the Church and reunite our Cuban brothers and sisters to African Methodism.

Article and story by https://www.thechristianrecorder.com/

Literature ministry thrives in Northern Thailand

Steve and Rebecca Barber are missionaries serving in Thailand. Steve shared how the literature ministry in Northern Thailand is thriving, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

When Rebecca and I moved to Thailand, one of the things we observed traveling to the villages of Northern Thailand was the complete lack of books. This came as a shock to us. We grew up in homes where we had large bookshelves in every room of the house. Books open our eyes to the world around us; they take us to adventures and also enable us share the love of God.

As we traveled into the villages and mountains, our literature team saw the situation as a need and an opportunity to minister to the people in Northern Thailand. Rooster Media was born to meet this need. The rooster symbolizes many things in Thailand – honesty, competitiveness, punctuality, generosity, and self-confidence. In some beliefs, rooster is a symbol of resurrection.

Out of this symbolism, Rooster Media chose three words as its slogan: growing, connecting, and discipling. We aim to help each person to grow in the knowledge of God and wisdom, connect each person to God and the world around us, disciple each person to become what God intended them to be, and then pass it on to their neighbors and friends.

As we continue to pray and work on projects, God continues to bring people to help. We met a missionary who is working on the same project. We coordinated with a team of people living in different countries. A young person in one of our Creative Access Areas provided the illustrations. A teacher in Australia wrote the Bible stories for younger readers.

The churches worked to translate the literature into the Thai and Lahu languages, and we provided the graphics and layout for printing. This project was a truly collaborative effort. The literature materials reflected Asian imagery. We want local people to see that the Bible is full of people who are similar to them.

We did not expect a great demand for these materials because of the restrictions brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, God had other plans. As we began to share the books, we started receiving calls and emails from missionaries and pastors across Northern Thailand.

The initial printing of 100 books soon became 1,000. And after seven months, we have distributed over 7,000 copies of the Kids of Destiny Bible Story Coloring Book in six different languages.

Photo and story by https://www.nazarene.org/

Eight long years: Declare peace on refugees

19 July 2021 marked eight long years since then-Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced that "…as of today, asylum seekers who come here by boat without a visa will never be settled in Australia." This decision has gone on to become bipartisan policy that remains in place.

Since then, over 3,100 people seeking asylum in Australia have been sent 'offshore' to Papua New Guinea and Nauru. There have been 14 deaths and immeasurable suffering.

What has happened to these people?

- 1223 have been transferred to Australia for medical treatment, but are in limbo with no path to safe resettlement (including 192 Medevac refugees)
- 125 are still in PNG and 108 are still on Nauru – not detained, but in limbo
- 942 have left for resettlement in United States (with a further 240 having provisional approval)
- The Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) estimates that about 1200 of the 3,100 people subjected to offshore processing since 2013 are in limbo with no pathway to safe resettlement

The costs of detention, both offshore and onshore, in each Federal Budget remain extraordinarily high. The Refugee Council of Australia indicates that the offshore processing regime will cost another $811.8 million in 2021-22, taking the cumulative allocation to more than $8.3 billion since the Coalition Government's first budget in 2014. At the same time, the 2021-22 allocation for onshore detention and compliance has been increased to $1.27 billion.

I encourage members of the UCA who feel strongly about this to take some time this week to reach out to their local Members of Parliament and other community leaders to express our deep concern over this situation and call for compassionate, meaningful and lasting action.

The Australian Refugee Action Network (ARAN) has a page of resources available with further information that might assist to inform people and help them focus local actions.

Read more: *https://www.refugeecouncil.org.au/*

Written by Rob Floyd, Assembly Associate General Secretary and Chair of the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce

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Southern Africa Methodists stand in solidarity with Eswatini people

The Methodist Church of Southern Africa stands in solidarity with the people of the Kingdom of Eswatini during this time of great upheaval engulfing the nation. The MCSA supports the call made by the Eswatini Council of Churches for urgent talks to resolve what has notably become a violent impasse with reported human rights violations and regrettable loss of life. We support their call for multi-stakeholder engagement which will include political parties that are calling for democratic reforms, regional bodies such as Fellowship of Christian Councils in Southern Africa (FOCCISA) and SADC. The region and all heads of state must come together at this time and speak with one voice against the atrocities taking place in Eswatini, as reported by media and call for peaceful resolution to the current crisis!

The loss of life that continues to take place during this crisis is of great concern. An estimated number of 47 people have allegedly been killed and the MCSA mourns with those families that have lost their loved ones. The silence of the Monarchy while "abantfu beNkhosi" are being killed is too loud to ignore. We welcome the Eswatini Council of Churches' offer to facilitate and mediate peaceful dialogue between a coalition of political parties in the Kingdom known as the Political Party Assembly (PPA) and the government. The councils call for an open dialogue process free from intimidation and oppression not just of the proffered issues, but of the system of governance as a whole to see if it still serves the interests of all Emaswati is a step in the right direction.

The Kingdom of Eswatini, like most countries is also facing a Covid-19 third wave within a context of an already weakened economy, loss of livelihoods, high youth unemployment and a stretched to breaking health system. All leaders of countries are engaged in issues of strengthen the economy and vaccination to save lives and livelihoods of people they lead. We urge the SADC leadership to prioritize finding peaceful resolution of the conflicts in the region – the conflicts that take away the attention from saving lives and livelihoods of the people of the region.

In solidarity with the churches and people of Eswatini and in support of the call made by Foccisa and the SACC, and in solidarity with the people of Mozambique the Presiding Bishop called all Methodist people to join ecumenically in observing Thursday 8th July as a day of Prayer for the Kingdom of Eswatini as well as to continue praying for the people of Cabo Delgado Province in Mozambique. We believe in God who intervenes in response to prayers.

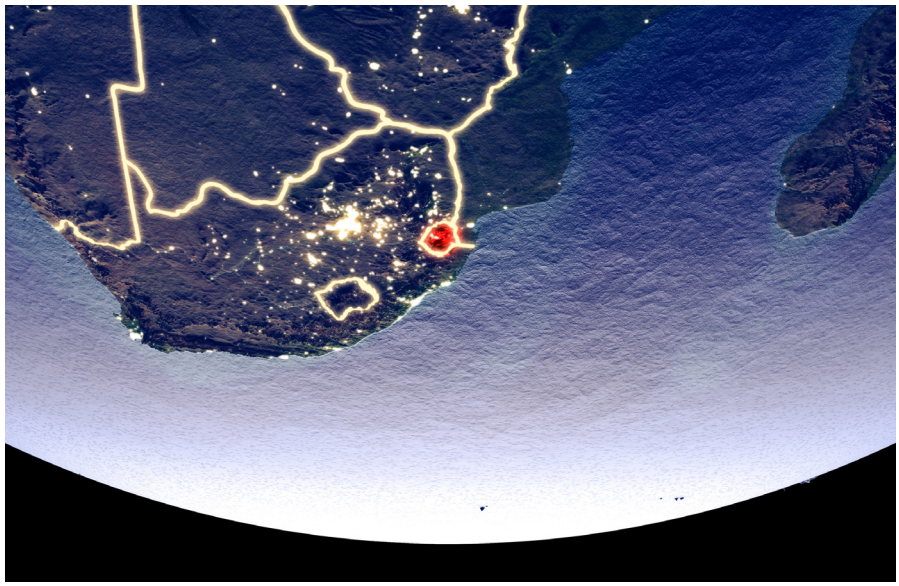
In the midst of all the troubles we face, we continue to reimagine healing and transformation for all the countries of the Connexion, for the continent of Africa and for the world, holding steadfast to the hope we have in God's everlasting love.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

Rev. Purity Malinga
Presiding Bishop

Story provided by The Methodist Church of Southern Africa

Satellite view of Eswatini from space at night
(indicated by red light)



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Many join Council in remembrance of the Rev. H. Eddie Fox

Rev. H Eddie Fox

With great sadness, the World Methodist Council received news about the passing away of The Rev. H. Eddie Fox on July 28, at the age of 83.

The World Methodist Council extends heartfelt condolences to Eddie's life partner, Mary Nell, and the Fox family during this time of grief.

We give thanks to God for the life and witness of Eddie Fox and the indelible mark he has left on the lives of many.

Eddie was the Director of World Evangelism for 25 years. He was the progenitor of two programs, namely, the International Methodist Younger Leaders Seminar and the Order of the Flame. Through his evangelism seminars held regularly on every continent, he moved World Evangelism from "success" to "significance" within the global Methodists family.

In paying tribute to Rev. Fox, Bishop Ivan Abrahams, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council, recalled some words from Eddie's farewell retirement service in Nashville. "Eddie was immensely loyal to the World Methodist Council. His life was a testament to Wesley's dictum for mission that held together holiness that knew no separation from social holiness. We will miss Eddie's cheerful disposition and his litany of stories drawn from his experience. Most of all, we will miss his wise counsel that often helped us right the ship when tossed about on the seas of uncertainty, hopelessness, and despair."

In sharing his grief, Bishop Christian Alstead of the Baltic and Nordic area noted, "Methodism has lost one of its most prominent encouragers and enablers of evangelism and church growth across the world, and the United Methodist Church in Estonia has lost a dear friend, an honorary member of the annual conference and a long-time member of the board of trustees of the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary. He was a significant part of the creation of the Baltic Mission Center and the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary. I count it as one of the blessings of my ministry that Eddie Fox became a friend, and I cherish the many good conversations and times of fellowship we have had.

"May Eddie Fox's life and witness inspire all of us to a more wholehearted commitment to Jesus Christ and His mission in the world," Bishop Alstead said.

In sharing her tribute to Rev. Fox, the Rev. Dr. Kimberly Reisman, Executive Director of World Evangelism noted that Eddie had many gifts. "Eddie recognized the need to provide accessible faith-sharing tools to lay people and to instill the DNA of evangelism in emerging pastoral leaders so they would come to see themselves as mission evangelists for their entire communities," she said.

"He was instrumental in creating the Faith-Sharing New Testament with the Psalms, which is a resource that has been translated into 40 languages and includes basic answers about questions of faith as well as helpful information about guiding others into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. 2021 marks the 25th anniversary of this important faith-sharing tool. Also celebrating its 25th anniversary is The Order of the FLAME (Faithful Leaders as Mission Evangelists), which Eddie launched to equip pastors to do the work of an evangelist and carry out their ministries fully (2 Timothy 4:5). Pastors throughout the Wesleyan Methodist family in North America, Africa, and Ireland have been impacted by the FLAME ethos of holistic evangelism through word and deed, empowered by the Holy Spirit," Dr. Reisman explained.

"Like many others across the globe, Eddie mentored and supported me as a young minister, consistently providing wisdom, guidance, and opportunities for growth. He was committed to building strong relationships and friendships, and because of his joyful spirit and warm heart, those friendships came easy and grew deeply. Eddie's preaching was inspired and inspiring – he knew it mattered. He was tirelessly committed to evangelism, to enabling others to discover a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. I thank God he never wavered from that deep commitment., " Dr. Reisman shared.

As head of World Methodist Evangelism in the World Methodist Council, Eddie Fox traveled millions of miles to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ on every inhabited continent in the world.

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Eddie Fox continued...

The World Methodist Council gathers more than 85 million Methodists, Wesleyans and related Uniting and United Churches in 155 countries, including The United Methodist Church. In 1971, the Council launched World Methodist Evangelism to fulfill its vision of encouraging evangelism in every land. Fox became the second director of World Methodist Evangelism in 1989 and served in this capacity for 25 years until his retirement in 2014. Eddie Fox's understanding of the Methodist way is captured in his saying "Wherever the church is faithful to the doctrine, the sound teaching, the Discipline, the way of life – which is the way you order your life – and the spirit, openness to the Holy Spirit, you'll find a church that's dynamic, contagious and alive," Fox said. "And where that is not true, you'll find a church to be a dead sect, having the form but not the power thereof.

"That's been a focus of my ministry. It's been a call we've stood on for many, many years."

Eddie came from a long line of Methodists – six generations! His roots grew deep in the soil of a country Methodist church in Sevier County in East Tennessee. It was a point of pride for him that when John Wesley was alive, his family was already Methodist. By the time Eddie was 9 years old, he knew he wanted to follow Jesus. By the time he was 16, he knew he wanted to preach. From the time the church gave him a license to preach at 17, Eddie never stopped proclaiming the good news. God indeed used him in a mighty way.

Bishop Abrahams asked that you join him in continuing to pray for wife, Mary Nell, and the Fox family.

Funeral services are Saturday, 14 August, at Hermitage UMC in Hermitage, TN To see the full obituary, here is the link: https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/21914625/rev-dr-h-eddie-fox/sevierville/tennessee/atchley-funeral-home

World Methodist Council Museum is in good hands

The Bridwell Quarterly dedicated its most recent issue to the World Methodist Museum and World Methodist Council.

In it, Anthony J. Elia, Director and JS Bridwell Foundation Endowed Librarian, shares about the connection of history and people. In his greeting, he says, "My several trips to North Carolina were reflective, hopeful, and interactive. In these months, I've met some of the most wonderful and extraordinary people, with whom I've shared meals and stories and laughs. I have also come to appreciate and honor those many countless people who have made the place of Lake Junaluska and especially the World Methodist Museum what it is today. The speedy closure and transition of the museum over just a few months has changed many lives, but it has also created new worlds for us to live into and thrive as a global community of human beings, friends, and people with a desire to teach and help one another. This present issue is dedicated to the World Methodist Council, the World Methodist Museum, its staff, its long-time supporters, and the community of Lake Junaluska."

For the full quarterly newsletter of Bridwell, here is the link:

https://cpb-us-w2.wpmucdn.com/blog.smu.edu/dist/6/329/files/2021/07/The-Bridwell-Quarterly-Issue-11-Spring-2021.pdf

Bridwell Librarian Anthony Elia

Jordan church celebrates new season of growth

Ashrafieh Church of the Nazarene in Jordan closed its doors for over a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On Pentecost Sunday, the church was able to hold its first in-person service since March 2020, which has given new life to the congregation's ministries.

The Pentecost Sunday service saw a packed house with people eager to worship the Lord together for the first time in so long. Lead Pastor Khalil said more than 400 people packed the sanctuary and overflowed all the way up to the balconies.

"25 people gave their lives to Christ with tears in their eyes," Khalil said. "I invited them to come to the front, and they ran to the front to tell everyone they have repented and wanted to change their lives. They started to cry and we felt the Holy Spirit moving amongst his people." Khalil preached an encouraging message about the hope Christians have in Christ.

"In the Middle East, the news from here spreading to the outside is unfortunately always bad news about war, refugees, and people running from here to there," Khalil said. "The whole area looks on fire and full of fear and trauma. But God put it in our hearts to stand in the midst and be the light. We have a message of hope and love. We need to stand and reflect His light and give hope for those who have lost theirs."

Khalil and his church endured difficulties during the pandemic. The church serves nearly 800 refugee families who escaped wars in Syria and Iraq. They had to get creative to reach them amid the pandemic. "This was the biggest challenge: how to serve refugees and how to reach out, especially when some weeks we could not even move from our house," Khalil said. "It was a total lockdown; no cars, no walking."

When lockdowns eased, church members started to prepare food packages and meet with the refugees again to find out what their needs were. They fed families, paid rent for those who didn't have the resources, and safely prepared food for those who were infected with COVID-19. In addition, they passed out medicine and vitamins to people to help continue to keep them healthy. Khalil and his family also turned their house into a church studio. They held a program every night online. One daughter led worship while his other daughter did the audio engineering and filming, and his wife advertised and marketed the services online.

"Every night when we start, we open with 100 people," Halaseh said. "But when we close, we close with 500, [then] 5,000, 10,000, 20,000 people. It was something out of our imagination, but God opened that golden opportunity during that hard time for us to reach out and give that message of hope to everyone."

Since holding their Pentecost service, Khalil and the rest of the staff at Ashrafieh have seen significant growth in attendance across the church, from youth services to Wednesday night prayer meetings. Khalil believes the Pentecost service has marked the beginning of a new season for Ashrafieh.

"When we started again on Pentecost Day, we declared the presence of God was there," Khalil said. "Because of the lockdowns, people were down and disappointed. They had fear in their hearts and they were not happy, nor could they be pleased. But after the Pentecost, it seems that the season is finished and a new one has started. I praise God for the new season He has made."

Story by Daniel Sperry for Nazarene News

Climate Justice for All urges action

Climate Justice for All (CJ4A) is inviting the global Methodist family to take action for the planet together. This is in the run up to the UN's Climate Change Conference, COP26, happening in November in Glasgow.

Each month, CJ4A have been releasing short films and worship resources to enable Methodist communities to focus on creation care in their worship. This month, the content has come from the team of CJ4A volunteers in India. The film discusses how the climate crisis is impacting communities, and in particular farmers, in India. The worship resources include materials such as prayers, eco-reflections and discussion questions. CJ4A hopes that as many communities will use these in whatever way suits them: Sunday worship, small groups, youth groups or in personal worship.

If you haven't already checked out CJ4A's monthly content, please visit: https://worldmethodistcouncil.org/resources/

In September, CJ4A will release their next short film and worship resources which will focus on youth activism in Italy.

In the meantime, be sure the check out their social media platforms:

- Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/climatejustice4all/
- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CJ4All
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/ClimateJust4All
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCg1kqmLvWxwVP3HEiUwqS8Q

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Scholarship opportunities for the 22nd World Methodist Council Conference are open now. Register by clicking on the link below.

https://worldmethodistcouncil.org/what-we-do/youth-and-young-adult-scholarship/

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