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Donegal quilt heads Irish emphasis in WCC prayer cycle

A Donegal woman's quilt is a highlight in this week's WCC Ecumenical Prayer Cycle which brings the people and churches of the UK and Ireland to before the attention of churches around the world.

The petitions say - Give thanks for the witness of saints and missionaries, who faithfully proclaimed the gospel to these and other lands; centres of Christian renewal; and the work for justice and peace in which Christians join with others to imagine a better world.

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Photo: Detail of "Journey Towards Peace", quilted by Deborah Stockdale in Donegal, Ireland. This quilt was commissioned for an exhibition at the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation to reflect the themes of overcoming violence and movement towards a peaceful society. It was inspired by the stained glass window at the Ecumenical Centre in Geneva. The voyage towards peace is depicted by figures moving towards the sun, which represents unity and completion. Reflecting on the piece, Deborah has said, "A journey starts with one step. A journey towards peace starts with each of us making one step towards peace in our time on earth. Whether it's a small step or a giant stride, we all have the capacity to move towards a peaceful future."

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New bishops course

Most Rev Pat Storey of Meath and Kildare is one of 26 new Anglican bishops taking part in a course at Canterbury Cathedral.

The Anglican Communion's newest bishops have described their time on the course as "crucial" to their ministry.



Bishop Pat Storey (front left) and Canon Ken Kearon, Secretary General, (rhs.) at Anglican Communion Office, London

The bishops were speaking during a visit to the Anglican Communion Office, based in London, England to learn more about the life and ministry of the staff there.

The visit was part of the week-long Canterbury-based course which aims to help the Anglican leaders learn more about their episcopal ministry. The programme includes lectures, workshops, and discussion groups on such topics as the Marks of Mission, the life and role of a bishop, liturgy, mission, and the Anglican Communion.

The 26 bishops come from the following Member Churches: Australia; Canada; Central Africa; South India; England; Ireland; Kenya; Korea; Lusitanian Church; Melanesia; Myanmar; Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia; Nigeria; Scotland; Southern Cone/South America; Sudan; West Africa; and the West Indies.

Several of bishops spoke of the course as having a profound impact on them and their ministry. Bishop of Korea's Busan Diocese Onesimus Park said that, while he knew *intellectually* that Korea was part of the worldwide Anglican community, the visit had made this knowledge real.

He added that, particularly through the regular acts of worship on the course, he understood just how much the bishops had in common: "We started every morning and finished every evening with worship. It is through this that we can identify as members of the Anglican Communion. It is from worship and through worship and with worship we [as Anglicans] can consider new mission, discuss issues and make decisions."

Archbishops insist school classes are 'essential'

THE primates of Ireland's two main churches have hit back at Education Minister Ruairi Quinn's call for the time allocated by schools to the teaching of religion to be cut back.

Irish Independent - Archbishop [Diarmuid Martin](#) of [Dublin](#) told the [Irish Independent](#) that religious education and religious-run schools are "an essential and fundamental part of our educational system" and good religious education must remain a "fundamental part of the DNA of a pluralist system".

The archbishop, who is patron of 470 primary schools and 185 secondary schools, also hit back at the minister's criticism of the slowness of the process of divesting patronage from Catholic patrons to alternative patrons.

Instead, Dr Martin laid the blame for tardiness at the door of politicians.

"We have been working very hard on this," he said. "The opposition and challenges very often come from local politicians who throw spanners in works that are nearly there."

He said he had told Mr Quinn this, and added: "Don't blame the church or church schools for the slowness."

Dr Martin said: "In times of local elections, local issues can be taken up" by politicians but that the focus should remain on "where we want to go."

Separately, the Church of Ireland Primate and Archbishop of Dublin [Michael Jackson](#) told the Irish Independent: "I think it is important that the teaching of religion stays."

He was speaking after the [Rubicon](#) Social Justice conference in Dublin, which was addressed by speakers from a range of Christian perspectives.

Dr Jackson said that within the curriculum there was "a genuine entitlement to use time to a religious end".

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/archbishops-insist-school-classes-are-essential-29973467.html>



Cloyne installation

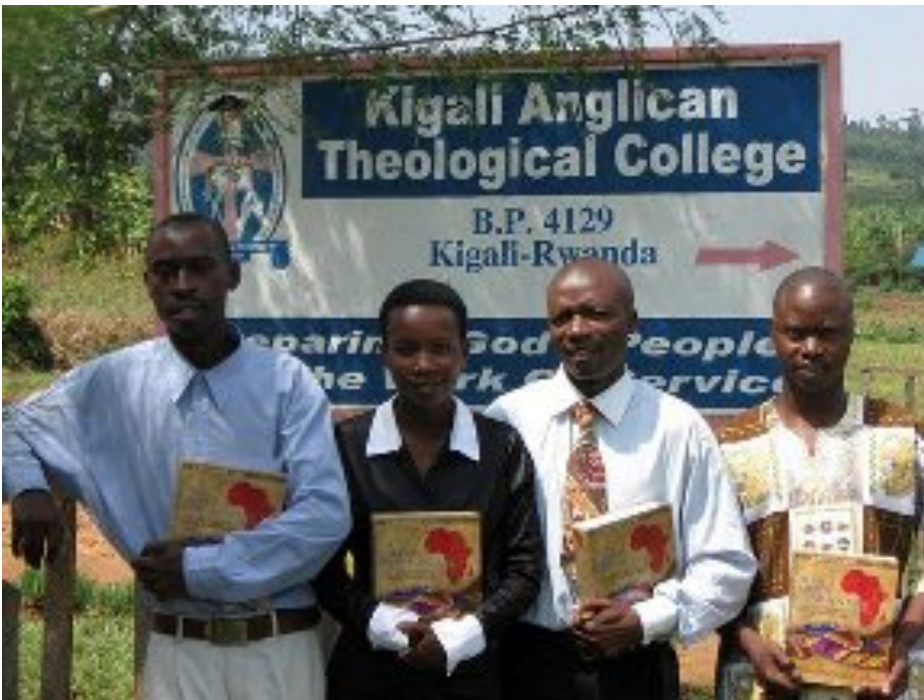
On Sunday, 2nd February 2014, during the Candlemas liturgy at the Cathedral Church of St Colman, Cloyne, the Reverend Canon Daniel Nuzum was installed as Prebendary of Brigown by the Dean of Cloyne, the Very Reverend Alan Marley.

Canon Daniel Nuzum, (centre), Prebendary of Brigown, after his installation by the Dean of Cloyne (left), the Very Reverend Alan Marley, who was assisted by the Diocesan Registrar, Mr John Jermyn (right). Photo: Adam Nuzum.

Rwandan growth from Irish diocese's aid

In 2012 the Down and Dromore Diocesan Council for Mission agreed to give the 0.7% Missionary Allocation to Kigali Anglican Theological College. The Council has just received a very encouraging report of the Rwandan College's activities through 2013.

They have been able to train 97 pastors who are impacting more than 495 other leaders who lead grassroots churches. This multiplies to positive influence over 90,000 lives, an astounding return on an investment of approximately £9,000.



One of the reasons the programme is so effective is that it focuses, not just on the academic but also on direct implementation on the ground. At the end of each module, each student is expected to write an implementation plan based on those elements

that constituted his “aha” moments for each course taken. Here are some excerpts from the students’ reports:

Revd Keziya Nyirambabazi is the pastor of Bwanika Parish in Byumba Diocese with 8 grassroot churches (Amakanisa) and 2594 members. He said, “After taking the course on Evangelism for Church Growth, I chose and trained 50 people and we started visiting neighbors and praying for their needs and telling them about Jesus as the answer to their problems. On the 10th August, we baptized 135 people as fruit of that endeavor. By mid– year, our tithes and offering had increased of 250,000 Francs as a result of different improvements that have come through implementing different discoveries I made through the lessons I have taken at KATC.”

The college principal, Revd Canon Antoine Rutayisire says: “When pastors speak of training leaders, they training leaders who lead those grassroots churches they supervise and who on their turn go back to train the church committees and other small groups into the different principles of personal, family and church life we teach at KATC.

“I can say without boasting that we are impacting and transforming our churches through the new approach of training pastors with focus not on degrees but on fruit on the ground. And that is what Jesus sent us to do: “to bear fruit and fruit that will last.”



Armagh installations - At Evensong on Sunday (Candlemas), the Revd Derek Dunne MA LTCL and the Revd Johnny McLoughlin MSc BTh were installed as Clerical Vicars Choral. The music included Ayleward Responses, Stanford in B flat, O Sing Joyfully (Batten), and Tuba Tune (Cocker).

Churches bringing warmth to the public square

Attorney General John Larkin taking exception to Supreme Court judgement against Christian B&B owners « Alan in Belfast on Slugger O'Toole

<http://sluggerotoole.com/2014/01/31/churches-bringing-warmth-to-the-public-square-attorney-general-john-larkin-taking-exception-to-supreme-court-judgement-against-christian-bb-owners/>



Former Dublin C of I Church to be whiskey boutique

C of I sells alcohol covenants for 45,000 dollars

Kentucky Herald - Last fall, founder Pearse Lyons bought a centuries-old former Anglican church along

Alltech plans to restore and turn this former Anglican church in Dublin into a boutique whiskey distillery. Blocks away is the Guinness Storehouse, Ireland's top tourist attraction.

"the Dubline," the historic stretch of Dublin from Trinity College to Kilmainham Gaol (Jail) that is now a walking trail.

Deirdre Lyons, Pearse's wife and director of Alltech's corporate image, is spearheading plans to renovate the building, which is surrounded by 300,000 graves, including that of Pearse Lyons's grandfather, John Hubert Lyons.

"I'm working with a historic preservation architect and a team to restore it to its former glory," Deirdre Lyons said. The building hasn't been a church in decades and most recently was a lighting store, so it is in pretty sad shape, she said. Half the steeple and the stained glass windows are gone.

Read more : <http://www.kentucky.com/2014/02/03/3066440/alltechs-irish-distillery-goes.html#storylink=cpy>