

## Christ the King, Croatia

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Protestants residing in the fortress-city of Karlovac had Pastors, a place of worship, and their own school. It was a center of Reformation theology and literature for Central Europe and even into the Ottoman Empire. But by the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century, the Counter-Reformation succeeded in destroying non-Roman institutions throughout Croatia.



In 2014, restoration of historic theology and worship began with the inauguration of Christ the King REC.

The parish now rents space from the city of Karlovac and is vulnerable to local politics. The Diocese has launched a campaign to buy and refurbish a building in which to conduct worship and other church activities. The building would also serve as an extension of the REC "Mihael Starin" Seminary for students in central Croatia, as well as nearby Bosnia and Slovenia.

## From Bishop Sutton

The REC Board of Foreign Missions has set a goal to raise \$20,000 this Advent to be used as follows:

- \$5,000 toward the costs of sending the Gressers to Malawi this spring
- \$5,000 to provide the Cuba REC with a Printing & Publishing Center
- \$5,000 to support Church Planting in Germany
- \$5,000 towards the Building Project in Karlovac, Croatia

Contributions beyond \$20,000 will be shared equally among the four 2018 Advent projects.

Thank you in Christ,

The Most Rev. Ray R. Sutton, Ph.D.

## How to Support

- 1) Offer your help to your Rector and Wardens to take up the Advent Offering in YOUR parish.
- 2) Give. Make a secure online donation at:

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# REC Advent Offering

*Reformed Episcopalians reaching out around the world with the transforming love of Jesus Christ*



**Projects to equip His Church with necessary tools and workers**

## Malawi (East Africa)



Fr Robert Gresser ministers in Texas (REC Diocese of Mid-America) while pursuing a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies. Traci Gresser, an experienced home educator of special needs children, is uniquely prepared to encourage caregivers and families of children at risk in Africa.

Following short-term ministries in Ethiopia and Uganda. Robert was invited to teach during the Spring 2019 semester at the Anglican Theological College in northern Malawi. He would then resume his degree program in view of future service training pastors and evangelists in Anglican seminaries in Africa. The Advent offering will cover part of the expense of this ministry.

## Cuba

Bishop Willians Mendez Suarez has expressed the need for a Printing and Publishing Center for the Reformed Episcopal Church in Cuba to be used to print church programs and educational materials for Bible teaching in the parishes, as well as training material for seminary students.

By offering the services to others, the center will also serve as a means for the church to produce income and will serve as an outreach ministry to the community.



*Photo of current copy center*

## Germany

“Our priority is to establish new Mission Churches,” says Bishop Gerhard Meyer, Bishop Ordinary of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Germany. One of the church planters responding to this need is Fr. Marc Jankowski, pictured below with his wife Athitaya.



Having completed full-time study in October 2018, Fr. Jankowski has been named Priest-in-Charge of three Reformed Episcopal Church Missions in northwestern Germany in the cities of Neuss, Mönchengladbach, and Amern (north of Cologne and Bonn).

Our Advent offering will contribute to a partial salary, allowing him more time for outreach ministry in the coming year.

The German REC Diocese is also contributing to this project. *Read more at [www.Neuss.anglikaner.de](http://www.Neuss.anglikaner.de).*