

Weekly Notices

- September 15th - Coffee and Conversation in the Mary Pellat Room 10:30am
September 16th - Contemplative Eucharist in the Chapel 10:00am
September 17th - Choir Practice in the Choir Room 7:30pm
September 20th - Parish Luncheon in remembrance of Jeanette 'Bugsy' Andrews



Refugee Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Refugee Committee at 7:00pm on Monday, September 14th in the Music Room.



A Statement Regarding the Syrian Refugee Crisis from Bishop Melissa

The Chair of the Diocesan Refugee Unit, the Reverend Michael McGee has received numerous requests from individuals, and people representing parishes for information about refugee sponsorship. There has also been a marked increase in direct requests from refugees and refugee families through the diocesan website.

The diocesan legal team encourages parishes and interested parties to make all applications through the Diocesan Refugee Unit. The Reverend McGee can then make the connections as necessary with an available member of the legal team. This will help ensure that those who are applying have a clear understanding of the commitment involved in the process before they begin. I am optimistic that we in the Diocese of New Westminster will be able to help.

This is an excerpt of a statement released by the Right Reverend Melissa Skelton on September 8th. The full statement is available online at <http://files.ctctcdn.com/a9c022f9001/a1d6568c-1d54-4679-848a-ea4cb30b1c6c.pdf>



PWRDF and DFATD Begin 5-year \$17.7 million Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Program

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is pleased to announce a new joint program with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD). PWRDF will contribute \$2,654,612 over five years towards the \$17,697,412 project that will focus on maternal and child health in 350 villages in Burundi, Mozambique, Rwanda and Tanzania. The program will reach 3,545,315 women of reproductive age, newborns, children under 5 and men, including post-natal care for women, and vaccinations, vitamin A and enough good, healthy food for children to grow to their potential.



Exploring the Relationship Between Justice and Faith • St. Anselm's Vancouver

Oct. 7: Christine Boyle – Community organizer, activist, and communicator. 7:30 pm

Oct. 14: Andrew Weaver: Climate scientist and first Green Party MLA. 7:30 pm

Oct. 21: Guy Dauncey: Author and climate activist. 7:30 pm

Oct. 28: Melina Laboucan-Massimo: Indigenous and environmental activist. 7:30 pm

For information visit <http://stanselms.ca/events>

● ***Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life Discussion Group***

A lively discussion group looking at Karen Armstrong's Book "Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life" Facilitated by Lynne McNaughton at St Martin's 10:30 to noon. This Tuesday September 15 we continue with Chapter 6. Newcomers are welcome - short chapters, easy to catch up! Call Lynne McNaughton at 604-780-1420 for more info.

● **North Vancouver Region Contemplative Retreat – Word of Light: Exploring John's Gospel**

Angus Stuart will lead this event at Rivendell Retreat Centre (Bowen Island) on November 27th – 29th. See Tony Dodd for details.
