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What can you do?

- **Make a monetary gift:**
Donate financially to help the mission in Icoaraci become self sufficient.
The present focus is on furnishing the multi-purpose building and buying supplies, especially musical instruments and food, for the after school program.
- **Facebook:**
Like their Facebook page: diocese anglicana da Amazonia and learn more about the diocese
- **Prayer:**
Include our sisters and brothers in Amazonia in your intercessory prayers

Money is not the primary focus of our relationship with Amazonia but when they are trying to fund projects it helps. Many of their clergy are non-stipendiary and money is tight. They do so much good with so little and take great joy in all that they do.

**Stephanie Donaldson, Co-Chair
Companion Diocese Committee**

A short video on the mission in Icoaraci can be seen on YouTube at:

<http://stmarks.on.ca/icoaraci>

**Brant/Norfolk Deanery
Amazonia Project**
in support of the Lord's Annunciation
Mission in Icoaraci



Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit of God strengthen, bless and keep us, may Christ in the end say to us: come, blessed of my Father, you have practiced solidarity, generous welcome and support for one another.

Bishop Marinez Bassotto
Huron Synod, May 2019

Partnership with the Diocese of Amazonia

In 2014, the Diocese of Huron signed a five year partnership agreement with the Diocese of Amazonia in Brazil. The diocese is a fledgling diocese with millions of square kilometres of jungle; where rivers are roads; with only six priests and congregations that in some cases do not even have a building.

Bishop Bob Bennett when visiting Amazonia in 2014 commented that the gospel for Anglicans in this part of the world is driven by the social gospel. The faith must be lived on the streets and in the homes. They have nothing but they have everything and as a result these wonderful folks have many things to teach us about faithful living.

Diocese of Amazonia

- Humble beginnings
- Missional Spirit
- “Can do” attitude

Archdeacon Tim Dobbin, who travelled to the Diocese of Amazonia in May 2019 to renew the covenant for another 5 years wrote: “I look forward to all those ways in which God can and will help us to celebrate and deepen our friendship: through correspondence, through visits, through parish partnerships, through theological education, through sabbaticals, through shared ministry projects... The opportunities are as many and varied as the Holy Spirit inspires and moves each of us.”

Support for Lord’s Annunciation in Icoaraci

As part of the covenant, the Diocese of Huron has agreed to support three projects in Amazonia and Brant/Norfolk has taken on one. The Brant/Norfolk project is in partnership with the mission of the Lord’s Annunciation in Icoaraci on the outskirts of the city of Belem. Rev. Elias Barata, who is a part-time chaplain with the mission to seafarers, volunteers the remainder of his time to support and nurture a mission community in Icoaraci.



About 20 people gather on Wednesday evenings in a parishioner’s home to sing, pray, discuss scripture and eat together. Their Sunday worship revolves amongst two other homes.



After School Music Program

For the past six years, the mission has hosted an afterschool music program that welcomes about 40 underprivileged children. This music program is a means of connecting with the at-risk youth in the neighbourhood that are being preyed upon by local gangs involved in the drug trade. So the music program keeps the young people off the streets and gives them a skill they can take pride in.

The mission has been saving its money and recently secured a loan from the national church and purchased a dilapidated home on a main thoroughfare.



They are currently building a multipurpose facility that will be suitable for worship and also have space for the very successful music program. We have an opportunity to help furnish the building and buy supplies, especially musical instruments and food, for the program.

