

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

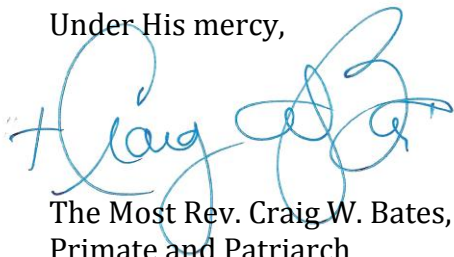
For years the Mission Offering was taken at Christmas and the money was given, through Primate's Office, to the International Development Agency. At the House of Bishops and the Patriarch's Council two years ago it was decided, in consensus, that this offering would now be collected from every congregation on All Saints Sunday (the Sunday closest to November 1<sup>st</sup>) and send directly to the Primate's Office. The Primate will be accountable for the distribution of these funds to the Church at large as well as the Patriarch's Council. Reporting will be done on [www.cecdevelopment.org](http://www.cecdevelopment.org) as well as in a report.

I have decided that all the monies collected will be given directly to mission projects designed and implemented by the various House of Bishops in East Africa through the General Secretaries – Bishops Bernard Njoroge, Emmanuel Ngarimpatse, and Francis Gogo. The Bishops will give Patriarch's Council and me a report on the distribution of the funds and the state of the various projects that were funded. Already the Bishops have developed three projects and we should be able to give you a report, on the status of these projects.

The Missions Offering taken on All Saints Day is a way to connect your people with both the joy of giving but also the joy of being connected to the worldwide Church. It is also a way that we connect together in a common task of proclaiming the Gospel of Christ both in words and actions.

I need not encourage you to take up the offering because we have all covenanted to take this offering. It is not only in our Canons but also in our heart to work together on these very important concerns.

Under His mercy,



The Most Rev. Craig W. Bates,  
Primate and Patriarch