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Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:17



# Partners-in-Ministry-in-Liberia (PIMIL)

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**HAPPY SUMMER! STAY SAFE, STAY WELL!**



Given this unprecedented reality of the coronavirus we are called to deep dive in our inherent resources with which we are endowed by our loving Creator, to respond to our ministry and routine activities. Mindful of our endowed gifts, our liturgy puts it this way: "...You brought forth the human race and blessed us with memory, reason and skill" (BCP, p.370). Living into those gifts, PIMIL is virtually inviting you to participate in a Liberian recipe, *Rice Bread* that is enjoyed at the International Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraising in July. To accommodate the Recipe, the number of pages of the Newsletter is increased by 1 to the usual two-sided page.

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**The PIMIL Chairman's Moment** – The Newsletter has created the feature, "The Chairman's Moment" in order that the PIMIL Chairman, Jerrilynn Kaiser might establish a relationship with our global PIMIL family. Welcome Jerrilynn! 2020 is certainly a year that will be remembered by all that are living through it. There are not many things (if any) that will be same after Coronavirus has been contained as they were before this virus existed in our lives. One thing that does remain the same is the commitment of PIMIL to supporting the education of children in Liberia. Liberian schools were shut down as soon as the virus was acknowledged in Liberia. The 12<sup>th</sup> graders are now back in school to take their mandatory testing required to graduate. All other grades will be going back soon to finish the 2019-2020 school year and soon after that the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2020-2021 school year will start. Because of the need to cancel our annual fundraising event, the PIMIL Council has come up with and implemented ways to reach out to our many sponsors and supporters to ask for their continued support through these uncertain times. (Continued on pg.2)



*What is certain is that we need the continued support in order to support our mission goal of providing educational support to children in Liberia and we welcome new supporters! We are blessed to be able to support the students but can only accomplish this with the help of many.*  
*Peace and Blessings. The Chair*

**PIMIL's Virtual Fundraising Treat of a Liberian Rice Bread Recipe** – The luncheon consists of menus from the United States and Liberia and are thoroughly enjoyed by the attendees. In our “new norm” of responding to creative ways of our normal routines, we are virtually offering a Liberian recipe, Rice Bread, served at the annual International Luncheon and Silent Auction Fundraising in July. The Rice Bread is like a dessert. You can purchase the ingredients at Kroger's or at any main line supermarket. The recipe is in **WORD** document. **See page 4.** After baking your sweet treat, we hope you will also consider making a financial donation to PIMIL in any amount by using **St. Matthew's PayPal account. (See pp 2&3).** **Thank you!** You will receive a report of the fundraising cycle by mid-August, and, with permission, stories of the students' account in living in the coronavirus pandemic.

### **Excerpts from a Student's Story in the Era of the Coronavirus Pandemic -**

First this introduction: As PIMIL identified and responded to the students in their concerns during the Ebola epidemic in 2014, even now, PIMIL is doing the same in the coronavirus pandemic by inviting their stories as means of catharsis. **The Excerpts:** *“My experience with COVID-19 virus is almost as that as the Ebola crisis. My biggest worry now is for me to go back to school so that I will graduate on time. This is a great setback for me and my colleagues. I continue to pray that this disease will leave us and other parts of the globe so that we all get back on our feet and activities around the globe [and] continue as before. I also pray that scientists find cure for this disease. I also pray for our PIMIL organization, our sponsors, and their families that God continue giving[them] good health and strength as they continue to carry on the good work of God. This is my slogan: “IF CORONA-VIRUS IS AGAINST US, THEN GOD IS OUR STRENGTH AND OUR SHIELD!”* Respectfully Submitted, Musu Sando, 11th Grade.



**PIMIL's Virtual Fundraising in July** – We are working diligently to achieve our fundraising goal virtually, of \$20,000 of this year because of the “new norm”. The July event is when we receive the majority of the funds that PIMIL needs to match, beyond, the sponsors' donations in order to sponsor current students like **Musu Sando**, and new students. Sponsors' donations amount to about \$10,000. Additional donations made at this time will be highly appreciated. PIMIL sponsored 189 students in the **last** academic year and is expected to sponsor 200 students in the 2020/2021 academic year.

### **The St. Matthew's PayPal Account:**

- Go to St. Matt's web site - [www.StMattsPrayThinkLove.org](http://www.StMattsPrayThinkLove.org)
- Go to top right and select **"Donate"**
- Select **"Donate with PayPal"** or **"Donate with Debit or Credit Card"**
- Enter amount
- Select **"General Offering (non-pledge)"**
- Select **"Write a note"** and Enter **"PIMIL"**
- Fill in payment information
- Select **"Donate Now"**

**Abundant and grateful thanks to You!**

**Obituary** - We continue to experience loses within the PIMIL's family of members, who, as the liturgy puts it: "finished their course[s] in the faith" (BCP, p. 503), and we give thanks to God for their ministry among us:



**Maima Benson: Liberia, April.** Mother of several PIMIL students. Tremendous gift of hospitality, relative of Mother Abby, served the 2018 PIMIL Mission trip with delicious **Liberian style** donuts!

**Virginia Trapp: January,** St. John's, Worthington, OH, Life-long supporter of PIMIL. Mother Abby officiated at her Memorial.



**May they rest in peace and Jesus' light perpetual shine on them! Condolences to** 11<sup>th</sup> grade student, Joannah Wilson, Ebola orphan survival, lost her guardian father in February. May he rest in peace.

### **A Liberian Rice Bread Recipe**



Yield: 8 x 12-inch bread

This rice bread is the typical recipe used by the Liberian housewife. It is not too sweet, can be used as a coffee cake or as a bread, and stays moist for a full week.

In a 4 quart bowl:

Combine: 2 cups CREAM OF RICE (cereal)

3 cups MASHED BANANAS (6 to 8 ripe bananas)

1/2 cup VEGETABLE OIL

4 Tbs. SUGAR

1/2 tsp. NUTMEG

1 tsp. SALT

1 cup WATER

1 tsp. BAKING SODA.

Stir until thoroughly blended.

Bake in a well-greased 8 x 12-inch rectangular or 9-inch round cake pan at 400' for 30 minutes.

Test with a toothpick (when it comes out dry, bread is done)

<http://www.liberianforum.com/recipe.htm>

**Conclusion** – We encourage you to make a donation toward the newly established **Endowment Fund** to ensure the sustainability of the support of the students. Thank you! PIMIL is a global outreach educational ministry of St. Matthew's, supported by individuals and congregations in the Diocese and Beyond.

Mother Abby and the PIMIL Council are available to collaborate with your congregation or Outreach Committee on PIMIL.

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