



**We invite you to join us
in making the
Bishop Nathaniel Garang
Training Centre
a reality in South Sudan**

**Our goal is to raise \$100,000
to build four classrooms, a
computer laboratory, a Library, a
Principal's Office, Washrooms
and a Cafeteria
by the end of 2025**



**Diocesan Lenten Appeal
2024**

**A shared fundraising goal with other diocese and
interested international parties**

WHY IS THIS TRAINING CENTRE IMPORTANT?

THE NEED IS GREAT

In order to assist the considerable pastoral needs of the refugees, teams of well trained and resourced clergy and lay leaders are needed to provide the help needed to assist many vulnerable and traumatized people find support, help, care and recovery of hope that they need.

TRAINING

It will enhance the educational, leadership and theological training through the preparation, development and teaching of the South Sudanese clergy, and lay church and community leaders, laying the foundation for individual spiritual transformation and empowerment, and institutional accountability through accountable mentorship and theological formation.

EMPOWERMENT and EXPERIENCE

It will facilitate the exchange of knowledge between the Bishop Nathaniel Garang training centre and theological colleges in Canada and other countries, whereby the students from Anglican theological colleges and dioceses may visit South Sudan to live and share the practical experience with the students at the centre and other believers from different cultural backgrounds.

Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya

The UNHCR Kakuma refugee camp is located in the North-western region of Kenya.



The camp was established in 1992 following the arrival of the “Lost Boys of Sudan”. (You may have seen the “THE GOOD LIE” film starring the actor Reese Witherspoon). In more recent years, more South Sudanese and large groups of Ethiopian refugees have also fled their country. Somalia too had also experienced high insecurity and civil strife causing people to flee to camps like Kakuma.

The camp is home to almost 200,000 refugees – primarily from South Sudan and Somalia – making it one of the seven largest refugee camps in the world. Camps that have sadly long disappeared from media and international attention, but the need is still ever present.

Nevertheless, the success stories of Kakuma refugees are a tribute to the progressive nature of the camp, and those living in it. In 32 years of existence, Kakuma has transitioned from a place of temporary asylum to an ‘urban centre’, complete with its own market, and home to over 1,200 refugee-run businesses, which offer a variety of products and services to both the camp’s residents as well as the host community.

“We call it a camp, but it’s really a city,” A UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) Head of the Sub-Office Kakuma, once told the OFID Quarterly. “It is providing a place with opportunities for refugees that can’t be found anywhere else in Kenya. The environment in the camp allows refugees to rebuild their lives and search for solutions – to become more self-reliant”. This does not mean that refugees there, are no longer in need of humanitarian aid, rather Kakuma’s environment provides opportunities for refugees to make the most out of their resources.” As you can imagine there remains a great need for pastoral and educational ministry due to the difficult living conditions and the trauma so many have gone through as a result of wars and local conflicts in South Sudan, Somalia and Ethiopia. The UNHCR can only do so much and with increasing needs around the world, their resources are stretched.

Bishop Rob Hardwick (former bishop of Qu’Appelle, Canada - now priest in the charge of St Ninian’s Glen Urquhart) together with bishop Daniel Deng, formerly of the diocese of Duk, South Sudan, identified particular needs for prayer and action. As a result, the diocese of

Qu'Appelle funded a Kakuma refugee, Archdeacon Abraham Malik Deng, through seminary education to Masters level, in order for him to begin to teach and train pastoral teams to respond to the considerable pastoral needs.

As prayer and discussions have continued with local leaders in the camp and with South Sudanese clergy in Canada, a need for the building and equipping of a training centre was also identified, so that upwards of 200 lay and ordained persons can be initially trained for pastoral and educational ministries.

Already an answer to this prayer is that land was gifted for such a centre to be built in Juba, just across the Kenya border in South Sudan. The South Sudanese clergy and population in Kakuma will be the beneficiaries of the training centre. And the construction of the seminary and training centre in Juba is also key to the plan for refugee repatriation back to their country. The centre will be named in honour of Bishop Nathaniel Garang, a lost boy himself, whose presence, strength, passion for the gospel, and compassion for his people is legendary.

At a recent meeting of our diocesan clergy the training centre was identified as a Lenten Appeal project for 2024. Substantial information was given to Bishop Mark re the Centre and we have since received a warm and thankful response from the international led leadership and coordinating team. The Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Canada has also decided to have a Lenten appeal for the centre.

All monies donated will be forwarded to a designated account set up in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, Canada and will be held in trust until they are transferred to Juba, South Sudan, quarterly for the construction of the Bishop Nathaniel Garang Training Centre.

Can you or your church help?

- 1. Please respond to this Lenten Appeal generously.***
- 2. Please consider watching the film 'The Good Lie'. It stars Reese Witherspoon and will give some background and provide stories of Sudanese refugees who were moved to other countries,***
- 3. If you or your church would like more information or a visit from bishop Rob Hardwick please contact him through the St Ninian's Web site***