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Dear Friends,

We have all watched with horror the tragedy unfolding in Fort McMurray over the past number of days. Much of that city has now been devastated by fire and tens of thousands of people have either lost their homes or been displaced. It has been made all the more painful for us to watch because a great many of the inhabitants of Fort McMurray come from Newfoundland and Labrador. The recent economic struggles of northern Alberta were difficult but this new catastrophe creates human misery on a scale unimaginable just a few days ago.

I know that many of you and your parishes have responded and others are planning to respond and I suggest that you consider the Primates' World Relief and Development Fund. PWRDF is a front-line ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada in disaster relief and has been since the Springhill Mining Disaster over 50 years ago. There is already a link on their website (<http://pwrdf.org/2016/pwrdf-to-respond-to-fort-mcmurray-wildfires/>) and you can donate online, by telephone or by mail. There will be an insert on this in many of your bulletins on Sunday.

All of us know people working in Fort McMurray and it is important that we respond to the human need before us in ways appropriate to our local communities. Some parishes and churches are working directly to assist families with travel and care at this time. I have a small discretionary fund that a few people donate to every year and from that fund I have directed that \$1000 be immediately sent to the PWRDF effort to assist the people of Fort McMurray. This is in addition to a personal donation from Kathy and me.

Let us hold the people of Fort McMurray and their families across Canada in our hearts and in our prayers.

With my every blessing,

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