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To: the Bishops of Anglican Church of Canada

I send joyful Eastertide greetings to you from the Holy City of Jerusalem.

Like so many institutions and churches around the world, St George's College closed for two years which has been both painful and financially challenging. However, thanks be to God, borders are open again and restrictions make it possible for individuals and groups to return once more for pilgrimages.

Please do consider using the College and commending the College for your clergy and laypeople. We are the Anglican centre for pilgrimage and study in the Holy Land. Joining one of our study pilgrimages roots people in the local Anglican community as the College is located in the Cathedral Close and twice daily worship for the College mostly takes place in the Cathedral and sometimes in other churches in the Diocese.

There are many ways to be a pilgrim but the College's particular specialism is to have high quality teachers who are theologically trained and deeply knowledgeable of the religious and political context. As well as visiting the most significant holy places we also ensure that there are encounters with local people giving an insight into differing views and perspectives in this complex land.

Those people who have never had the opportunity to make their own pilgrimage often underestimate the powerful way in which visiting sites deeply associated with the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Christ, can inspire faith. We often say that the experience of a Holy Land pilgrimage gives the Bible a three dimensional quality. In their evaluation people often write that this has been one of the most powerful and faith enhancing experiences of their lives.

I am delighted that Canadian Anglicans (clergy, lay and religious) who sign up for a St George's study pilgrimage have access to the Archbishop Frederick Hiltz scholarship fund which offers significant, if not total, subsidies covering course costs, room, board and air fare. I hope that you will be able to support us once again as we emerge from this damaging pandemic.

Yours faithfully, in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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