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Dear Colleagues,

I write to you today to let you know that Synod Office will be closed for the foreseeable time and that our staff will be working from home. We will be available by email and will be checking our messages. Mail will be collected daily. The KPMG building in which our offices are located have had restrictions placed on it and the only door that is open is the one at 600 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

By now you will have realized that all public services need to be suspended. The health authorities say the best advice is for everyone to stay home if possible and avoid any more transmissions of the virus than are already out there. They are reminding us that if we are going to get a handle on this, then we all need to work together.

We have an opportunity to strengthen and grow our faith during this difficult time. Anglicans in Montreal have weathered and ministered during two other such crises in our history; with the typhoid epidemic which afflicted Irish immigrants in 1847 and the 1918 influenza pandemic. I encourage you to use this time to be creative and reach out to the people around you. A special edition of Live With Lee-Ann is found on Facebook and posted on our Diocesan web site, www.montreal.anglican.ca. It treats how to use digital media to advantage. Please remember to let Lee-Ann or Nicki know about your online services so they can share them with others.

If you need to get in touch with us for an urgent matter, please text me or Archdeacon Robert Camara. You are in our prayers!

+ Mary

O God of peace, who taught us that in returning and rest we shall be save, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength; by the might of your Spirit life us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.