

Deacon Speakin'

Brexit vote stirs a sense of unease



I awoke Saturday morning thinking about the momentous changes as the results of the "Brexit" vote. My Scottish Mother's family, many of whom are still living in Scotland, and my Stepson and his British wife and family who live near London, my daughter and

her family who are living in Geneva, are all impacted in ways which are different from our experience.

The Episcopal News Service (ENS) reports a following statement given by The Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church: "The decision of the people of the United Kingdom to leave the European Union is one of the most significant political events of our generation".

These impacts are yet to be known and understood. I am also impacted by the rumbling behaviors of "the people" and feel an American/European explosion of sorts, similar to that which we are experiencing in our own election process whether we like it or not, agree with it or not, it seems to be happening. It is very unsettling.

The impact of Orlando reverberated throughout St. Thomas and Denver, and many of you took part in the various vigils that were held. Life goes on in spite of it all.

The **Servants for Justice** committees are making plans. The St. Thomas **New Neighbor Committee (Refugees)** has been busy working toward becoming "mentors" for a refugee family in Denver. So far we have 4-5 people who are taking the training. They will be assigned a family sometime this summer and you will hear more, as we experience this process through their eyes.

In August the **New Neighbor Committee** is planning a rice-maker donation project, so if you have one you no longer use, please save it for the Denver Refugees.

The **GSIP (Gun Violence and Injury Prevention)** group is meeting and actively attending rallies and gatherings

this summer. They have been sensing more of a national movement toward gun violence awareness, which I am sure you are also feeling.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the **Bread for the World** Sunday Letter Writing Project, I sent off over 15 letters to our National Senators and Congress Members. **The Greater Park Hill Food Bank** is grateful for our continued participation, and that of our **Community Garden**, which will be more and more abundant as the food is harvested.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

As you can see the **Servants for Justice** have been active and busy. Please let me know if you are interested in taking part in

any of these projects!

Blessings to all in this summer of change,

--Deacon Sally

Loaves and Fishes Sunday is Aug. 7

This year, we will continue to hold Loaves & Fishes Sunday, the annual diocesan ingathering of food, in conjunction with our monthly ingathering of food on the first Sunday of the month. Donations will benefit The Greater Park Hill Food Pantry.

The most needed non-perishable items are veggies (corn, green beans, peas), fruit (peaches, pears, mixed fruit), peanut butter, beans (black, pinto, refried), canned tuna (in water), entrees/heavy soups (canned chicken, chili w/beans, vegetable soup), and breakfast items (whole-grain cereal, instant oatmeal, breakfast bars). Please bring in a sack of one or many items—you will be helping to feed hungry neighbors.