

From: Revd Canon Dr R.P. Harley

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Dear Colleague,

### **COVID19 VACCINES**

Over recent weeks our TV screens have shown shocking scenes of suffering and death caused by COVID19, particularly in India. At last week's Diocesan Global Partnership Committee meeting, at which we discussed our links with the Diocese of Calcutta, India, and the Diocese of Amazonia, Brazil, we observed that in both countries COVID19 is soaring. One of our clergy colleagues in Kolkata revealed that he has not had his full complement of vaccinations because of the shortage of vaccine in India. It is ironic that, while India is one of the world's largest producers of COVID19 vaccine, India is allowed only a small share of the vaccine.

We wondered what we could do? Our suggestion is that we lobby our MPs and MSPs to see if they can influence those in authority to sanction a more proportionate allocation of vaccine to countries like Brazil and India.

Would you and members of your congregation be willing, purely on a voluntary basis, to write to your MP and MSP? Google can provide names and addresses of your MP and MSP. I have attached the letter that I have written to my MP, which can be used as a basis for your own letter.

Many thanks!

Yours sincerely,

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