

#### Church of South India diocese to challenge ruling on properties

(ENInews)--A diocese of the Church of South India (CSI) is preparing an appeal against a court order that has virtually stripped it of more than half its churches and institutions, inherited from the Basel Mission church. "We are preparing a strong appeal to get this order quashed. We are hopeful that our appeal will be upheld by the (federal) Supreme Court," Bishop J.S. Sadananda of CSI's Karnataka Southern Diocese told ENInews 3 February in a telephone interview. [317 words, ENI-12-0065]

#### Argentine Methodists send hopes for peace to British counterparts

(ENInews)--Amid renewed tensions over the Falkland Islands, the Argentinean Methodist Church has sent a letter to the Methodist Church of Great Britain, expressing its desire for their governments to resolve their issues peacefully. "A war is always a human failure in the light of God's project that we share his creation and that we all enjoy the resources that He has given us," wrote Bishop Frank de Nully Brown, according to the Latin America and Caribbean Communication Agency. "The issue of the Malvinas Islands is for the Argentinean people and our church, an extremely sensitive and delicate one, given the claim that our country has made for the sovereignty of the islands for many years," the letter said. [416 words, ENI-12-0066]

#### Archbishop of Greece warns of social upheaval

(ENInews)--Archbishop Hieronymos II of Athens and All Greece on 2 February warned the Greek government of a possible social upheaval if more austerity measures are ushered in by international financial institutions overseeing the sovereign debt crisis. "Our hearts are shattered and our minds are blurred with all that is taking place," he said in a letter sent to interim Greek Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, extracts of which were published in Greek on the Greek Orthodox Church's official site ([www.ecclesia.gr](http://www.ecclesia.gr)). "The phenomenon of the homeless and the famished, a reminder of WWII occupation conditions, is taking nightmare dimensions," wrote Hieronymos. [343 words, ENI-12-0067]

#### Vatican to host global summit on sexual abuse

Vatican City (ENInews)--Ten years after the clergy sexual abuse scandal erupted in the United States, Catholic bishops from all over the world will meet next week at a Vatican summit aimed at preventing abuse and protecting children. The conference, "Towards Healing and Renewal," will be held on 6-9 February and is organized by the Jesuit-run Gregorian University in Rome, Religion News Service reports. The Vatican's top spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, told reporters on 3 February that the summit enjoys the "full support and participation" of the Vatican's highest offices, but Pope Benedict XVI is not expected to attend. [447 words, ENI-12-0068]

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