

***Agreement for the Renewal of a Companion Link
between the Anglican Diocese of Botswana and
the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina***

In 2008 the Anglican Diocese of Botswana and the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina came together in Christ's Name to minister to one another and to minister to all of God's people whom we touch in and with the love of God.

We celebrate the opportunities that we have been given by God and by one another to be in partnership for ministry, and we seek to continue that partnership.

This companion link relationship was established to foster and nurture relationship and fellowship in Christ between the people of our two dioceses. During these years we have explored our shared ministries in a variety of ways, in particular in partnership with youth and women and through the ministries of theological education, HIV/AIDS, and hospice. Learning from that experience, we seek to continue our ministry together by engaging ourselves in the following ways:

1. We will support our life and ministries together through prayer and the faithful application of the "Ten Principles of Partnership in the Anglican Communion" to our life and ministry together.
2. We will expand congregational connections between parishes in Botswana and North Carolina;
3. We will create opportunities for mutual ministry to and with our children and our youth, especially through the orphan and vulnerable children care projects undertaken as well as the health and education concerns affecting the youth.
4. We will encourage the formation of clergy and the development of lay leadership and ministry, especially through the Diocese of Botswana's St. Augustine Theological School and through opportunities for shared ministerial formation for both ordained and laity;
5. We will support the ministries by women offered together such as the Mothers' Union and the Anglican Women's Fellowship in Botswana and the Episcopal Church Women of North Carolina;
6. We will support ministries to and for persons with HIV/AIDS and to their families;
7. We will support hospice initiatives, especially through the Holy Cross Hospice in Gaborone and hospice care in North Carolina; and
8. We will seek mutual discernment as we find ourselves called to other opportunities for shared ministry.

This relationship is renewed for a period of five years.

Signed this twenty-second day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand fourteen
In the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina at the Benton Convention Centre during the
199th Convention of The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina.



The Rt. Rev. Metlhayotlhe Beleme
Fifth Bishop of Botswana



The Rt. Rev. Michael B. Curry
Eleventh Bishop of North Carolina

Ten Principles of Partnership in the Anglican Communion

From *Towards Dynamic Mission: Renewing the Church for Mission*, Mission Issues and Strategy
Advisory Group II (MISAG II), 1993

Local Initiatives – The responsibility for mission in any place belongs primarily to the church in that place

Mutuality – We have a deep sense of open and joint accountability. Mutuality means sharing power

Responsible Stewardship – Our resources are jointly owned and held in trust by each member for the common good

Inter-dependence – There are no absolute donors or absolute recipients. We need each other and our partnership cannot be overtaken by a parochial, cultural or racial homogeneity

Cross-fertilization – We are willing and eager to learn from one another

Integrity – In recognizing that all partners are essentially equal, we are committed to being real and honest

Transparency – We are open and honest with one another

Solidarity – We are part of each other, committed to one another in Christ's body

Meeting Together – We will always find a forum for evaluation and sharing of ideas

Acting Ecumenically – Our mission relationships as Anglicans must be seen as part of the wider mission relationships of all Christians