



## COMPANION DIOCESE RELATIONSHIP COVENANT



*"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the Gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. " Philippians 1:46 (NIV)*

The **Diocese of Fredericton** in the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, and the **Diocese of Ho** in the Ecclesiastical Province of West Africa, with this Covenant do hereby mutually agree to formalize a relationship within the Companion Diocese Program of the Anglican Communion.

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this partnership is to share the vision given to us by our Lord, and also to share the day to day life and work of our Church in the two Dioceses, concentrating on what our Lord calls us to do together in mission and evangelism.

### PERIOD OF THE RELATIONSHIP:

The Companion Diocese relationship will be entered into for a five-year period beginning **June 2007** until **Pentecost 2012**. During the fifth year of this period, the two Dioceses on mutual agreement could decide to extend the partnership.

### PROGRAMS:

Programs between companions will be developed mutually so that we can share insights, talents, problems and triumphs in order to better fulfill our partnership in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Clergy and parishioners in each Diocese will pray regularly for members of the Companion Diocese and the work of the Anglican Church. Prayer requests and praises will also be exchanged.

Regular communications between companions will be actively encouraged, and methods of facilitating that communication will be devised and agreed upon.

It will be one aim of our relationship that exchange visits between both clergy and laypersons will take place. Information about the life and work of the Church and its members will be exchanged and studied by the various organizations within both Dioceses.

### FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Companion Diocese Relationship is one of care, love and mutual sharing of our mission and ministry, and not one of financial assistance from one Diocese to the other.

Financial responsibility by both Dioceses will be identified before any proposed exchange projects are undertaken.

### CONSULTATIONS:

In order to keep the work advancing, and to review and plan for both the short and long terms, yearly review and, if possible, periodic consultations by both Companion Diocese committees will take place.

### EVALUATION:

A full evaluation by each Diocese will take place during the final year of the companionship, and will be carried out in close consultation with each other, and with each respective National Church. These evaluations will be shared with each other and with the World Mission Office of the Anglican Communion so that the experience gained becomes more readily available to the Church as a whole.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and seven,

The Right Reverend Dr. Claude Miller, Bishop, Diocese of Fredericton

The Right Reverend Matthias K. Medadues-Badohu, Bishop, Diocese of Ho

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