

A Companion Link Agreement for Ministry
between
The Anglican Diocese of Botswana
and
The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina

With the blessings of God, the Anglican Diocese of Botswana and the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina come together in Our Lord Jesus' Most Holy 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 that each diocese has been gifted by God to offer the ministries to which we are called. We celebrate the opportunities to be in partnership for ministry. We honour one another as fellow pilgrims on the journey to salvation.

This companion link relationship is being established to foster and nurture relationship and fellowship in Christ between the people of our two dioceses. We understand partnership for ministry to be an outgrowth of our relationship as we together seek to follow Jesus Christ in the work of God's ministries in the world. In our mutual desire to have a right beginning to this partnership defined in Christ, we will begin our ministry together by engaging ourselves in the following areas:

1. We will support our life and ministries together through prayer;
2. We will create opportunities for mutual ministry to and with our children and our youth. We will also strengthen our initiatives with respect to Christian-based education within the Anglican tradition.
3. We will explore means for the formation and support of clergy; and encourage and support the development of lay leadership and ministry.
4. We will support the ministries offered together by the Mothers' Union of Botswana and the Episcopal Church Women of North Carolina;
5. We will establish congregational connections between parishes in Botswana and convocations in North Carolina;
6. We will support ministries to and for persons with HIV/AIDS and to their families. Special attention will be given to those who have lost their parents, and to the development of caregiving ministries to those who are actively dying.
7. We will explore ways to foster development for the economically marginalized in Botswana and North Carolina in ways that are consistent with goals of our dioceses.

This relationship is initially for a period of five years, and may be renewed after mutual review and agreement during the fourth year.