

Companionship Prayer

We pray that we might recognize your presence, Lord Christ, as we walk the path of companionship with our brothers and sisters in Cuba. May we hear your voice as we converse on the way and may we see you revealed as we break bread together. Amen.



Prayers of the People

Leader: In the flesh of the risen Christ, the invisible God walks with us. Let us pray to God for our needs and the needs of all people.

Leader: For the people of the Church in Niagara and Cuba, that we might grow in solidarity with each other.

People: **Glory and Praise to you, O Living Lord.**

Leader: For those of us who assemble together for the breaking of bread.

People: **Glory and Praise to you, O Living Lord.**

Leader: For Bishop Griselda and Bishop Michael, for all priests, deacons, for all who minister in Christ and all the holy people of God.

People: **Glory and Praise to you, O Living Lord.**

Leader: For the world and its leaders, our nations and their people.

People: **Glory and Praise to you, O Living Lord.**

Leader: For all those in need, the sick, the suffering and the oppressed and for all the dead.

People: **Glory and Praise to you, O Living Lord.**

Leader: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, who opens our minds and hearts through the risen Christ. Hear our prayers which we offer in the hope of glory, and breathe upon us with your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers adapted from Ormonde Plater

Photo Credit: Bishops Michael and Griselda: Jane Wyse



2017

Niagara and Cuba

Companionship Sunday

7 May 2017

Companion Diocese Covenant

The purpose of this Companion Relationship is that we might come to know, respect and pray for each other and accompany each other in our mission to be a living testimony of God's love, made known to us in Jesus Christ, and experienced through the power of the Holy Spirit. Through our companionship we pray that we might be mutually renewed in a way that will have an impact in both of our societies.

**The Covenant is for a five-year period,
from 15 Nov. 2013 to 15 Nov 2018**

Mission is a way of being together in the presence of God, in which everyone brings gifts, including the gifts of credibility, experience, presence, knowledge and resources. Mission is not primarily a transfer of resources from a place of abundance to a place of scarcity. Resources which we might share are financial, human and spiritual.

In 2017 - A Focus on Clean Water

Many areas of Cuba, especially rural areas are lacking in clean water. In several churches, they have been able to put in a water purification system in the Episcopal Church. This benefits not only the Church, but the whole community because people gather to collect drinking water from the whole village. Local doctors have noticed a great difference in the health of the village in general.

Water Justice in Cuba

This year we are supporting the Clean Water Project in Cuba

- 15 water systems are currently in place
- Many rural communities are still in need of a system
- Congregations, particularly in the East of Cuba are in the greatest need.

Total Cost per system ranges from about \$2000 to \$2800



If Individuals or churches would like to support this project, please send your donation to the Synod Office.

Cheques should be made payable to:
THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA
with "Cuban Clean Water Project" on the memo line.