

Report of the Partners in Mission (PIM) Committee

The purpose of the PIM committee is to oversee and animate our mission partnerships between the Diocese of Niagara and other Dioceses or missions world-wide. Of particular importance is our Companion Diocese Relationship with the Diocese of Cuba. The PIM Committee understands that developing mission projects, which could be supported by both dioceses, would probably create the most opportunity to foster our relationship. Over the last few years, though, communications regarding possible projects has been very sparse. However, over the past year there have been some promising developments:

- We helped to train and send Trinity theology Student, Dean Cormack to spend four months (including Christmas and Easter) in several locations in Cuba, including small parishes and the see in Havana.
- Dean (our man in Havana) has since joined our PIM committee and has excellent contacts with the Church in Cuba.
- We are developing, with the Diocese of Cuba, a template for Mission Projects which will enable us to enlist Niagara parishes or groups to help sponsor specific projects, possibly including mission trips from Niagara to Cuba or vice-versa.
- We are inviting other Spanish-speaking members to consider joining our PIM committee (interested?)
- The Diocese of Niagara (especially Bill Mous and Christyn Perkons) has been assisting Cuba to plan the 2016 International Justice Camp that Cuba will host and which will involve 25 Canadian and 25 Cuban participants.

In addition to our Relationship with Cuba, in the Spring, we were delighted to welcome Bishop Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith and his wife, Christiana, from the Anglican Communion's newest Diocese of Asante Mampong in Ghana. Both of them visited with us including participating in a Confirmation, an Ordination and our Clergy Conference in June. While not a formal Companion Diocese relationship, we believe that the friendship between our Bishops and our dioceses will develop and be enriching to both dioceses.

Respectfully submitted:

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