

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



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Niagara and Cuba

Companionship Sunday

3 May 2015

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.

International Justice Camp 2016

The Episcopal Diocese of Cuba, along with Canadian partners are planning to host the next Justice Camp in Cuba. This will be a week-long event in May 2016 and will involve an immersion and interchange of Cuban and Canadian Anglican church members for learning about justice issues of mutual concern. The goal is to bring 25 Canadians and 25 Cubans together along with support staff.

International Justice Camp in Cuba

The purposes of the project include:

- Developing and deepening relationship and partnership in mission between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church of Cuba.
- Creating a tangible initiative for learning and living into local and global justice making.
- Building upon the Canadian Justice Camp Legacy as an intergenerational, intercultural, diocesan-led ministry.
- Raising awareness in the Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Communion about the Episcopal Church of Cuba and its ministries, and about Cuba beyond it tourist destinations.

The justice camp movement began from the grassroots of the Anglican Church of Canada. It seeks to encounter a variety of social justice issues up close and first hand. Through a program of directed immersion experiences, biblical reflection, worship, and relationship building, participants form friendships and develop skills to become effective social justice leaders within their own local communities. The camps are a tangible expression of our baptismal promises, especially as they seek to equip us to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

Goal for this Project: \$4000.

If Individuals or churches would like to support this project, please send your donation to the Synod Office by June 1.

Cheques should be made payable to:
THE DIOCESE OF NIAGARA
with "Cuban Justice Camp" on the memo line.

Any additional funds raised will support
Cuban Diocesan and Regional educational programs.