

COMPANION DIOCESE REPORT, PROVINCE II 2006

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The Diocese of New York has no formal relationship but continues to be involved in a variety of ministries in sundry places.

In Matlosane, there continue to be many parish links which were long established before the end of formal relations.
New York also funds the unloading of grain trucks to facilitate the delivery of gift food in Matlosane.
There is a joint project with NY and St. Luke's Blomhof to supply baby formula to children with HIV. NY pays for the formula which is delivered by Nestle and distributed by the churches on the ground.
In addition NY has an endowment of over \$200,000 which it raised to support Matlosane and this year was able to send them over \$11,000 in interest earnings.

New York has established a relationship with Central Tanganyika whose Bishop will be at GC. There will be a pilgrimage from NY to Tanzania in July. There is a mutual partnership, CARPENTER'S KIDS, between NY and Central Tanganyika to help AIDS orphans with educational and nutritional needs.

India network is blossoming. There have been exchange visits and a school in NY has raised over \$50,000 to rebuild a school in Madras. They have also paid for the drilling of several wells.

Haiti Network has a mission trip going down this month and medical supplies and eyeglasses will be sent. Funds have been sent to the seminary there.

According to Bishop Sisk NY has ongoing missions with Korea, China, Mexico, Honduras and the Dominican Republic.

Diocese of Long Island . Contact : Bp Walker or Canon Golden

There have been no developments between Long Island and Oji River. Efforts at communication have been unsuccessful.

Diocese of Albany Contact :Eileen Weglarz

Albany continues its three way relationship with Down and Dromore in Belfast,N. Ireland and Meredi, Yambio and Ebo in the Sudan.Bishop Bena went, as part of a joint team, to Sudan last year and there is a trip planned for this fall. Last year the relationship was extended indefinitely. The civil war is hampering the level of the relationship.

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Bishop Adams describes the relationship with El Salvador as “Life giving, mutually benefiting with deep friendships.” He was down in El Salvador in February and Bp. Barahona visited CNY last year.

Lay and clergy visits have taken place and in May two representatives from CNY attended the Convention in El Salvador.

There have been three youth exchanges but there are problems in getting visa for the youth from El Salvador.

There have been three medical missions to San Salvador and a young girl was brought up for medical attention.

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The relationship with Puerto Rico has been going great from the perspective of WNY and Bp Garrison. Over 150 persons representing the diocese have visited Puerto Rico and over 40 from PR have reciprocated. Bp Garrison was last down in September 2005. WNY have has assisted with the building of a parish hall in the Diocese of Puerto Rico and Bp. Garrison hopes to attend the dedication.

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Three years have gone by of the five year relationship with the Diocese of Ontario in Canada. It is “going well, but slowly”. There are seventeen congregations “twinned” and many more requests from Rochester. There have been youth exchanges at Convention and Synod and the Bishops have also visited each other’s convocation. These two dioceses have worked together on political policy and Ontario have done some workshops on prison ministry in Rochester.

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There was a adult trip to El Salvador in February and an youth trip planned for July. NJ has visited the Convention in El Salvador. There continues to be support in the building of houses and schools in El Salvador. \$20,000 was contributed for bathroom facilities at a school. New Jersey has sent medical supplies school supplies and computers.. This “open relationship” is six years old.

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At the January 2005 Convention it was proposed having a relation ship with Panama. The Bp of Panama visited in October. January 2006 convention confirmed the relationship. Panama ratified in February 2006. The chairs from Newark visited Panama.

For this first year there is much conversation and relationship building with the two committees.

There is a youth visit planned for July. Youth from Panama will visit Newark, be housed with counterparts and among other things attend a Yankees game.

There are planned clergy exchanges and there is hope that a delegation from Panama will visit Newark in January for the consecration of the next bishop.

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Bishop Gumbs visited Southern Virginia for their Convention. There has not been much activity in this relationship which is due to expire in 2007. There have been plans made for Southern Virginia to assist with youth ministry

development in the V.I. It is also hoped that Southern Virginia would be able to deliver on some improvement of church properties in the Virgin Islands.

Diocese of Haiti

I have not received any communication from the Diocese of Haiti