Commission on Global Mission

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Mission Statement

The Commission on Global Mission serves compassionately as we encourage, resource, and support global mission partnerships. We strive to inspire collaboration, encourage best practices in mission, and provide mission education.

Summary of Work

Our current practices/offerings include:

- hosting the EDOA's annual global mission conference, the 'Go Summit'
- connecting congregations to the resources of The Episcopal Church's Global Episcopal Mission Network, the Office of Global Partnerships, and Episcopal Relief & Development
- curating and maintaining a list of EDOA's global mission parish partnerships
- offering funding for initiatives in our companion and partner dioceses and parish partnerships in global mission

The Commission on Global Mission continues to enjoy fruitful partnerships with Episcopal Relief and Development, the Global Episcopal Mission Network, and our companion and partner dioceses in Haiti, Cuba, and Cape Coast, Ghana. We are proud to support

ministries such as Haiti Companions and Haitian Hope in their missions to improve the lives of Haitians in the midst of civil unrest and societal instability. Our partnership with the Diocese of Cuba continues to prove a vital avenue of support for the Cuban people, who have experienced a year of hyperinflation, starvation, electricity shortages, and threats of invasion from the United States. The pilgrimage to Cape Coast this spring was a success, further deepening ties between our two dioceses. Our companion relationship is proving a model for other dioceses which seek to engage in a process of racial reconciliation through intentional partnership. We look forward to the next pilgrimage, which will take place in spring 2027.

The Commission continues to focus on understanding where the Diocese of Atlanta is in terms of involvement with global mission. To that end, we are still collecting information about how parishes in the Diocese of Atlanta are impacting the world through international partnerships, outreach, and support. This information helps us understand the impact our parishes are having and enables us to connect parishes interested in increasing their impact to existing resources in our Diocese. Please complete this form or share it with the appropriate point person in your parish [see attached survey form]. We are currently updating our website to highlight some of our diocesan ministries and partnerships, so please look for that in the coming weeks!

We are actively recruiting new members, and if you are interested in joining us or just curious about the work we do, please feel free to contact Harry Groce, outgoing Chair of the Commission.

Supplementary Materials

"Global Mission in DioATL parishes" Survey Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-f5U5C1WzCKe9JNEoka6p6WvKrLZElR2NesieDaROHTY0lA/viewform

Please note, you are required to sign in with a Google account to complete the form.

Global Mission in DioATL parishes

The Global Mission Commission of the Diocese of Atlanta is collecting information about how parishes are involved in international partnership, outreach, and support. They hope to use this information to help better understand how the Diocese of Atlanta is having a global impact, and to help connect parishes seeking to start new partnerships with existing resources.

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* Indicates required question

Email *

Record @gmail.com as the email to be included with my response

Parish Name

Your answer

Parish Location

Your answer

Please list all relevant contacts at your parish for any current or potential interest in international partnerships, outreach, or support. Names and emails, please.

Your answer

Is your parish currently involved in any form of international partnership, outreach, or other support? (e.g. refugee resettlement, mission work, Episcopal Relief and Development, direct project support, parish-to-parish partnership, school sponsorship, etc.)

- Yes
- No

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Existing International Partnerships, Outreach, and Support

Describe the ways in which your parish is already involved in Global Mission

Who are your partners or beneficiaries?

Your answer

Which countries or regions are these efforts focused on?

- ◯ Option 1

What is the nature of your support (e.g. fiscal, community support, volunteers, etc.)

Your answer

How long have you engaged in these efforts?

Your answer

How does your parish encourage parishioner involvement in these efforts?

Your answer

Would you have an interest in other parishes joining you in your efforts, either financially or through other types of engagement?

Your answer