

**Subject: Companion Diocese Relationships**

Moved By: Mr. William Mous, Diocese of Niagara

Seconded By: Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, Diocese of Rupert's Land

Note: The mover and the seconder must be members of the General Synod and be present in the House when the resolution is before the synod for debate.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this General Synod, in agreement with Resolution II.3 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference, urge all Canadian dioceses to have made a serious effort to identify one or more dioceses as a companion, in formal and informal ways, across provincial boundaries, by the time of the next Lambeth Conference in 2008.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

**1. Resolution from 1998 Lambeth Conference**

**Resolution II.3**

**Companion Dioceses**

This Conference;

- a. notes that many dioceses in the Anglican Communion have not as yet been able to establish companion relationships;
- b. believes that the time has come for significant new initiatives in encouraging all dioceses to develop companion relationships across provincial boundaries, as part of the process of developing the cross-cultural nature of the communion;
- c. believes that, in addition to the structures administered through Partners in World Mission and the Anglican Communion Office, dioceses should be encouraged to take initiatives in sharing information, contact and exchange.
- d. accordingly resolves: that each diocese of the Communion should, by the time of the next Lambeth Conference, have made a serious effort to identify one or more dioceses as a companion, in formal and informal ways.

**2. Nineteen Canadian dioceses presently have domestic or international companionships.**

Source: Partners In Mission Committee

Submitted by: Partners in Mission Committee

**A) Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  \_\_\_\_\_

**B) If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_