

One Church in Mission: Inviting • Transforming • Reconciling

Overseas Mission Connections

Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi

Contact

Ms. Deborah Hanson
Chair HMM Committee
120 Chinquipin Cove
Ridgeland, MS 39157
601-856-3668
dhanson5@aol.com



Honduras

The Diocese of Mississippi has sent a medical mission team to a small village in Honduras for over 20 years dramatically impacting the life of the village and surrounding communities who are served by the team.

WAYS TO SERVE

1. Become a sponsoring congregation for the mission—a two-year commitment.
2. Recruit and/or sponsor members of congregations to serve on the team (doctors, nurses, pharmacists, veterinarians, dentists, translators, clergy). Each participant pays his or her own travel costs.
3. Financially support the mission. Costs and transportation of medicines, medical equipment and supplies, as well as new initiatives (e.g. clear drinking water projects) require additional funds.





Panama

The Diocese of Mississippi has been in a formal “Companion” relationship with the Diocese of Panama for more than 30 years. That relationship has been characterized by a variety of initiatives including musicians, clergy, youth, ECW, visits and exchanges; joint mission projects; funding for clergy education; medical mission to the indigenous people in Panama.



WAYS TO SERVE

1. Initiate a congregation to congregation relationship.
2. Recruit and sponsor members of the medical mission team — doctors, nurses, clergy pay their own costs.
3. Make contributions to support the education and formation of clergy in the Diocese of Panama which is Bishop Julio Murray’s highest priority in 2010.
4. Work with the Episcopal Church Women to foster ever deepening relationships and address the needs of children at risk in Panama.

Contact

Mrs. Lollie Everett, *Chair*
Companion Diocese Committee
100 W. Easthaven Circle
Brandon, MS 39042
601-506-4126
lollieeverett@comcast.net

Contact

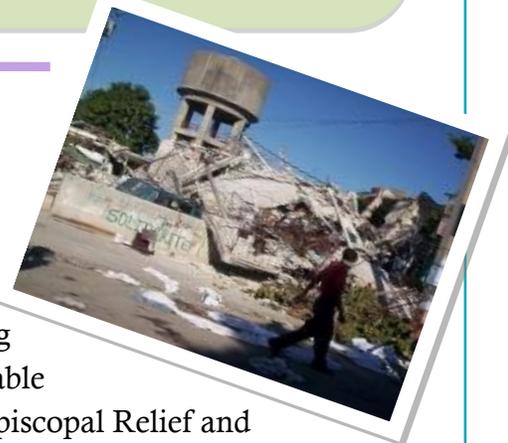
The Very Rev. Edward O’Connor
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Cathedral
P.O. Box 1366
Jackson, MS 39215-1366
601-354-1535
eoconnor@standrewscathedral.org

The Rev. Christopher Powell
St. James’ Episcopal Church
3921 Oak Ridge Drive
Jackson, MS 39216
601-982-4880
cpowell@stjjax.org

Haiti

WAYS TO SERVE

In the aftermath of the January earthquake, the diocese is putting together teams that will be available to travel to Haiti to work with Episcopal Relief and Development and the Diocese of Haiti in their dramatic recovery and rebuilding efforts. Because of the lack of infrastructure at this time and the inability of the church government to provide safety for teams, the teams will not be sent for several months and will work under the direction of ERD and the Diocese of Haiti. Medical and construction personnel are particularly needed.



Uganda

WAYS TO SERVE

1. Financial support is needed to enlarge the medical clinic and continue to train and retain quality medical personnel.
2. Medical personnel with specialized skills are needed to work with local physicians as both teachers and partners — lodging available through BCMF.
3. Teachers and teacher assistants are needed for extended service — lodging available through BCMF.
4. Computer expertise needed to connect the ministry of the BCMF to the wider church.
5. Sponsorship of an orphan so as to provide for his/her education support.
6. Enter into a relationship with clergy and congregations from the Diocese of South Rwenzori — an initiative requested by the current bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jackson Nzerebende.



In 2008 the Diocese of Mississippi initiated a relationship with the Bishop Masereka Christian Foundation in Kasese, Uganda. The BMCF is a multi-faceted HIV/AIDS ministry that provides medical care for disease victims, preventative care for

mother to child transmission, pastoral care and support for victims, education support for orphans of HIV/AIDS parents and many other services. Founded by Bishop Zebedee Masereka, a retired bishop from the Diocese of South Rwenzori.

Contact

The Rev. William Ndishabandi
All Saints' Episcopal Church
147 Daniel Lake Blvd.
Jackson, MS 39212
601-372-5185
wndisha@aol.com

Virgin Islands

WAYS TO SERVE

1. Initiate a congregation to congregation relationship (there are seven churches in the Diocese of the Virgin Islands).
2. Financially support the ministry teams that will be going to the Virgin Islands and those from the Virgin Islands who will come to Mississippi for further training.
3. Pray for the ministry to our young people.



Bishop Ambrose Gumbs of the Virgin Islands has invited the youth ministry of this diocese into a consulting and collaborative relationship with the youth ministry of his diocese. We have been asked to help train both youth and adults who work with youth in a new model of youth ministry. Our initial commitment is for a series of training and experiential events over the next two or three years. Next steps will be discerned.

Contact

The Rev. Annie Cumberland
St. Andrew's Episcopal Cathedral
P.O. Box 1366
Jackson, MS 39215-1366
601-354-1535
acumberland@standrewscathedral.org

Sudan



At the request of Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, this diocese entered into a relationship with the Diocese of Twic East, a newly forming diocese in Southern Sudan. The visit at 2009 Diocesan Council by the Rt. Rev. Ezekiel Diing, newly elected bishop of the Diocese of Twic East, formalized that relationship. This diocese, located in an extraordinarily conflicted region close to the border between Southern and Northern Sudan, must build every piece of the diocesan infrastructure from scratch.

Contact

The Rt. Rev. Duncan M. Gray, III
Diocese of Mississippi
P.O. Box 23107
Jackson, MS 39225
601-948-5954
pjones@dioms.org

WAYS TO SERVE

1. Because the U.S. Government has a major role to play in the region, learn the story of the Sudanese church's witness and become an advocate for the peace process in South Sudan.
2. Invite one of the Lost Boys (Girls) of Sudan to your church to hear their story of faith, courage and witness.
3. Contribute to help build the diocesan cathedral, the bishop's office and residence, medical clinics, and other structural necessities
4. Other priorities listed by Bishop Diing are training for medical personnel, agricultural resources, etc.
5. Pray for Bishop Gray as he travels to Sudan in May to deepen this relationship.



Diocese of Mississippi
P.O. Box 23107
Jackson, MS 39225