

Anglican Diocese of the Living Word
9071 Center Street, Manassas, VA, 20110

Tuesday May 21, 2019

Greetings in the name of our risen Savior.

We have just completed our annual Missions Conference and Synod where we gathered together to worship God, learn from his word and fellowship with one another. It was a very special gathering of God's people.

Earlier this year, the Church of Nigeria and the Anglican Church in North America held a joint meeting of representatives from both provinces in Houston, Texas. As a result of this meeting and with the agreement of both the Primate of All Nigeria and the Primate of the Anglican Church in North America, CANA will now become solely a ministry of the Church of Nigeria and no longer a jurisdiction of ACNA.

These developments have been discussed by our Standing Committee and were presented to Synod last week.

As a result of the decisions made at Synod, our diocese will remain a diocese of the Anglican Church in North America and has requested a ministry partner relationship with the Church of Nigeria. In addition, the name of our diocese has changed to: The Anglican Diocese of the Living Word.

I believe these are good and timely developments in our life together as a missionary diocese in North America.

These structural developments will result in very little change for you and your congregation. Our doctrine remains unchanged and we will continue to faithfully proclaim the gospel in the towns and cities in which the Lord has called us. We have been a diocese of the Anglican Church in North America since 2013 and we will continue to be so. The Church of Nigeria is part of the DNA of our diocese and we look forward to a special ongoing relationship with our brothers and sisters in the Church of Nigeria.

I outlined these developments more fully, in my pastoral address to our Missions Conference and Synod, a copy of which [can be found at this link](#).

I look forward to being with you and your congregation as we move forward in the mission of our Lord.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

In Christ alone,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julian M. Dobbs" with a small cross symbol above the first letter of the first name.

The Rt. Rev. Julian M. Dobbs
Bishop