

**THE MISSIONARY DIOCESE OF CANA EAST**  
**DECLARATION AND OATHS**

*The Bishop says:* The Anglican Church in North America and the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), are part of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church Worshipping the One, True God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. She professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic Creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, she has borne witness to Christian truth in her historic formularies, the thirty-nine articles of religion, the Book of Common Prayer and the ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your inspiration and guidance under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and make Him known to those in your care?

Each candidate responds: **I Will.**

*The Chancellor says:* Let the Oaths be taken and the declaration made.

I, NN do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and to contain all things necessary to salvation, and I consequently hold myself bound to conform my life and ministry thereto, and I do solemnly engage to conform and subscribe to the Fundamental Declarations of the Diocese, and the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of Christ as this Church has received them. In public prayer and administration of the Sacraments I will use only the forms of service which are authorized or allowed by Canons.

**The Declaration of Submission to Synod**

I NN, declare that I consent to be bound by the regulations of the Diocese and Canons which have been or which may thereafter be made by the Diocesan Synod or may otherwise have lawful effect on the Diocese.

**The Oath of Canonical Obedience**

*(The candidates holding the Bible in their right hands will say:)*

I NN, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of CANA East and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

**The Oaths of Submission**

I NN, hereby undertake to accept and immediately submit to any sentence depriving me of any or all the rights and emoluments appertaining to the office to which I am about to be admitted, which may at any time be passed upon me after due examination by the Bishop acting under the Constitution and Canons of the Missionary Diocese of CANA East.

**The Oaths of Allegiance to God**

I NN, confess before God and His Church that I have never been a member of any secret cult, or I have renounced my membership in any secret cults. I also vow that I will never join any secret cult; and I owe allegiance to no other but to the Lord Jesus Christ; and that my loyalty to Him will always be absolute, total and undivided. If I go back on this oath and vow, I put myself under the wrath of God. In the Name of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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**The Oaths of Sexual Purity**

I NN, declare before God and His Church that I have never been involved in homosexual, bisexual or any other sexual deviance outside of marriage as this church defines marriage, or I have renounced and repented of any such behavior. I vow that I will not indulge in homosexual, bisexual, or any other sexual deviance outside of marriage as this church defines marriage. If I am found to have violated this profession against the teachings of the Holy Scriptures, I subject myself the full wrath of God and willingly accept canonical discipline as set forth in the Constitution and Canons of the Missionary Diocese of CANA East.

I agree to exercise the said office to which I am about to be admitted so long as may be required of me by the Bishop of the Missionary Diocese of CANA East and his successors. So help me God. Amen.

In testimony whereof, I have caused my signature to be hereunto affixed:

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Signature of minister

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Name of minister

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Signature of witness

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Name of witness

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Date

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The Rt. Rev. Julian M. Dobbs  
Bishop | CANA East