

**A COVENANT BETWEEN
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines [ECP]
and
The Episcopal Church [TEC]**

PREAMBLE

In obedience to the cause of Christ in mission, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines [ECP] and The Episcopal Church [TEC] celebrate the communion we share with the provinces of the Anglican Communion. As the autonomy of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines is fully realized, we rejoice in our common history and heritage, recommitting ourselves to the principles of interdependence and unity in Christ. Likewise, we renew our commitment to the apostolic mission of God as we pray and worship, as we live and proclaim the Gospel, and as we bear witness to God's justice, peace, and love within our respective Provinces and throughout the world.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO PROVINCES

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines [ECP] and The Episcopal Church [TEC] hereby renew a common commitment to full partnership in mission.

- Each partner Province will seek to know and understand the culture and social context in which the other lives and ministers.
- Each partner Province will seek to invite the other into the full spectrum of ministries that each enjoys.
- Each partner Province shall respect and consider, as occasions for shared learning, the other's liturgy, catechism, music & song, governance, mission priorities, and actions of synodical councils.

AREAS OF COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

Each partner Province commits to a sharing of gifts and resources, nurturing the baptized in our congregations and reaching out to those who are far off and those who are near.

Areas of cooperation and partnership shall include but not be limited to:

- the development and encouragement of companion diocesan, partner parish, and missionary relationships along with other exchange of ministries;
- the continued acknowledgement, celebration, and development of the ECP Centennial Endowment Fund as a perpetual legacy of both Provinces;

- the continued exploration of opportunities to support the on-going development of a sustainable ECP pension program;
- the work to encourage a sharing of resources and opportunities for ministry between other institutions, organizations, and program of the partner Provinces.

IMPLEMENTATION

A Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant [JCPC] shall be maintained to represent the covenant interests of the partner Provinces. Each partner Province shall maintain a panel of up to four persons appointed by the partner Province in a manner consistent with each Province's internal guidelines.


This Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant shall

- periodically review the Covenant to ensure that it accurately reflects the current and evolving vision for the partner Province relationship;
- develop, monitor, and review an "action plan" to accompany the Covenant and establish goals for our common ministry;
- meet every 18 months alternately hosted by each partner Province.


The church staff of each partner Province will work together to implement the "action plan".

EFFECTIVITY

This revised Covenant of Agreement shall become effective when approved by the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines [ECP] and the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church [TEC].

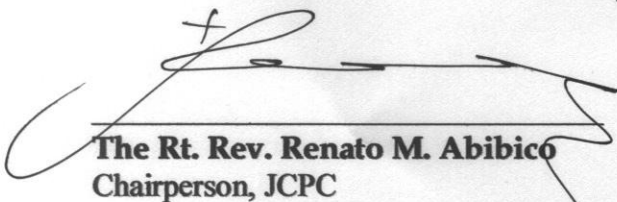


The Most Rev. Ignacio C. Soliba
Prime Bishop, ECP

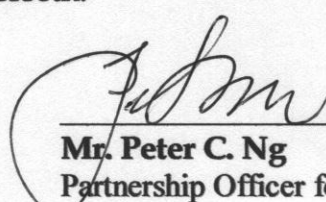


The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori
Presiding Bishop and Primate, TEC

Witnesseth:



The Rt. Rev. Renato M. Abibico
Chairperson, JCPC



Mr. Peter C. Ng
Partnership Officer for Asia & the Pacific

Date of action by JCPC: June 22, 2007

Date of action by ECP Executive Council: July 22, 2007

Date of action by TEC Executive Council: October 30, 2007