

Resolution #1

Renewal of the Companion Relationship Between Northern Indiana and Honduras

Resolved, That the Diocese of Northern Indiana renew through 2011 the companion relationship that has existed between this diocese and the Diocese of Honduras since 1996 by Resolution #2 of the 98th annual diocesan convention; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee for the Companion Relationship report annually to the convention of this diocese on the state of the relationship and give an accounting for expenditure of all funds during the fiscal year.

Explanation

The companion relationship has been productive of much good over the last eleven years. Four churches, a conference center chapel, two vicarages, school support, orphan support, mutual contacts, trips back and forth, deep friendships with Hondurans and missionaries there—all of these plus an immense outpouring of support in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch have been the partial results of the relationship. In the future we hope to see more of the same, as we share some of our resources with the poorest diocese in the Episcopal Church. Yet in many ways it is one of the richest dioceses in terms of enthusiasm, evangelism, and growth. We hope to be beneficiaries of that enthusiasm for the Gospel that has taken Honduras from five congregations in the early 1980's to over 165 today!

Since 2001

- 2001: Fact-finding tour by group from the Diocese. Traveled along the north coast to the Guatemala border, through Santa Barbara and visited construction projects already completed, visited the large housing construction project near San Pedro, and visited Siguatepeque, Tegucigalpa, Danli and other parts of El Paraiso.
- Fr. Schramm represents the Diocese of Northern Indiana at the Consecration of Bishop Lloyd Allen as the new bishop of Honduras.
- 2002: College-aged student trip, led by Marcus Cunningham.
- Fr. Schramm visits churches in Santa Barbara and Siguatepeque.
- 2003: Two students spent extensive time in Honduras, Nick Myers (3 months) and Paula Morningstar (1 year). Assisted with funding to send 9 girls to school. \$3,000.00 raised for church construction.
- 2004: Various meetings attended.
- 2005: Team of seven went to work on SAMS project in Villanueva. Used funds for discontinued church project to build a daycare for children of women in that city who are garment workers.
- 2006: Various small independent projects by parishes.
- 2007: Consecration of the daycare center "Los Amiguitos de Jesus" in Villanueva.
- Fr. Schramm to Honduras to study Spanish and also to visit in Olancho the families of many of the Honduran parishioners at St Thomas Plymouth, traveling with SAMS Missionary Barbara Boghetich and presenting Bibles to the families from the Diocese of Northern Indiana.