

Covenant between the California Friends of Saint-Patrick And the People and Clergy of Saint-Patrick Mission and School Locorbe, Haiti

Our collective efforts are intended to contribute to the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti and help better the lives of the people of Haiti. We believe that our bond is an opportunity for people in both of our countries. We hope to foster opportunity, and learn and grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

I. Mutual expectations

We declare that we are brothers and sisters, and members of one family, through prayer and by recognizing Christ in each other we are able to grow together and strengthen one another. We come together as Episcopalians from the Diocese of El Camino Real, in California, and from the Diocese of Haiti.

Our relationship is characterized by a spirit of mutual affection, shared responsibility and, when possible, companionship.

Through this covenant we are partners in mission and companions on the way of Christ. We emphasize the building of personal and community relationships, rooted in Christian fellowship and discipleship.

A primary commitment of the California Friends of Saint-Patrick is to learn more, so that we may teach others about Haiti and the people of Saint-Patrick Mission and School. The people of our communities pray for you daily: for your strength, for your endurance, and for God's blessing on all that you do. We promise to tell your story and seek ways to bring others into our partnership with you, your neighbor congregations and schools. We encourage our own members to share and develop ideas to bring St. Patrick's and the California Friends closer together.

The primary commitment of the people of St. Patrick's is to learn more about their California partners, both their joys and challenges, and to share that knowledge with others. The people of St. Patrick's pray for you daily: for strength, endurance, and for God's blessing on all that you do. We promise to tell your story, and to seek ways of to strengthen our partnership. We encourage our own members to share and develop ideas to bring St. Patrick's and the California Friends closer together.

A commitment shared by all partners will be our joint investment in the development of increasing self-sufficiency on the part of the people of Saint-Patrick Mission and School.

II. Time frame

The initial timeframe for this covenant is for five years, commencing in 2014. During the fifth year each of us will review and reflect on our experience and consider the renewal of the covenant for another period of time.

III. Communication

Each of us will designate one person who will take responsibility for regularly communicating news, prayer requests, answered prayers, and issues pertaining to joint activities.

The California Friends of Saint-Patrick will endeavor to make a visit to Haiti every year. The CfSP will sponsor a visit by its clergy partner from the Diocese of Haiti to its communities in California once every three years.

IV. Mutually agreed to activities

The purpose of the relationship is first to grow as companions in Christ. It is to mutually consider ways we can work together to strengthen Saint-Patrick as a school. It is to enhance the quality of education Saint-Patrick provides its student community.

In addition, the CfSP recognize there is potential for activities that contribute to Saint-Patrick Mission and the lives and welfare of the community Saint-Patrick Mission serves in Locorbe.

The parties to this covenant will share and consider priorities together. Potential activities and projects will be evaluated by all parties, taking into consideration the availability of both financial and human resources on both sides. With mutual agreement for financing and implementation, activities or projects will be undertaken.

Requests from the Saint-Patrick community for support - from individual members, students or families - are appropriately presented to the Priest-in-Charge. Requests should not be made of visitors from the CfSP when visiting Locorbe, or by email. The most important attribute of our partnership is to know each other in Christ.

V. Financial participation and reports

Agreed to activities and projects will have a budget and timeframe for completion. The budget planning will include financial contributions from both the CfSP and the people of St. Patrick's as appropriate/available with our objective being the establishment of parity between the two partners.

With agreement of all parties, the CfSP will commit to its share of the proposed budget and make timely wire transfers of funds.

If there is an emergency that raises the prospect of funds provided under this Covenant to be used to address unanticipated needs, the Priest-in Charge will discuss the situation with the CfSP. Together they will decide if it is appropriate to use money for a need other than initially intended.

The Priest in Charge will copy the CfSP on financial reports of partnership activities provided to the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.

By January 31 of each year, the CfSP will provide the Priest-in-Charge a written report of partnership activities and finances for the prior year ending on December 31. It will also submit the report to the Vestries of the signatory parishes and the Head of School of All Saints' Day School. By August 31 of each year, the Priest-in-Charge and Academic Principal at Saint-Patrick will provide the CfSP a written annual report for the Haitian school year ending on July 31. The report will include information on school financials, tuition payments and student performance. The report will also including anticipated plans for the next school year.

VI. Strengthening the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti

The parties to this Covenant are committed to strengthening the Diocese of Haiti. Under this Covenant, the CfSP pledges to make a tithe to the Diocesan Partnership Program equal to 10% of cash transfers made to Haiti on behalf of Saint-Patrick.

VII. CfSP relationship team

Each of the CfSP friends will designate 2-3 people to serve on a relationship team to help foster communication, develop shared understandings, consider relationship priorities and monitor mutually agreed-upon activities. The CfSP relationship team will meet at least twice a year.

VIII. We share the perspective of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti

“The people of Haiti are a wondrous blessing to all that come to the dear land of Haiti. The deep and abiding faith of the people, the beauty of the mountains and the sea, and the beaming smiles on the faces of those who have experienced such tremendous difficulty, delivers a strength and warmth to all who are blessed with their encounter. The power of the love of God is apparent in Haiti in a way that is seen in few other places around the world. It is truly a blessing to be able to serve in Haiti. God is good.”

The Rt. Rev. Jean-Zache Duracin

IX. Signatories

Signed: Feb 2 2014

Howard Don Hill

On behalf of the Vestry of
Saint Jude's Episcopal Church, Cupertino
Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real

Signed: Feb 2, 2014

Wilma Jakob

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Signed: _____ 2014

On behalf of the Lay Leadership
Saint-Patrick Episcopal Mission, Locorbe
Episcopal Diocese of Haiti

Signed: Feb 2, 2014

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Priest-in-Charge
Saint-Patrick Episcopal Mission, Locorbe
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Signing covenant Feb 2, 2014



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Signing covenant Feb 9, 2014

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On behalf of the Lay Leadership
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