Resolution 165-A
Companion Relationship with the Diocese of Nzara, Episcopal Church of South Sudan

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 165th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa agrees to extend the Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Nzara in the Republic of South Sudan, and that this Relationship will extend for a period of five years, to be renewed only after evaluation by the Bishop of Iowa and the One World One Church Commission, which will present a follow-up resolution at the 170th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the focus of the Companionship will be primarily on building relationships between the two Dioceses:

- Through sharing of prayer lists,
- Through exchange visits, especially of experts in various disciplines,
- Through the appointment of a Nzara Companionship Steering Committee,
- Through the development of a diocesan-wide Nzara Companions group who will covenant to pray regularly for the Companionship, engaging in direct communication with members of the Diocese of Nzara and keeping the Diocese of Iowa informed about both Nzara and the larger concerns of the Republic of South Sudan; and
- BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa may, in the future, explore the possibility of expanding this Companionship to include one or more of the current Companion partners in Brechin and Swaziland, and that funding for all projects related to the new Companionship will be agreed upon through the channels of the Bishop’s office

ORIGINAL resolution for the Nzara Companion Relationship October 2012

On behalf of the Resolutions Committee, the Very Rev. John Horn moved Resolution 160 - N. The motion was seconded and carried without opposition.

Resolution 160-N
Companion Relationship with the Diocese of Nzara, Episcopal Church of Sudan

BE IT RESOLVED, that this 160th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa agrees to enter into a Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Nzara in the Republic of South Sudan, and that this Relationship will extend for an initial period of five years, to be renewed only after evaluation by the Bishop of Iowa and the One World One Church Commission, which will present a follow-up resolution at the 165th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the focus of the new Companionship will be primarily on building relationships between the two Dioceses:

- Through sharing of prayer lists,
- Through exchange visits, especially of experts in various disciplines
- Through the appointment of a Nzara Companionship Steering Committee,
Through the development of a diocesan-wide Nzara Companions group who will covenant to pray regularly for the Companionship, engaging in direct communication with members of the Diocese of Nzara and keeping the Diocese of Iowa informed about both Nzara and the larger concerns of the Republic of South Sudan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa may, in the future, explore the possibility of expanding this Companionship to include one or more of the current Companion partners in Brechin and Swaziland, and that funding for all projects related to the new Companionship will be agreed upon through the channels of the Bishop’s office.
Resolution 165B, Canon 20 (New)
Of the Authority of Priests-in-Charge

BE IT RESOLVED that a new Canon 20 titled “Of the Authority of Priests-in-Charge” be added to the canons as follows:

When, after consultation with the Vestry, the Bishop appoints a Priest-in-Charge pursuant to Canon III.9.3(b) of the Canons of The Episcopal Church for a congregation in the Diocese, that Priest-in-Charge exercises the duties and privileges of Rector subject to the authority of the Bishop. The Rector’s duties and authority, outlined in Canon III.9.6 of the Canons of The Episcopal Church, shall be incorporated into a Covenant of Ministry between the clergy person being named Priest-in-Charge, an authorized member of the Vestry, and the Bishop. Once agreed upon, the Covenant of Ministry shall not be modified or terminated without the written approval of the Bishop.

RATIONALE: This new canon clarifies, and makes consistent with the Canons of The Episcopal Church, the governing authority and covenant relationship that exists between the Bishop, the Vestry and a clergy person who is appointed Priest-in-Charge by the Bishop in this diocese.

Submitted by the Co-Chancellors