

**Resolution 165-A**

**Companion Relationship with the Diocese of Nzara, Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED, that this 165th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa agrees to  
2 extend the Companion Relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Nzara in the Republic of  
3 South Sudan, and that this Relationship will extend for a period of five years, to be renewed only  
4 after evaluation by the Bishop of Iowa and the One World One Church Commission, which will  
5 present a follow-up resolution at the 170th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the focus of the Companionship will be primarily on  
8 building relationships between the two Dioceses:
- 9 Through sharing of prayer lists,
- 10 Through exchange visits, especially of experts in various disciplines, Through the appointment  
11 of a Nzara Companionship Steering Committee,
- 12 Through the development of a diocesan-wide Nzara Companions group who will covenant to  
13 pray regularly for the Companionship, engaging in direct communication with members of the  
14 Diocese of Nzara and keeping the Diocese of Iowa informed about both Nzara and the larger  
15 concerns of the Republic of South Sudan; and  
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- 17 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Iowa may, in the future, explore the  
18 possibility of expanding this Companionship to include one or more of the current Companion  
19 partners in Brechin and Swaziland, and that funding for all projects related to the new  
20 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**

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

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

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