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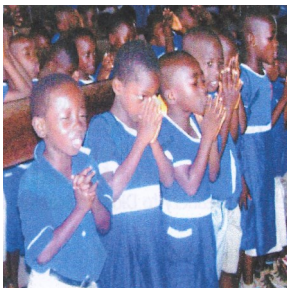
During IDWAL's forty year life, the initial post-colonial legacy has diminished. Ghana's strong and stable government has enabled notable infrastructure development. The fast-growing Anglican Church is developing a strategic plan to strengthen its mission and USPG supported Health Promotion and Poverty Reduction Programmes are operating in several dioceses.

The churches are looking for partners who will stand alongside them as equal partners in the gospel of Christ, in a relationship of, prayer, encouragement and fellowship where faith, experience and talents are shared – a relationship of mutual challenge and involvement in mission in our different cultures as we seek to advance the Kingdom of God.

Looking to 2020, plans are taking shape when hopefully all eleven IPG Bishops will be in Portsmouth for a week of pre-Lambeth hospitality, fellowship and learning together.

We hope your parish will want to be involved:

- Contact your Deanery Rep or the IDWAL Secretary to discover more about existing and new links.
- Consider a donation to IDWAL to support the Seminary and AngUTech as part of your parish's Annual Mission giving.
- Use the IDWL Prayer:



Lord God, we thank you that in your wisdom and through your Spirit, you have given different and complementary gifts to your church in different places.

We thank you that we cannot know the fullness of your love without each other. Grant that the Link between the English Dioceses and West Africa may be the means by which we can learn to share our gifts.

As we give and as we receive, help us to grow together in faith, in praise and in making your love known to all your people, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

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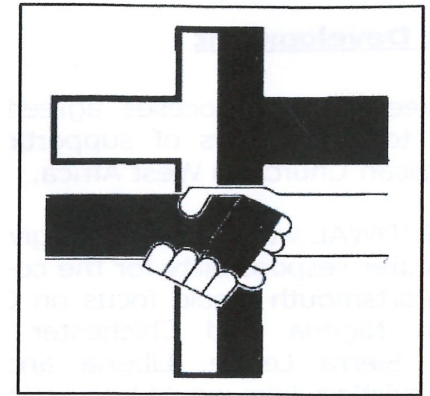
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IDWAL

The Inter Diocesan
West Africa Link

Linking Anglican
congregations in the
dioceses of

Portsmouth,
Guildford &
Chichester

with Anglican
congregations in the

Provinces of West
Africa & Nigeria

*Together is the best
way forward*

IDWAL DEVELOPMENT

In 1977, Chichester, Guildford and Portsmouth Dioceses agreed to explore links with the Anglican Church in the Provinces of Nigeria and West Africa.

After re-structuring in 1999, Portsmouth would focus on Ghana, Chichester, Gambia, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cameroon and Guildford on the Province of Nigeria.

An external review in 2005 commended Portsmouth for the development of its parish links, which later numbered about 40, and encouraged formation of more school Links, of which the recent development of a link between Ryde School and Church with the School and Church in Wa (Northern Ghana) is an excellent example.

In 2012, Portsmouth Diocesan Synod gave unanimous approval in support of IDWAL as a Diocesan Initiative. It noted the mutual benefits gained through the sharing of faith, commitment to mission, prayer support and personal encounter arising from our companion links.

Aims

IDWAL recognizes our shared baptism in Christ and our mutual commitment to mission. Links are for sharing faith, encouraging mission and mutual support through prayer, correspondence, and personal contact. Financial support for church projects in Ghana is not a priority, although many parishes give practical help from time to time.



PORTSMOUTH IDWAL LINKED WITH THE INTERNAL PROVINCE OF GHANA (IPG) & ARCHBISHOP DANIEL SARFO

Structure

The Diocesan Committee has a representative from each Deanery and from the Cathedral, USPG and Mothers' Union. The Chair is appointed by the Bishop. The Committee and its Executive propose policy, determine priorities, plan initiatives and generally encourage and support links at various levels. Contact is maintained with groups engaged in similar initiatives.

Links

At diocesan level Portsmouth supports two IPG initiatives which benefit the whole of the Anglican Church in Ghana. (i) St Nicholas Theological Seminary in Cape Coast which trains ordinands from across the Province of West Africa. (ii) The newly formed Anglican University College of Technology (AngUTech) in Nkoranza, which provides vocational training for students from rural backgrounds.



Finance

Portsmouth IDWAL invites donations from parishes to be used primarily for projects which benefit the Internal Province of Ghana as a whole: St. Nicholas Theological Seminary in Cape Coast and the newly formed Anglican University College of Technology (AngUTech) in Nkoranza. Whereas the cost of visits to Ghana is covered by the people concerned, IDWAL is occasionally able to help support the cost of visitors from Ghana.

Portsmouth deaneries are encouraged to establish and develop links with IPG dioceses as follows.

- Bishop's Waltham: Wiawso & Bishop Abraham
- Fareham: Sekondi-Takoradi & Bishop Alex
- Gosport: Accra & Bishop Daniel Torto
- Havant: Koforidua & Bishop Felix
- Petersfield: Cape Coast & Bishop Victor Dunkwa & Bishop Edmund
- Portsmouth: Ho & Bishop Mathias
- Isle of Wight: Sunyani & Bishop Festus; Tamale & Bishop Jacob
- Portsmouth Cathedral: Sunyani Cathedral



Deanery visits have resulted in developing friendships and often stimulate parish, school and village links thus generating a regular flow of visitors to and from Ghana.

The opportunity to worship with and live alongside our joyful African Christian brothers and sisters can often be a life changing and faith strengthening experience. It can widen our perspective of the world-wide Anglican family as we support one another in faith and mission and work together for the building up of God's Kingdom.