



On behalf of Bishop Don Johnson (West Tennessee) and Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin (Haiti), we give thanks for all who have been involved through **education, food, healthcare, learning and water** with this ministry. While we celebrate the initial commitment (in 2005) of the Rev. Joe Porter and Grace-St. Luke's Memphis, which also has handled the financial administration of our partnership, we now are excited by diocesan energy and commitment to be in relationship with Haiti as our Companion Diocese.

Historically, our relationship had been primarily to serve St. Paul's Episcopal School and Church in Montrouis and St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children in Port-au-Prince. Through our companion diocese relationship and its five components, we will continue to foster these relationships and build community with the wider Diocese of Haiti in a variety of ways based on needs assessments, open communications and mutual agreements between the bishops and companionship leadership of both dioceses. During the 29th Annual Convention of the Diocese of West Tennessee (March 4-6, 2010), a presentation and resolution about the new relationship as companion dioceses was offered and unanimously approved for us to move together in ministry with our sisters and brothers in Haiti.

5 WAYS OF COMPANIONSHIP

EDUCATION = Support the overall educational needs of St. Paul's School Montrouis, St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children Port-au-Prince and possibly other places of learning by providing academic supplies, scholarships, assistance with special renovation projects and more

FOOD = Participate in efforts to provide balanced and quality food for less-fed children and adults, namely through our new diocesan relationship with Stop Hunger Now (last Memphis food packaging event was November 7, 2009; next is July 31, 2010 at Church of the Holy Communion, Memphis)

HEALTHCARE = Spend time at institutions, such as St. Vincent's Center for Handicapped Children and the medical clinic at Montrouis to provide primary medical care on an annual basis and establish relationships with medical professionals and groups, such as the Children's Medical Missions of Haiti, to offer quality care for children and adults

LEARNING = Honor cultural differences by learning first-hand about each other's diocese, languages, customs, traditions, and ways of engaging ministry through communication, visits and exchange programs

WATER = Partner with other organizations to develop self-sustaining water systems at designated areas in consultation with the Diocese of Haiti

West Tennessee Haiti Partnership Companion Relationship Commission

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