

A Covenant between the Diocese of Linköping in the Church of Sweden and the Diocese of St. Albans in the Church of England

We, the Dioceses of Linköping in the Church of Sweden and of St Albans in the Church of England commit ourselves to a covenant of partnership within the Porvoo Communion, and to giving practical expression to the provisions of the Porvoo Common Statement within the life of both dioceses.

We have celebrated ten years of such a covenant and after due review, we commit ourselves anew and without reservation to a further period of five years, from the date of the signing below, to this agreement.

Rejoicing in the faith which we share, and affirming the acknowledgements and commitments set out in the Porvoo Declaration, we commit ourselves to pray for one another, to learn from one another, and to seek to discern together the loving purposes of God for our two dioceses.

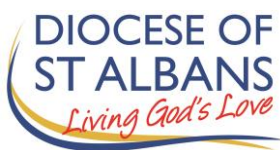
Within our continuing covenant relationship we commit ourselves to:

- pray regularly for one another
- deepen our understanding of each other by the exchange of significant news and information and by learning from and with each other.
- share our faith together in worship and celebration and for each diocese to offer opportunities for exchange visits and pilgrimage
- share our resources and experiences as we reflect upon and deepen our understanding of God's will and purpose for his Church on Earth
- share in God's ministry and mission in ways which allow us to meet the needs and challenges of God's ever changing world.
- embrace joyfully within the covenant relationship the existing friendships, partnerships and covenants which both dioceses have established with churches which are not signatories to the Porvoo Common Statement

We commend our hopes and plans for our partnership to God in prayer and ask the blessing, guidance and energy of the Holy Spirit as we seek together to follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We commend this covenant to the institutions, schools, parishes and groups of our diocese, and to the individual members of our churches of every age, asking for their prayerful support and for their active participation in this on-going relationship and the many opportunities it will offer to learn, grow and flourish as disciples of Christ.

St Albans 30 September 2017



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