

## RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT MEMBERSHIP IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH FELLOWSHIP OF ANGLICAN CHURCHES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE CAIRO COVENANT

Whereas the Seventh Conference of Global South Anglicans, meeting at Cairo, Egypt, from 8 to 11 October 2019 resolved:

- i. To adopt in principle the GSA Covenantal Structure as the basis of membership in the GSA as specified in section 3.1.2, subject to approval by the respective Provinces.
- ii. To disseminate and inform all the Global South provinces of the adoption of the GSA Covenantal Structure and these Resolutions.
- iii. To mandate the Global South Primates Steering Committee (supported by a GSA Follow-Up Executive Committee and a Secretariat) to follow up on the administration and acceptance of membership, and oversee the implementation of the GSA Covenantal Structure before 30th June 2021, with liberty to extend this time frame as it deems necessary.

Whereas, the objectives of the covenantal structure are fourfold:

- i. to guard well together the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints;
- ii. to be effective in fulfilling God's mission to the world;
- iii. to strengthen the Global South (GS) identity, its governance, its relational life and its collective mission and formation of disciples to respond with humility and robustness to the social challenges and movements of thoughts in the larger church and the world; and
- iv. to work for the well-being of our Anglican Communion as we see ourselves as an intrinsic part of the Communion.

Whereas, the resolution of the Sixth Conference of the Global South (2016) commissioned the Study Team on Enhanced Ecclesial Responsibility with these words:

“... We recognise the need for our enhanced ecclesial responsibility. We need to strengthen our doctrinal teaching, our ecclesiastical ordering of our collective life as a global fellowship and the flourishing of our gifts in the one another-ness of our mission ... The Global South Primates will therefore form a task force to recommend how these needs can be effectively addressed.”

Whereas, the Anglican Church in North America has been a partner member of the Global South since 2015, sent participant delegations to GSA Conferences for more than a decade prior to full membership, and many of whose congregations and dioceses were “rescued” by Provinces and Dioceses of the Global South;

Whereas, the fundamental declarations, mission objectives, relational commitments and inter-provincial structures are completely consistent with the Fundamental Declarations of the Province and with the Jerusalem Declaration, and with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America regarding such inter-provincial covenants;

Whereas the Anglican Church in North America is committed to mutual accountability and Biblical mission among Anglican Provinces as remedies for both the ecclesial deficit and the gospel deficit plaguing the Anglican Communion during recent decades;

Whereas, all GAFCON Provinces, including the Anglican Church in North America, have heretofore been members of the Global South;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Anglican Church in North America accepts membership in the Global South Fellowship of Anglican Churches and embraces the life of full communion as envisioned in the Cairo Covenant. **Therefore, we receive and endorse the Cairo Covenant.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action be communicated to the Global South Primates Steering Committee, to Provinces of the Global South (as appropriate), and to the Dioceses and Congregations of the Anglican Church in North America.

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The complete text of the Cairo Covenant is found here:

[http://www.globalsouthanglican.org/images/uploads/GSA\\_Covenantal\\_Structure\\_%28adopted\\_on\\_11\\_Oct\\_2019%29.pdf](http://www.globalsouthanglican.org/images/uploads/GSA_Covenantal_Structure_%28adopted_on_11_Oct_2019%29.pdf)