

GLOBAL MISSION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT TO 109th COUNCIL

The Global Mission Commission meets bi-monthly to exchange information about various parishes' involvement in global mission work. We view the globe to include the United States, so that we also discuss work throughout our Diocese, particularly focusing on Reading Camp, and other mission opportunities in which our members are involved.

The Commission was honored to host the Global Episcopal Mission Network Annual Conference at All Saints, Atlanta, May 6-8, 2015. The conference attracted many attendees from both the United States and abroad, who participated in two days of workshops led by nationally known speakers, as well as the missionary training program. The Second Best Medical Practices Conference was convened in conjunction with the GEMN conference. Its attendees included those who participate in medical, dental, and eye care missions in Haiti.

The companion relationships with our Diocese have expired. The Commission is communicating with each parish in the Diocese to understand the parish's global mission relationships as a first step to discerning possible new relationships. We welcome your input in this process.

The Commission updated its webpage and is launching a FaceBook page to better communicate throughout the Diocese.

The Commission will host its next mission conference April 16, 2016, at St. Luke's, Atlanta, and will celebrate the ministry of Martin and Sandy McCann in Tanzania as part of that conference. Stay tuned for registration information and plan to join us for a day of celebration and education.

Respectfully submitted,

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