

Purpose Statement: Church of the Province of Southern Africa Partnership Task Force (adopted 7/10/03)

The partnership facilitates ministry in the following areas:

- 1) Reflection by providing the opportunity for us in the Diocese of Washington to learn from the Church of the Province of Southern Africa (CPSA) new ways of enhancing our spirituality, advocating tolerance in addressing interracial and cultural tensions and differences, and by exploring ways for the church to take greater leadership in moral and spiritual issues.
- 2) Education by providing opportunities to be informed about mutually identified issues and needs in the Diocese of Washington and the CPSA (e.g., AIDS ministries, providing health care and administration of resources, women's issues, homeless persons, etc); by providing assistance in the areas of clergy, pastoral and lay training, stewardship, biblical scholarship; and assisting in the development of information technology.
- 3) Mutual local ministry by encouraging and supporting relationships seeking to expand and sustain channels of communication and mutual assistance, including: parish-to-parish and person-to-person partnerships; exchanges of internships and pilgrimages by youth and adults; and clergy and church organizations;
- 4) Advocacy by utilizing our location in the nation's capital to advocate with and on behalf of the people represented by the CPSA on policies made at corporate and governmental levels that have a direct impact on social and economic justice issues in the CPSA and in the developing world.

To do the above, the Partnership Task Force (Commission) functions as a networking and enabling committee for current and future work of parishes, organizations, and committees in the Diocese of Washington with the Church of the Province of Southern Africa.