



# Protocol Governing the Relationship between The Anglican Mission in the Americas and The Anglican Church in North America (ACNA)

Province of Rwanda House of Bishops

June 13, 2009

Entered into between the Anglican Church of Rwanda, the Anglican Mission in the Americas, and the Anglican Church in North America:

1. The Anglican Mission in the Americas is a founding member of the Anglican Church in North America and fully under its Constitution.
2. The Canons of the Anglican Church in North America apply to the Anglican Mission in the Americas, except in those matters addressed by the Anglican Mission's "Canonical Charter for Ministry", and therefore, articles such as Article 10, Section 5 of the Constitution of the Anglican Church in North America are not applicable to the Anglican Mission.
3. The Bishops and Clergy of the Anglican Mission in the Americas are under the license and discipline of the Anglican Church of Rwanda.
4. The Bishops of the Anglican Mission in the Americas are elected and consecrated in the Anglican Church of Rwanda. The names of the newly consecrated bishops are brought to the Council of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America to be welcomed and seated.
5. The Archbishop of Rwanda, on behalf of the Province, exercises principal responsibility for the Anglican Mission in the Americas through his Primatial Vicar. The Archbishop of the Anglican Church in North America exercises authority in all things relating to the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America, expressly limited by the canonical exceptions spelled out in numbers 2 and 3 above.
6. The Anglican Mission in the Americas agrees to a substantial financial commitment to the Anglican Church in North America.
7. The Anglican Mission in the Americas will be represented in the Provincial Assembly based on the ASA of its clusters.
8. The Anglican Mission in the Americas will be represented in the Provincial Council as if it were three dioceses (clusters or networks); the bishops, clergy and lay representatives being chosen by the leadership of the Anglican Mission in the Americas by whatever means this sub-provincial jurisdiction elects to use.
9. As with all congregations of the Anglican Church in North America, congregations of the Anglican Mission in the Americas are free to move from the Anglican Mission in the Americas to another diocese (cluster or network) with the mutual consent of the Anglican Mission bishop and the new bishop.
10. A declaration of full communion with the Anglican Church in North America has been (will be) made.
11. This protocol will be re-examined and re-negotiated in June 2010.\*



## Report from the Executive Committee of the Anglican Church in North America\*

February 25, 2010

In a regularly scheduled meeting of the Anglican Church in North America's Executive Committee, the leaders agreed among other things, to strengthen the relationship between the Anglican Mission, the Province of Rwanda and the Anglican Church in North America currently defined by protocol. As a result, the Executive Committee will appoint a Task Force charged with continuing to carry forward all components of the existing protocol formally and canonically. When the Task Force has completed its work, the group will report back to the Executive Committee, and the final recommendations will then be presented to the House of Bishops of the Province of Rwanda and the Provincial Council of the Anglican Church in North America. The canons of the Anglican Church in North America provide for a sub-provincial jurisdiction such as a missionary society, and the Executive Committee expressed a commitment to the Anglican Mission's role as a missionary society of Rwanda in full participation with the Anglican Church in North America.