

WHO WE ARE

The American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, founded in 2005, is a network of individuals, churches, dioceses, and other organizations that seeks to focus attention on the needs and priorities of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS) and enable American friends to assist the ECS in meeting the needs of the Sudanese people.



AFRECS works to advance peace and stability in Sudan, seeking to amplify the voices of Sudanese Christians and, through prayer, to catch the movement of the Holy Spirit in the churches in both of our countries.

AFRECS works to enhance communication and synergy among Episcopal dioceses, parishes, and other organizations working in relationship with dioceses in Sudan or seeking to do so. AFRECS also promotes and facilitates the development of new relationships between U.S. and Sudanese partners.

AFRECS advocates for public and private assistance to Sudan and, beginning in 2009, will advocate for peace in Sudan through intensified efforts to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement of 2005.

AFRECS is an organization of volunteers that relies on membership dues, donations, and grants to fund its operations. It is not a funding organization.

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OUR PURPOSE

To bear and respond to the voices of our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Church of Sudan, and to encourage and assist Episcopalians in the U.S. to do the same.

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... connecting hopes and gifts ...

WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT AFRECS

WHAT AFRECS DOES

HOW TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF AFRECS



Easter 2009

“AFRECS is a close and long-standing partner of the ECS in the United States, fulfilling an essential role of partner coordination, advocacy and networking on behalf of the Sudanese Church. It is a highly valued partner in our joint mission for Christ, and I pray that it may long continue, for His Glory in the U.S.A. and the Sudan.”

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop and Primate of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan



“Communication is an important aspect for all of us who are involved with assisting the ECS in their mission and ministry. AFRECS offers a needed vehicle through its excellent newsletter, “Sudan Connections” and by maintaining a listserv of the various partners in mission with Sudan.”

The Rt. Rev. Francis C. Gray, American Representative for the Episcopal Church of Sudan

✦ Fosters a network of people and organizations interested in assisting, and being in relationship with, our brothers and sisters in the Episcopal Church of Sudan (ECS); works to strengthen this network and enhance its effectiveness in responding to the needs of the people of Sudan.

✦ Provides information on relationships that now exist between U.S. partners – Episcopal parishes, dioceses and organizations – and Sudanese partners – dioceses and the Province of the ECS, and on the projects and activities undertaken through them; works to encourage the formation of new relationships between U.S. and Sudanese partners.

✦ Carries out advocacy work, in collaboration with other non-profits, on behalf of peace and justice in Sudan.



✦ Maintains an up-to-date website that provides timely information on the needs and concerns of the ECS and makes it available to a worldwide audience; includes on the website information on mission trips to Sudan, visits by Sudanese to the U.S., project proposals from ECS entities, and ways to support our friends in the ECS.

✦ Encourages visits to ECS dioceses and the provincial office in Sudan; provides information on travel logistics and the “how to’s” of initiating a visit.

✦ Offers conferences and symposia to inform AFRECS members and other interested parties on issues facing the church in Sudan.

✦ Publishes a newsletter focusing on developments in the ECS, cooperative endeavors between Episcopalians in the U.S. and Sudan, and AFRECS initiatives.

<i>Become a Member</i>	<i>Annual Dues</i>
Student or Resident Alien	\$20
Individual	\$50
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To become a member or to make a donation, please fill out the membership form and make your check payable to AFRECS. Please mail to: AFRECS, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304.

If you would like to volunteer to help or would like more information on the organization, please contact Mr. Richard Parkins at parkinscr@gmail.com or Ms. Susan Jones at info@afreecs.org.