



The church in Southern Sudan is probably the most rapidly growing church in the Anglican Communion and among the fastest growing churches in the world. As a result, the need for strong indigenous theological education has become acute. Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul has developed a holistic model of theological education, which includes Sustainable Agriculture and Community Health and Nutrition, along with traditional theological subjects.

Through the **Visiting Teachers Program**, jointly sponsored by Duke Divinity School (DDS) and Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), advanced students, graduates and faculty teach for periods of two to six weeks at one of the five theological colleges of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. The program aims to:

- Provide in-service education for faculty
- Strengthen the residential training program for seminarians
- Provide continuing education for clergy and lay leaders



Dr. Peter Morris, MD, a recent DDS graduate, has joined the teaching staff for short trips to work in the church-run health clinic at Renk. A pediatrician and Chief Medical Officer of Wake County, North Carolina, Morris identified **public health** priorities for the Diocese: midwives, inoculations, mosquito nets for pregnant women and young children, and basic nutrition, especially for children. He has begun to work with Bishop Joseph Garang Atem on clarifying and meeting those priorities.

Since 2006, Dr. Mary Eubanks of the Department of Biology, Duke University, has been working to cultivate **high-protein, drought resistant maize** that is adapted to the various growing conditions in Sudan. She has now delivered seed to Robin Denney, External Agricultural Consultant to the Episcopal Church of Sudan, so test plots maybe planted in Southern Sudan.

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