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## Covenant of Relationship

between

The Diocese of Renk, Episcopal Church of Sudan

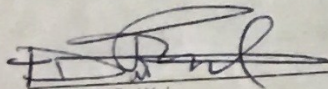
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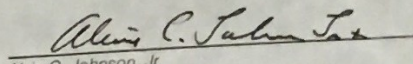
St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Diocese of Chicago, USA

HAVING BECOME acutely aware of the plight of our brothers and sisters in the Sudan, where Christians are being persecuted for their faith in Christ, and recognizing the promise we make through Baptism to strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being by serving Christ in all persons and loving our neighbors as ourselves, the people of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Diocese of Chicago, USA, desire to enter into a Covenant Relationship with the people of the Diocese of Renk, Episcopal Church of Sudan, in the Northern Upper Nile region. This Covenant Relationship will link the Parish and the Diocese:

- by sharing information and prayer concerns.
- by sending visiting teams from both sides to build trust and person-to-person relationships and to send mission teams to assist with needed projects.
- by aiding in development to assist the displaced community in the Diocese of Renk through funding.

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1998, the Rt. Rev. Daniel D. Bul Yak, Bishop of the diocese of Renk, Province of Sudan, and the Rev. Alvin C. Johnson, Jr., Rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Diocese of Chicago, USA, enter into a Covenant of Relationship on behalf of their people. Believing that we are called to be one in the Body of Jesus Christ and recognizing that the love of God and prayer are our common bonds, we thank Almighty God for bringing us together as brothers and sisters, and we jointly agree to the Covenant of Relationship as set forth above, to be reviewed annually.

  
Daniel D. Bul Yak  
Diocese of Renk

  
Alvin C. Johnson, Jr.  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1998