

## Common Cause Partners Plan for the Future

Representatives of nine Anglican entities in North America gathered for a second meeting of Common Cause Partners March 9-11, 2005 in Atlanta, Georgia. This partnership is committed to making common cause for the Gospel of Christ as well as for a united missionary-driven Anglicanism in the United States and Canada. Over the years ahead, Common Cause seeks to unite the entire Anglican orthodox diaspora in North America, as well as hundreds of thousands of new believers, into an umbrella organization in full relationship with the worldwide Anglican Communion.

In their meetings, the group discussed the Anglican Primates' 2005 Communiqué and its various ramifications. The leaders also authorized a task force to work on a protocol for joining the Common Cause Partnership and began plans for a national conference to be scheduled for later this year. In addition, they outlined an informational brochure that will describe the partners and their common commitments.

"Each Common Cause partner expressed a sense of call to provide leadership at this extraordinary moment in the history of the Christian Church and the Anglican Communion," said Bishop Robert Duncan, Moderator of the Anglican Communion Network and chair of the Common Cause Partnership. "We renewed our commitment to each other, deepened relationships and had meaningful discussions about the future of Anglicanism in North America. The actions of the Primates have given us all a significant sense of hope and encouragement."

Drawn together in spring of 2004, the nine Common Cause Partners are: the American Anglican Council, the Anglican Communion in Canada, the Anglican Mission in America, the Anglican Communion Network, the Anglican Province of America, the Canadian Essentials Federation, Forward in Faith North America, the Network in Canada and the Reformed Episcopal Church.

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