Episcopal Relief & Development Report

232nd Annual Convention, Diocese of Virginia

Episcopal Relief & Development partners with communities and organizations around the world to foster dignity and hope. Through a global network, Episcopal Relief & Development advances programs focused on early childhood development, women and girls, climate resilience, and disaster response. Co-created with trusted local leaders, each program provides sustainable solutions that strengthen communities. In 2025, 3.8 million people were reached in 49 countries working with 80 program partners.

As ministry partners, we aim to inspire, educate, and equip our communities across the Diocese about the work of Episcopal Relief & Development, thus joining Episcopal Relief & Development in our work together for lasting change around the world.

At the 231st Annual Convention, we developed and staffed a ministry booth to share about Episcopal Relief & Development's work. Convention participants stopped by to learn and share stories about their engagements and topics of common interest.

The Diocesan Ministry Partner Nancy Searby attended the 2026 National Ministry Partner Gathering held May 6-9, 2026 at St. Crispin's Conference Center & Camp in Waweka, OK. We were a group of 23 ministry partners from across the US Episcopal Church and eight people from the leadership of Episcopal Relief & Development, including President and CEO Rob Radtke. Program, staff, and priority updates were shared.

Given our large diocese, we have embarked on building a team of ministry partners working together at the regional level vs. individual congregation level. We currently have ministry partners from four regions. We are beginning to share about ways congregations can engage with Episcopal Relief & Development resources over the church year, and this will be the focus of our ministry table at this year's Annual Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

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