Global Mission Advocates Report
232nd Annual Convention, Diocese of Virginia

In response to General Convention resolution, A016 (2022), and its successor A085 (2024) both of which encouraged all dioceses, jurisdictions, and seminaries to appoint a Global Mission Advocate (GMA), the Diocese of Virginia appointed Diane Wright as our diocesan GMA in June 2023. Rev. Nancy Searby serves as a co-GMA. The purpose of a GMA is to help the church fully live out its global mission mandate.

Since then, the GMA team has exhibited at the Diocesan Annual Convention and offered workshops. Last year's workshop was co-hosted with Congregational Vitality and focused on storytelling around the theme "seeing God's love transform churches through global mission."

The GMA team has (i) hosted several online meet-ups for those in the Diocese with global partners in specific countries such as Tanzania, South Sudan and Haiti; (ii) offered quarterly global mission prayer services, where participants pray for global partners throughout the Anglican Communion; (iii) presented at local congregations on global mission and best practices for partnership; (iv) participated in monthly calls in the church-wide Global Missions Advocates Network sharing information and resources with other GMAs; and, (v) attended The Episcopal Church's "Companions in Mission" online meetings to stay current on church-wide global news. Monthly e-news and clergy communique contributions shared updates and resources related to global mission. In addition, the GMA team offered a four-week book study on the book *Going Global with God*, by Titus Presler.

This year, we are hosting a ministry booth at Annual Convention to share about global mission and learn where our congregations are engaged in God's global mission and sponsored a resolution encouraging all congregations to engage and share information about their companionships.

Respectfully submitted,

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