

1 **Resolution Bishop Peter D. Weaver Central Congo Partnership Renewal**

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3 Be it resolved that the 2003 Partnership agreement that established the Bishop
4 Peter D. Weaver Central Congo Partnership be renewed and refreshed in 2006
5 with the following goals established.

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7 Background information:

8 Partners: Central Congo Area & Peninsula-Delaware Annual Conferences

9 Current Bishops: David K. Yemba & Marcus Matthews

10 Partnership Goals: Established October 25-26, 2005 and recommended to the
11 2006 session of the Peninsula-Delaware AC and the 2006 session of the Annual
12 Conferences comprising the Central Congo Episcopal Area.

13 1. Establish a Conference Resource Center which shall empower and enable
14 the Central Congo Conferences pastors and local churches to be more
15 effective in ministering to their people.

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17 2. The Central Congo Conferences geographical areas are vast. This
18 Episcopal area covers 10 out of 11 Provinces in this country, an area almost
19 equal in size to the United States east of the Mississippi River. The
20 Episcopal area includes 4 annual and 2 provisional Conferences.
21 Communications between the Bishop and his Conferences; Districts and
22 Conference Offices; Conference Offices and local Churches; & local
23 Churches and their constituencies is erratic, unreliable, unstable and poor.
24 We need to develop a reliable and effective communications system for the
25 Conference Resource Center to satellite offices of the Annual Conferences.

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27 3. Youth and Young Adults are the future of our Church. The Partnership will
28 establish a new initiative involving this age group of both Episcopal Areas.
29 The initiative will include the development of VIM trips for cultural
30 understanding, fund raising for special youth projects, and work projects
31 which are mutually agreed upon by the youth and will enhance the work of
32 the Partnership.

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34 4. The Partnership will continue its support of the Orphanage and homeless
35 children. This support will include providing basic needs, resource materials,
36 facility upkeep and staff training and salary support.

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38 5. The Partnership will continue its support of the Mpsa Nutrition and Medical
39 Center. This support includes continuing supplement of the UMCOR
40 Feeding Grant, Medical VIM Teams and staff training and salary support.

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42 6. Increase the funding support of the scholarship established at Africa
43 University which will benefit students coming from the Central Congo Area
44 Conferences. After completing the endowed scholarship; an additional
45 annual scholarship will be provided by the Partnership.

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47 The need of our Partner Conferences is great, thus it is recommended that the
48 Peninsula-Delaware Conference increase it's giving for the support of this
49 Partnership a minimum of \$60,000. This is a goal we have exceeded each year
50 since our beginning. The opportunities for local churches to become more
51 involved with Partner Churches shall be more evident with the new goals. This
52 will solidify our fundraising.

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