



The Principles of PARTNERS IN MISSION

The Anglican Consultative Council, at its second meeting held in Dublin in 1973 adopted the principles of Partners in Mission so that Anglican churches could consult and share in God's mission within the larger communion. The following statement was adopted and *Partnership in Mission* was established:

The missionary task of the Church continues to be that of reconciling people to God, to each other and to the environment.

The oneness of the missionary task throughout the world has been emphasized in recent years in all parts of the Church.

The emergence everywhere of autonomous churches in independent nations has challenged our inherited ideas of mission as a movement from "Christendom" in the West to the "non-Christian" world. In its place has come the conviction that there is but one mission in all the world, and that this one mission is shared by the world-wide Christian community.

The responsibility for mission in any place belongs primarily in that place. However, the universality of the gospel and the oneness of God's mission mean also that this mission must be shared in each and every place with fellow Christians from each and every part of the world with their distinctive insights and contributions.

If we once acted as though there were only givers who had nothing to receive and receivers who had nothing to give, the oneness of the missionary task must now make us all both givers and receivers.