

**Partnership Covenant
between
the Diocese of Lichfield in the Church of England
and
the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany**

(1) We, the Diocese of Lichfield in the Church of England and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Northern Germany, affirm our fellowship in the Gospel and give thanks to God for the blessings of partnership already enjoyed. We declare our readiness to continue working together within the framework of the Meissen Common Statement.

(2) Notwithstanding our different traditions and circumstances, we, as members of the worldwide Church, commit to serving one another in obedience to the call of Jesus Christ and believing that the Holy Spirit is our guide. Our relationship is mutual, both sides giving and receiving as sisters and brothers in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church.

(3) We each participate in God's mission to the world and work together as partners in witness and service.

(4) Tangible expressions of this partnership will be found primarily

- in praying for one another.
- in nurturing the historic relationship between Lichfield and Mecklenburg in particular.
- in sharing information, insights and concerns at all levels to our mutual enrichment.
- in facilitating and encouraging friendships and exchanges between individuals, groups and parishes. This may include invitations to ordinations, synods, conferences and celebrations.
- in enabling exchanges between members, ordained and lay, to share in the fullness of the life of the partner.
- in working together for justice, peace and reconciliation throughout creation.
- in working for reconciliation, especially in the four years 2014-2018 whilst commemorating the period of the First World War.

(5) This covenant shall be reviewed in 5 years.

(6) Encouraged by the Meissen Common Statement, we pray for a deepening of our partnership and fellowship as a step on the way to full visible unity.

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For the Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Northern Germany

For the Diocese of Lichfield
in the Church of England



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