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The Episcopal Church in the old Diocese of South Florida was slow to respond when in 1963, the Anglican Communion officially changed its concept of mission from a colonial perspective to one of, “Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence in the Body of Christ,” and proposed that dioceses in the “First World” and the “Third World” become partners in spreading the Good News.

The Diocese of South Florida responded by sending aid to a missionary priest in Honduras, Fr. Saxon Wolfe, but it wasn’t until 1973 that the new Diocese of Central Florida, at the urging of Fr. Wolfe, formally moved to embrace the Diocese of Honduras as its partner.

A few people became interested and traveled to Honduras to look around, but general response from the diocese was slow. In September 1974 all was changed, changed utterly when Hurricane Fifi struck Honduras with a fury and intensity unsurpassed in modern history. Massive trees and boulders crashed down mountainsides crushing whole villages. Raging waters tore out bridges and smashed roads. More than 20,000 people died; crops, homes, industries, livelihoods were wiped out.

The three small Episcopal churches were battered. Before the winds had died down, Central Florida people began to bring relief supplies into the Cathedral in Orlando. Clothing, food, tools, medicines, building sup-

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plies were piled to the ceiling in the Great Hall. Teamster Union volunteers trucked the supplies to ports where they were shipped to Honduras free of charge by the Standard Fruit Company. A pilot from Maitland flew his own plane on a mercy mission. Doctors, nurses, and construction workers followed.

Central Florida’s Bishop William Folwell went to work in Honduras with Episcopal clergy there – at times literally digging away the mud and despair. Most of the money sent to repair homes, churches and schools came from the churches and people of Central Florida. It was the beginning of a remarkable friendship that has lasted longer and been more successful than any other mutually responsible and interdependent partnership in the Episcopal Church.

Floridians and Hondurans working in desperate circumstances found that together they could perform miracles. Honduras needed miracles. It was the second-poorest country in the Western Hemisphere (only Haiti is poorer) with few resources, a long history of exploitation, people suffering from the pain and despair that widespread poverty brings. Originally a part of the Church of England, the Honduran Church had been transferred to the Episcopal Church and placed successively under the care of the Bishop of the Caribbean and then of the Bishop of Guatemala. ● STORY ON P. 4

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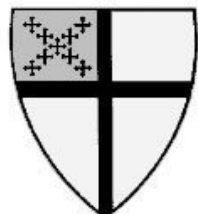


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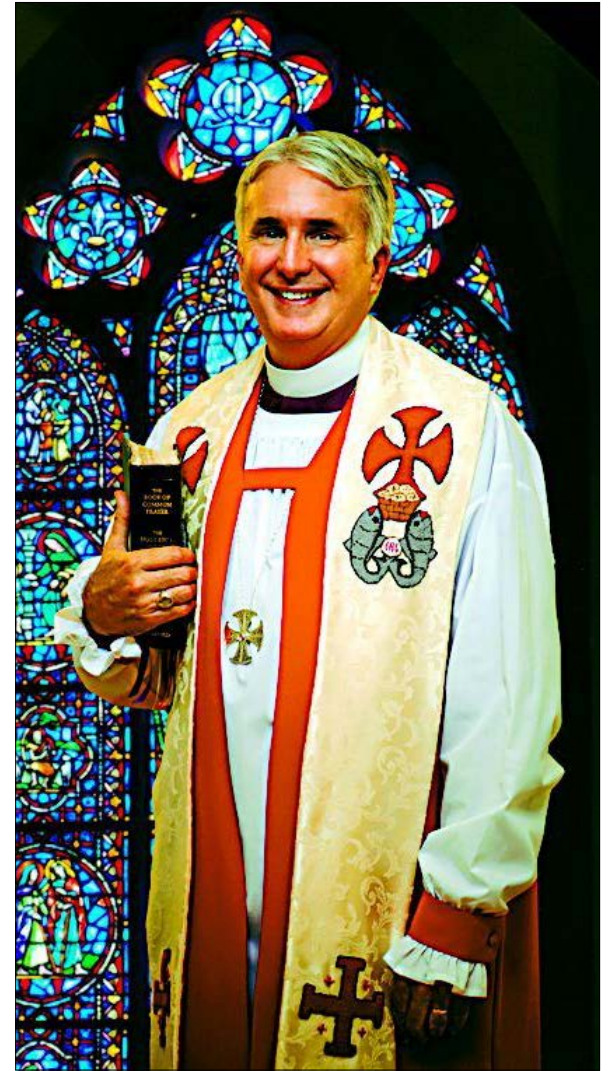
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A THANKSGIVING LETTER TO YOU for our brothers and sisters in Christ in *Honduras*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For nearly four decades the Diocese of Central Florida's companion relationship with the Diocese of Honduras has helped Episcopalians in both countries do the work that Jesus summons us to perform.

Laura Lee and I saw first-hand the abundant faith and works by our companion diocese on our visit there in May, at the invitation of the Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras. We were honored to have learned and served at Honduran congregations and church organizations, including a "packed house" at Iglesia Espiritu Santo, Copan. We saw real discipleship at work, and many deeply dedicated servant leaders.

Historically, each year the churches in the Diocese of Central Florida earmark their Thanksgiving Offering to be used for mission in the Diocese of Honduras.

This year the Honduras Commission has determined that the most pressing need is at Cristo Rey, Danli. The church is in need of basic electrical work and flooring.

We have the opportunity to demonstrate our thankfulness to God for all He has provided by sharing His blessing and provision for us with our dear friends in our companion diocese.

While Bishop Lloyd Allen wants the Church in Honduras to become self-sustaining, he acknowledges that there are times when funding for such projects is a necessity.

In this time of Thanksgiving, let's put together a "Thanksgiving Basket" for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Honduras.

Grace to you,
Gregory O. Brewer Bishop

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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Honduras Workers

As the country came slowly to life after Hurricane Fifi., Honduras' first bishop, Hugo Pina- Lopez, was consecrated in 1978. Bishop Folwell of Central Florida was one of his co-consecrators. A delegation of Central Florida Episcopalians attended the consecration and discovered Honduras and its people. Their hearts were strangely moved. Bishop Pina inherited five small congregations (English churches established by fruit companies for their West Indian workers) and four priests, only one of them a native Honduran.

The bishop set out to carry the church - en español - deeper into city slums and mountain villages to thousands who had not seen a priest or heard the Word of God for many years. His transportation was primitive, but by 1983 when illness forced him to retire, there were 24 churches in his diocese. Leo Frade, the second Bishop of Honduras, elected in 1983, had once been a priest in the Diocese of Central Florida and had strong ties to this diocese. He pressed on in Bishop Pina's footsteps. "Bishop Pina was a great planter of churches," he said. "Now it is my task to nurse them and teach them to walk by themselves until they can control their lives."

Bishop Frade's goal, to which he succeeded, was to establish native clergy in his diocese - "Honduran priests for their Honduran people." In 2000 when he became Bishop of Southeast Florida, he left in Honduras 81 Episcopal churches and just under 50 ordained priests and deacons, seven of them women. The second-poorest country in the Western Hemisphere became the fastest growing diocese in the Anglican Communion.

“Floridians and Hondurans working in desperate circumstances found that together they could perform miracles.”

Bishop Lloyd Allen

Bishop Allen stated that when he was consecrated as the first native Honduran bishop in 2001, the support level of his diocese by the larger church was at 98%. In 2013, the support level has dropped to 48%.

Allen's remarks to council focused on a new role that he envisions the church to play in the development of Honduras, using the saying, "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime," as a basis for his remarks.

The bishop's desire is for ministry to develop within Honduras that teaches the people skills so that they may become self-sufficient. Allen presented Bishop Gray with a hand stitched piece-work that parishioners in his diocese learned to create through a micro-financing program. The artistry is now being sold by those who create it, giving the people a new source of income.

"Walking this diocese away from a legacy of dependency to depending on God with an interdependency on each other is our goal. We ask you a favor, teach us to fish. We need to learn to feed ourselves," said Allen.

Allen's goal is for the Diocese of Honduras to become self-sufficient by the year 2019. Achieving this aim is being facilitated by a new staff member, the Very Rev. Lura M. Kaval, whom Allen has called as the diocese's canon for development.

Bishop Allen also addressed news stories regarding violence in his country. "I am here to assure you that a level of violence is a reality in Honduras, but Honduras is not the only country where security is an issue. When you go to Mardi-Gras in New Orleans, you go to one of the most violent cities in your nation."

The bishop also gave his thanks for the volunteers who have for decades come to his diocese to provide medical care for the people whose lives have continued to improve physically through generations.

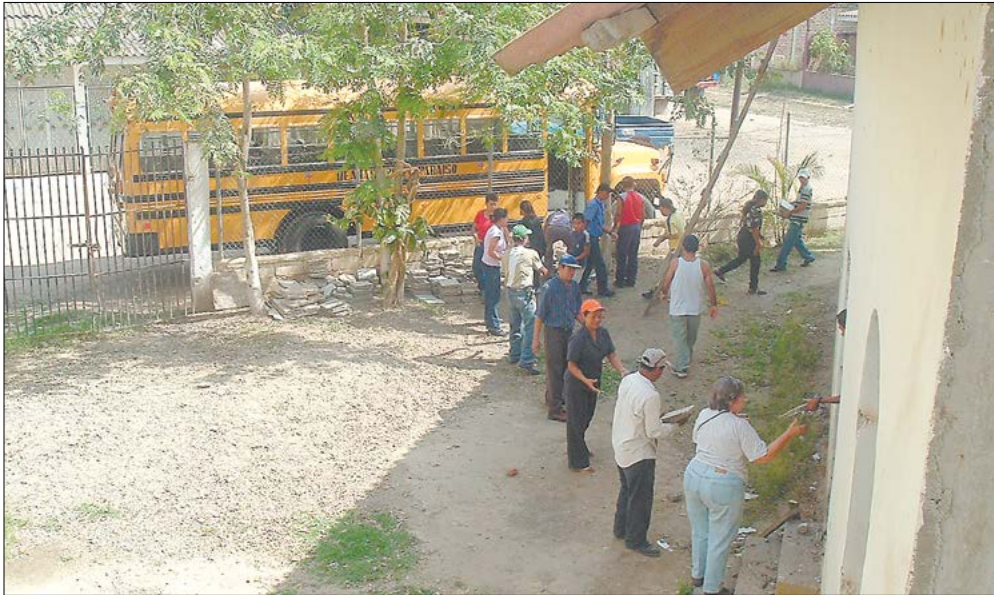
As for the bishop's goals for ministry in his native land, Allen tells partners to think in terms of development. "Do not create dependence with a Santa Claus mission. Come to us with a willingness to change the paradigm."

To learn more about ministry opportunities in Honduras, log on to the new website www.EpiscopalDioceseofHonduras.org. ■

Scott Lenoir, Diocese of Mississippi, contributed to this report.



John Millonig, a member of St. Peter's, Lake Mary, has been a driving force in his church's "adoption" of Quince de Enero, a mountain village in Honduras. The group from St. Peter's has brought fresh water and a showcase medical/dental clinic to the village. Clinic organizers are hoping to arrange permanent, full-time staffing by Honduran doctors and dentists.





Photos:
Top Left: Honduras Worker
Top Right: Scenery of Honduras
Bottom Left: School in Honduras
Bottom Right: Toddler



HONDURAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY A MULTI-YEAR PLAN

By The Rev. Canon Lura M. Kaval

In the 2019 process of Self-sufficiency we are currently working on the following top priorities:

1. Refinancing the diocesan debt through the Episcopal Church Building Fund from 17% to close to 7%.
2. Supporting our schools: A. The Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS) is working to accredit our five bi-lingual schools.
 - St. Mary's school in Tegucigalpa lost part of its roof in May 2013 and we have not been able to repair it.
 - St. John's in Siguatepeque has grown to the 4th grade and we have no more classrooms for the 5th grade.

We have a building project started to increase the number of classrooms to accommodate up to the 11th grade

3. Enhancing our diocesan infrastructure A. making sure our clergy are receiving a living wage, (see clergy partnership program brochure on pages 8 and 9).
 - Financial policies and procedures - including establishing a clergy manual.
 - Personnel placement and organizational structure - new organizational chart and job descriptions.



Honduras Scenery

been working on the business plan to develop a full service operation that will encompass travel - supporting the ground travel needs of the teams, and services - providing hotel, meal, recreation, and monetary transfer support to the construction, medical, Vacation Bible Study short-term mission teams that come to Honduras. We are also looking at developing a travel service for people to come to Honduras to explore the country's beauty and the richness of the people and culture.

Rick has been very active with the teams coming from the US. We will publish a Diocese of Honduras 2019 Team Handbook in 2014. Canon Kathleen Pennybacker was invaluable in the creation of that document.

Honduras Hope has changed its name to Honduras Development Network and is in the process of transformation. Bishop Brewer and Bishop Little (N. Indiana) are now members of the board. Attached are some of their documentation, if that is of interest.

I think the greatest change for our ministry partners maybe that although we want to support the "construction" work teams who have been so invaluable to us, we really need some "intellectual" work teams to partner with us right now. For example, former Senior and Junior Wardens, treasurers, business people, entrepreneurs, and educators could be of great assistance to us as we work with our schools and churches on internal organization and infrastructure.

"Come and See the NEW Honduras" any time. You will be warmly welcomed.■



Episco Tours

Rick Harlow is project manager for the diocese and Director of "Episco Tours"

One of my project is exploring the opportunity to build the current "EpiscoTours" into the future "Episco Travel and Services." I have

AROUND THE DIOCESE

**There are 156 missions
in the Diocese of
Honduras and
48 priests**

The new Clergy Partnership Program (CPP) is designed to engage clergy in North America with clergy in the Diocese of Honduras as we work toward financial self-sustainability and congregational development.

These partnerships will be based on the sharing of time, talent, treasure and mutual support for ministry activities with a focus on Spiritual and personal growth.



Clergy Partnership Program



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**The Episcopal Diocese
of Honduras**



the clergy challenge

In the past decade The Episcopal Church of Honduras has experienced impressive growth.

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2012</u>
Honduran priests	24	48
Honduran deacons	4	16
Missions	87	156
Active Episcopalians in the Diocese of Honduras	27,000	65,000
Missions striving to pay % of clergy salaries	0	13

Things must change

The Rt. Rev. Lloyd Allen

- In 2002 Honduras received 98% of its funding for clergy salaries from the National Episcopal Church.
- In 2012 The National Church only provided 51% of the funding needed for clergy salaries
- The Diocese of Honduras has a **deficit budget for clergy salaries**
- Missions in the diocese are striving to become financially self-sustaining to support their clergy. Stewardship of time, talent and treasure is being taught in our schools and our missions
- However there is also a need for the Clergy Partnership Program

The CPP will examine the challenges in both countries of stewardship education, congregational development, Spiritual renewal and clergy care. These relationships can develop through email, Skype or in person.

We are also asking the North American clergy to provide a three year financial commitment, to their Honduran partner as we make this transition to a diocesan wide financial self-sustainability mandate. The contribution in 2013=\$300 a month, in 2014=\$200 a month and in 2015=\$100 a month all of which would go **toward clergy salaries.**

The clergy of Honduras make less than \$8000 a year. Please help us, help ourselves by being a Clergy Partner. For we can do so much more working together, than can we can apart.



Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

THE RT. REV. LLOYD EMMANUEL ALLEN

BISHOP ALLEN RESPONDS TO THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF CRIME IN Honduras

BY THE RT. REV.
LLOYD EMMANUEL ALLEN

San Pedro Sula, Honduras—Each year the Diocese of Honduras is blessed with visitors from around the world. They come to Honduras to work side-by-side, in partnership with us, to do God's mission in the world. Therefore, I want to address some of the negative publicity in the last ten months specifically about the crime rate in Honduras.

The present day media all over the world loves to focus on the horrible, terrible incidents in any country. Honduras, like many other countries has a problem with crime. As bishop I have to travel a great deal. People ask me if it is safe to go to the movies when they go to the US. I have been in other countries people ask if it is safe to travel to the US, because it is a dangerous country.

If you visit the US State Department web page you will see statements like this:
http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1135.html

Tens of thousands of U.S. citizens safely visit Honduras each year for study, tourism, business, and volunteer work. However, crime and violence are serious problems throughout the country. U.S. citizens do not appear to be targeted based on their nationality. Resort areas and tourist destinations generally have lower levels of crime and violence than other areas of the country. Moreover, tourists traveling with group tours only rarely report criminal incidents.

I have worked with short-term mission teams and other organizations coming to Honduras for the past 17 years as a priest in the capital city of Tegucigalpa and also in the past eleven years as the bishop of this di-

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ocese. In those past 28 years we have never had an incident regarding the safety of any team coming to visit The Diocese of Honduras.

There are safety issues that any teams face wherever they travel, whether in the US or abroad. Please know that your safety is our #1 PRIORITY in The Diocese of Honduras. We will prayerfully suggest transportation, housing, food establishments and safest areas in which your teams will work! Good team training and adherence to team guidelines, along with abiding by the advice of the people you visit will produce a good and safe trip.

It is important to realize that no matter where you are, everyday our lives are at risk. As Christians, we cannot live in fear!! Yes, we should exert good judgment about where we



live, and the places, we visit, and the things we do.

If you have any further question please contact me at any time, and you may also contact our new diocesan Project Manager, Mr. Rick Harlow who will oversee the coordination of the work teams.

Come and see, what God is doing in the Diocese of Honduras. Come be our guests, we see you as family. Come back and share in our lives, we want to share in yours.

Finally, Do not live in fear but be obedient to what God asks of you.■

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History of the Missionary Diocese of Honduras

By Bishop Lloyd Allen



Honduras Chapel

A blessed Good Day to all,

It is good to be here with you all today as we will intent to share with you a bit of the history of our diocese in relation to the fact that for over a 150 years of Anglican presence in Honduras, the missionary diocese of Honduras was establish on the principle of Dependency.

Anglican presence in Honduras dates back to 1639 when history tells us that the first Anglican Church on Honduran soil was establish by British missionaries. However it was a chaplaincy. In 1861 The Honduran government recognized the Anglican Church as an official Church. Therefore between 1861 and 1974 everything was done in English. There were four basic congregations in La Ceiba, Tela, Puerto Cortes, San Pedro Sula and Te-

gucigalpa all with the purpose of caring pastorally for executives of United fruit Company and the Caribbean works brought in the Caribbean to build the railroad for United FRUIT Company.

1974 Our First resident Bishop was elected the church began to change because Bishop Hugo vision was to administer in the vernacular of the country at the end of his term there were Spanish services and the church had grown to 22 congregation with one Honduran priest and 12 foreign other priests. Leo Frade was elected as out Second resident bishop, he ordained to first 6 Honduras deacons plus 24 foreign priests he served the diocese for 17 tears when he left in 2000 there were 87 congregations.

I was elected in 2001 in 05 I ordained 20 deacon in two days we double to number of

clergy and the number of churches. Today as I share with you there are 156 churches throughout the diocese. However all these year the diocese has operated as a dependent missionary diocese with 98% of the financial support coming from overseas. A year after my enthronement I wrote my first diocesan strategic planning in the life of the diocese and I started to talk to the diocese of moving away from the legacy of dependency. Today we are generating 48% of the diocesan budget. Reorganizing the diocesan structure and calling the clergy to become transparent which would lead us into becoming people of Integrity. As I would strive for the diocese to be responsible stewards of God's bounty.

The response to the self sufficiency factor would be made with the help of micro-enterprise, or Micro-finance. If every congregation with the help of the diocese could establish a micro-program of some sort which would generate income and provide employment for the local church people.

In order to do so with the help of a consultant and the diocesan staff; we came up with **SIX STEPS** which are by no means exhaustive and complete, plus they are not written on Stone.

1. MAKE A STRONG COMMITMENT TO BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT

It is of the highest importance that the determination to move toward self-sufficiency be bathed in prayer and accepted with very deep sense of COMMITMENT. Because for many it will come across as a good idea that will never come to fruition. With that sort of thinking the seeds of failure will have already been sown. On the othe hand when you leaders are convince that it can be done and plead with the Holy Spirit for guidance and direction, then progress toward to goal can be made, even though there will be setbacks along the way.

2. GETTING THE WHOLE TEAM ON BOARD

Getting the entire team on the right track with the concept of self-sufficiency is very important. If some of your staff or board members are allowed to go their own way or not to share the same vision, they will function as spoilers of the process for the success of the efforts.

3. LOOK FOR WAYS TO REDUCE EXPENSES

There are two ways to balance a budget. One, is to increase income and the other is to cut expenses. We have done in every direction. reducing the diocesan staff within the different programs. and, there are many other ways to cut expenses. some things which are possible with subsidy will have to be eliminated without it.

4. FIND WAYS TO INCREASE LOCAL INCOME

Cutting Expenses is only one way forward. Increasing local income is equally important. Progress in this will come when local supporters learn that your organization (church) wants to become locally own and operated. Like members of the clergy local supporters needs to be brought into the picture. some of these will be local board members who needs



Honduras house project workers

to become seriously involved in the process. However, those who still consider outside subsidy must be willing to change their ways of thinking or simply get out of the way, these may be lay or clergy. You cannot have or allow stumbling blocks to hinder the process.

5. PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL PLAN

If a successful transition is to be made, a useful exercise would be to get away for a few days to pray about the mission and the ministry of your diocese to write a strategic organizational and financial plan, which may have several key elements:

- It will need to begin with your vision for the ministry. this needs to be spelled out with great detail at the beginning. It needs to show in what direction the organization will be headed.
- It needs to show the current status of the organization (church) and why you think it needs to make this move to self reliance. Describe the state of dependency graphically. then show the future as a joyful alternative under the full leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Let your plan show the step by step process you will follow to attain your goal. Principles as well as practical needs to be included

6. MOTIVATE PRAYER AND LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

Every member must be able to surround him/herself with a small group of committed couples or individuals who will pray regularly for the success of your ministry and your process. these could do more than pray, they can provide encouragement, and they must become strong advocates for your ministry and the process of self-sufficiency. There is no more important way for your team members to strengthen their foundation than to develop strong local prayer support. through them God can raise or move the heart of others to whom he has given to resources which your organization needs to move through the process of self-sufficiency.

With this I will now turn the baton over to the Revd. Connie Sanchez who works with the Micro-finance programs to empower communities and individuals on the road to self sufficiency.

Well Mother Spice, I have added a lot to it therefore take what you need to take out and place a few pictures if needed and let me know what you think.■

In His Grace.
YOUR BISHOP AND FRIEND
BP. ALLEN

OUT OF A TERRIBLE DISASTER, COLLABORATION

By The Rt. Rev. William H. Folwell Retired Bishop of Central Florida



“...It was from this beginning that the two dioceses working together began to experience what God could do in a truly collaborative effort.”

It is certainly heartwarming to know of the remarkable growth of the church in Honduras, and the part Central Florida has played in that growth. I wish to add some information about the beginning of that relationship regarding the contribution made by the ministry of the Rt. Rev. Anselmo Carral-Solar who died several years ago.

The relationship came about as a result of conversations between the bishops and deputies from Central Florida and Honduras during the General Convention of 1973 in Louisville, KY. Central Florida and Honduras became companions officially in 1974. At that time the Rt. Rev. Anselmo Carral-Solar was Bishop of Guatemala, with oversight of the work in Honduras. Bishop Carral-Solar was a tireless worker with a passion for strengthening the ministry in Honduras to the point that there would be a full-time bishop there.

That hope was realized when Bishop Pina-Lopez was consecrated in 1978, the first resident Bishop of Honduras. He too was (is) a tireless worker, a great evangelist and missionary. It was a privilege for me to have worked

with both these men. At the time the relationship began there were only four congregations in Honduras: Tegucigalpa, La Ceiba, Puerto Cortez and Tela. The churches in La Ceiba and Puerto Cortez had day schools as well.

There was one clinic that was really a makeshift building managed by a man whose training was limited, but whose devotion was limitless. I think there was only one Honduran priest, two from the United States and one who was Dutch. In talking with the deputies at the 1973 Convention it was obvious they were not at all hopeful, nevertheless insisted it was worth trying. They did not want to see the work abandoned. They pledged to work with Central Florida if we would become their companion diocese. We agreed to ask the convention of the diocese for that commitment, which was gladly given. Before Bishop Carral-Solar began his ministry there, Bishop Swift, who at that time was bishop in charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe was asked to evaluate whether ECU-SA should continue to support the work in Honduras.

After spending several months there his assessment was that we should give it one more try. Shortly after that Bishop Carral-Solar began his oversight of the Church in Honduras. Hurricane Fifi in 1974 did an enormous amount of damage. I visited the country with Bishop Carral-Solar shortly after the hurricane. Some 30,000 people were killed, mostly from drowning. The area from the sea to the mountains, approximately one mile, is lowland and flat.

The sides of the mountains were full of huge Ceiba trees, growing in soil that was mostly clay. When the torrents hit, the clay gave way and the trees came roaring down the mountains into the villages along the coast. Most of the bridges were destroyed. I saw one two-story building that was so full of mud that the second story was the new first floor! Central Florida sent an enormous amount of food, clothing and blankets for relief. Money was also sent in abundance. Since that time the Thanksgiving Offering each year has been designated for Honduras. It was from this beginning that the two dioceses working together began to experience what God could do in a truly collaborative effort. ■

THE RT. REV. HUGO PINA-LOPEZ FIRST BISHOP OF HONDURAS

When Bishop Hugo Pina-Lopez visited Honduras before his retirement in 2001, and the trip evoked mixed emotions. On one hand was the persistent poverty and personal losses suffered by residents. On the other, there is a growing and energized Church, enjoying its mission work. “For me, it was a great thing to see the progress in the growth of the Church,” he said. The Diocese of Honduras operates dozens of missions and preaching stations, compared with five congregations in 1984, Bishop Pina-Lopez said. Several more are ready to open.

The Honduras diocese has a strong program for deacons and lay preachers, he said. On his visit, Bishop Pina-Lopez felt energized by villagers’ enthusiasm for worship. The trip reminded him of his early days visiting far-flung villages “pioneer style” — by horse, mule and foot, sleeping in schools, stables or on the trail. “In Paraiso, they have a musical gift,” he said. “When I used to visit, we would all stay singing until morning. Today, the children of those people I knew are celebrating with the same music, the same spirit. It was like seeing the seed that we planted becoming fruit.”

In the old days, evangelization treks into the mountains of Honduras would take Bishop Pina-Lopez to places where the people had never heard the word of God. Now, worship services would draw attendees from miles around. “We had a confirmation in one village, and the whole congregation from a neighboring village came to celebrate,” he said. “More than 170 people walked for hours on mountain roads. The service lasted for hours, filled with joy and singing and visiting with each other.”

Bishop Pina-Lopez was born Nov. 3, 1938 in Cuba where he was raised and ordained deacon in 1964, priest in 1964. He and his wife Minerva (Minnie) were married in Cuba in 1965. They have three adult children all now living in the United States.



Bishop Hugo Pina-Lopez traveled to Honduras in December 2002 to attend a clergy gathering and talk with clergy and lay leaders of the Diocese of Honduras. “My overall impression is that the Holy Spirit still is very much at work and our Diocese there has pretty much joined the great movement initiated by the Holy Spirit in Central America thirty years ago,” he said.

Bishop Pina discussed matters facing the Diocese of Honduras, and how the Honduras Commission of the Diocese of Central Florida might help.

“When I used to visit, we would all stay singing until morning.”

Bishop Hugo came to the United States 1968. He became the Assistant Rector at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Miami from 1968-73 and then Rector at St. Simon Episcopal Church in Miami from 1973-75. In 1975 Bishop Hugo accepted a called to become Rector at St. Peter in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. In 1978 he was consecrated Bishop of

Honduras. He and his family came back to the United States in 1984 to be the Associate Rector at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in Bellaire, Texas and Hispanic Missioner of the Diocese of Oklahoma in 1987-91.

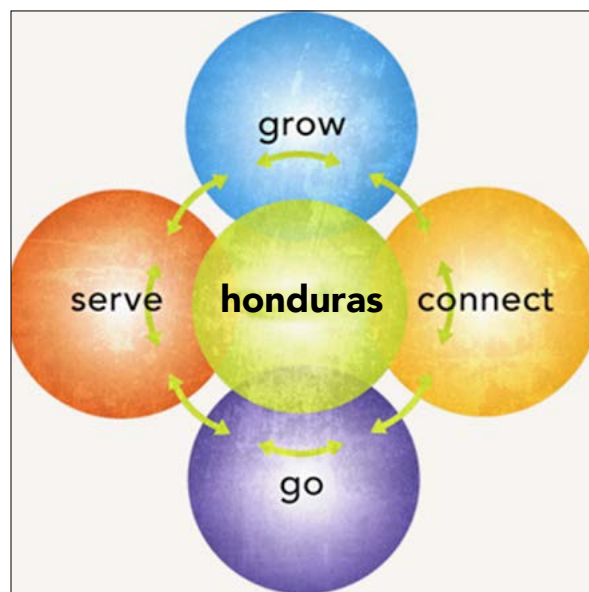
Before being named assistant bishop in Central Florida, he was the rector at Church of the Redeemer in Avon Park from 1991-1995. On September 1, 1995 he became the Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Central Florida. One of his main assignments was to help implement a ministry of outreach and inclusion among the various Hispanic communities in Central Florida. He also was the diocesan liaison for the Cursillo Commission and Hispanic Cursillo. Bishop Hugo has an active interest in prison ministry and in Kairos, the Winter Park-based prison ministry.■

AROUND THE DIOCESE

IN 2013 WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE TOWARD SELF-SUFFICIENTLY IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS

1. Visited all ten deaneries and heard from lay and clergy about self-sufficiency.
2. Some clergy unwilling to participate in 2019 goals have left.
3. Established 2019 deanery committees.
4. Established a 2019 executive committee.
5. Held a Deanery retreat focusing on the 2019 self-sufficiency goals.
6. Established the 5 marks of mission as goals toward self-sufficiency and the conventions themes for the next 5 years:
 - 2014 To Respond to the human need by loving service.
 - 2015 To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation.
 - 2016 To Teach and baptize new believers.
 - 2017 To seek to transform the unjust.
 - 2018 To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom.
7. Planning Stewardship training for clergy conference April 28-March 2, 2014 with Dr. Gary Hoag.
8. Started discussions with people about a diocesan endowment.
9. Working toward having our schools accredited by SAIS and being self-sufficient.
10. Identifying all diocesan resources, people, schools, clinics, churches, property.
11. Expanded the board of directors of The Honduras Development Network to include Hondurans and Companion Bishops.
12. Perusing grant opportunities.
13. Parochial Report Conference January 9-12, 2014 were all clergy and church will participate.
14. Planning for ordinations during Easter season 2014.
15. Ignited a new found passion for cleaning up the trash.■

Honduras Development Network



The Honduras Development Network exists to encourage and support the Episcopal Diocese of Honduras to be a faithful to the Good News of Jesus Christ, as she bears witness to the people of Honduras and the world.

The vision of Honduras Development Network is to encourage and support the Epis-

copal Diocese of Honduras in becoming spiritually vibrant, economically self-sufficient, and socially just and environmentally responsible.

We do this by:

- Developing, Encouraging and Facilitating, partnerships between the North American and Honduran churches.
- Supporting the operations of the Diocese of Honduras as it moves to self-sufficiency
- Funding local church initiatives that support the long-range vision of the diocese.
- Identifying and Networking gifts and needs of both NA and HN to fulfill God's mission in Honduras.

CLERGY PLAN COLLOQUIA - CLERGY TO CLERGY

Lenten Clergy Pilgrimage – social justice, woman issues,
\$ 5,000.00 per year or it would be a 5 - year plan each year decreasing by \$ 1,000.00
Year one \$5000
Year two \$4000

Year three \$3000
Year four \$2000
Year five \$1000

- Monthly communication – Skype, Email, Phone
 - Yearly video conference-possibly set up at clergy conference
 - Yearly visit to either the US or to Honduras
- To participate Honduran Clergy must:
- Must have parish working toward self-sustainability
 - Clergy must tithe or be a % working toward tithe
 - Must write their story
 - Convey what they hope to give and hope to get.

Clergy Exchange program US clergy who are interested in creating Latino ministries in their churches

- 1-4 months of experience with a Honduran clergy
- Language training
- Cross-cultural training.■

PROGRAMS TO BETTER HONDURAS



Invites Diocesan Clergy & Laity

Honduras Mission Experience
March 10—15, 2014

This unique opportunity will provide teaching, training and equipping in mission work while seeing first hand life in Honduras

Honduras Commission Co-Chair,
Father Comforted Keen will lead
this trip in conjunction with
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Central Florida Honduras Commission

TEACH

Teaching parishes the value of short-term missions, by networking and the shared experiences of parishes involved in Honduras mission work, especially parish to parish relationships.



Women sorting used clothing for resale

TRAIN

Train parishes in the skills of cross cultural short-term missions through workshops using training materials produced by SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) and introducing ABCD, Asset Based Community Development.



Discipling men of Honduras to deepen their Christian faith

EQUIP

Equip parishes to proclaim the Gospel through short-term missions, by providing necessary information, tools and contacts to establish mission work in Honduras.



Serving in the Diocese of Honduras since 1973

Today, through the visionary initiatives of Bishop Allen, Bishop of Honduras, encouraged and supported by Bishop Gregory Brewer, Bishop of Diocese of Central Florida, diocesan parishes are building parish to parish relationships through short-term missions.



Contact us to find out how
you can be a part of this
ministry by ...

- Joining an existing short term mission team
- Leading your parish to form a relationship with a companion Honduran parish
- Receive training, mentoring and networking for ministry in Honduras.
- Becoming a prayer partner to support the existing ministries and programs in Honduras
- Financially supporting the efforts of parishes with existing Honduran relationships

*Join us as we spread
the Good News of God
in Jesus Christ!*

*Commission Members
are available to bring
presentation to
your local church.*



VISION: To enable and support the relationship of mission and ministry between the Diocese of Central Florida and the Diocese of Honduras.

MISSION: The Honduras Commission of the Diocese of Central Florida exists to promote mutual ministry in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to lend support and encouragement to the Diocese of Honduras, especially through the development of parish to parish relationships and short-term mission teams.

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Honduras Commission
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3rd Thursday each month
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Deacon Kathy Pennybacker, Canon for Honduras

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Building Relationships
One Parish at a Time,
One Person at a Time



**Episcopal
Church
Cristo Rey,
Danli,
Honduras**

The Diocese of Central Florida's Annual **T**HANKSGIVING **H**ONDURAS Offering

In 2008, five years ago, the Diocese of Central Florida's Annual Thanksgiving Honduras Offering was given to help with the rebuilding of Cristo Rey (Christ the King) a church in Danli, the largest town in eastern Honduras about 56 miles from Tegucigalpa, the Honduran capital.

Today Cristo Rey remains unfinished, needing a floor and electricity. In our American mindset we have a hard time understanding how a project like the building of a church could possibly take so long!

In Honduras however, a culture that moves at a different pace, this can be the norm. They simply do what they can, when they can with what they have. In fact, for those that have made mission trips to Honduras one of the main "take-aways" is to come back to the States with a new understanding that we really could slow down, take time for each other, enjoy relationships, and give God opportunity to work in our lives.

In order to complete the rebuilding of the church Cristo Rey needs \$2,300 for the electrical work and \$3,250 to put down a simple tile floor. That doesn't seem like much to us, even in a downward economy, but for Hondurans to raise that kind of money is an insurmountable task. To put it into perspective for you, the electrical materials are \$1,840, while the labor for the electrician is \$490; the tile materials are \$2359, while the labor is \$880. The cost is the U.S. would be so much more!

While Bishop Lloyd Allen, Bishop of Honduras, wants the Church in Honduras to become self-sustaining, he acknowledges that funding for such projects is a necessity.

In this time of Thanksgiving let's put together a thanksgiving basket of flooring and electricity for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Honduras. ■

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How can you partner with us as we strive for
Financial self-sustainability?

- Come and SEE the New Honduras.
- Participate in a mission team
- Sponsor a clergy person
- Become a member of a think-tank
 - Teachers
 - Business owners
 - Accountants
 - Needle pointers
 - Treasurers
 - Financial Planners
 - Stewardships educators

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The NEW Honduras
Let's fish together

**Come
& SEE**

COME AND SEE

the NEW Diocese of Honduras

The time has come when we no longer can or should
rely on the generosity of others.

Give a man a fish, feed him for a day.

Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.

Create a fishing partnership, live in the kingdom of God forever.

Come and See

The assets of the Diocese of Honduras

Priests – 56
Deacons – 16
Missions – 156
Episcopallians – 65,000
Bi-lingual Schools – 8
Orphanages - 1
Technical Schools -1
Agricultural School -1
Aids-Medical Clinics – 3
Daycare Afterschool Program - 1
Missions committed to parish status – 13
Micro-loan participants - 68
Camp-Retreat center - 1



For over the past
150 years the Diocese of Honduras has been financially supported and dependent on resources from outside the diocese.

Today the primary goal of the Diocesan of Honduras' long-range plan is to be financially independent and self-sustaining by 2019.

Financial self-suitability will be achieve by:

- Applying the Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) model within the 156 missions
- Expanding stewardship education
- Affirming life-giving partnerships
- Intensifying transparency and accountability
- Strengthening the bi-lingual schools
- Eradicating diocesan debt service
- Establish think tanks of educators, financiers, entrepreneurs business owners and crafts people.
- Building up the micro loan programs

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JOIN DEACON KATHY PENNYBACKER, CANON TO HONDURAS, FOR THE UPCOMING HONDURAS MISSION EXPERIENCE

The Honduras Commission and the dioceses of Honduras and Central Florida give special thanks for the works and presence of Deacon Kathy Pennybacker, Central Florida's Canon to Honduras, for her tireless efforts on behalf of our members in both dioceses.

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