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# Global Realignment Common Cause

## **Founding of Partnership**

Founded in 2004, 9 groups covenant to walk together as North America "walks apart" (TWR) Bishop Bob Duncan calls meeting of Orthodox Anglicans in Texas - 2005

#### **Partners**

- 1. Anglican mission in America
- 2. Anglican Coalition in Canada
- 3. Forward in Faith
- 4. Essentials Federation
- 5. Essentials Network
- 6. Reformed Episcopal Church
- 7. Anglican Province in America
- 8. American Anglican Council
- 9. Anglican Communion Network USA

## **Nature of Unity**

They agreed to the highest level of Unity possible whilst maintaining their own distinctives. Meeting continued every 6 months

## Substance of the Partnership

Theological Statement of agreement produced A Covenant to govern the common life together produced CANA added in 2007 making 10 partners

#### New vision

A new higher goal of becoming a Parallel Province emerged

At a meeting in Kigali (2006) Global South Primates called for a "separate ecclesiastical structure" in North America

In the Spring of 2007 Bishop Bob Duncan reaffirmed as the Moderator

#### **Historic meeting**

Sept 2007 - A Council of Bishops

Outlined a 15 month timetable to create a "separate ecclesiastical structure" in North America (new North American Province) as called for by the Primates of the Global South at Kigali in September 2006

#### **Significance of Common Cause**

Historic unification of Anglicans reversing 136 years of fracturing.

A new Anglican Orthodoxy based upon the Authority and inspiration of Scripture

A way forward as a Parallel Province that could become a Replacement Province for ACC/TEC if they do not sign on to the Communion Covenant

#### Pray for

Recognition of the Common Cause Province by the ABC and by the Primates Continued missional activity together demonstrating an organic unity and witness to this broken world