

RESOURCES/LINKS

American Friends of the Episcopal Church in the Sudan (AFRECS) <http://www.afreecs.org>

The Diocese of New Jersey: The Committee on the Sudan:
www.newjersey.anglican.org/outreach/darfur/

The Anglican Communion Website (Province Directory): The Episcopal Church of the Sudan anglicancommunion.org/tour

The Episcopal Public Policy Network
ecusa.anglican.org/eppn.htm

Solar Cooker Project: New Jersey Responds to the Crisis in Darfur <http://www.njdarfur.org/>

Amnesty International amnesty.org

The United Nations (Global Issues/Africa)
un.org/en/globalissues/africa

A New Nation Gets Its Seat at The UN
youtube.com/watch?v=V8wOvVPvBdM

REFERENCES

1. The Rev. Sharon L. Sutton, Dcn., at St. Stephen's, Riverside (856.461.1037) email: suts16@verizon.net
2. The Rev. Canon Martin U.N. Oguike at Saint John's, Sewaren (732.634.2397) email: moguike@aol.com.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For information and/or involvement for you and/or your congregation, please contact the Rev. Hugh E. Brown, III, Chair of the Sudan Committee, at All Saints' Church, Princeton (609.921.2420), or email him at hughandelly@aol.com.



The Diocese of New Jersey



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FOCUS ON: SUDAN

*The struggle for peace and
human rights in the Sudan*



The Sudan is in northeastern Africa and has a long history of civil war, including the recent conflict in Darfur. The end of this conflict was signaled by the signing of a peace agreement and further passage of a referendum granting autonomy to Southern Sudan (the right to secede from Sudan), effective 9 July 2011.

THE CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

-The Gospel of St. Matthew, 25:40, NRSV

Social justice is a concept that some use to describe the movement towards a socially just world. In this context, social justice is based on the concepts of human rights and equality.¹

We are called as corporate members of the Body of Christ to engage in God's mission for the Church. Our call to action in accomplishing the Church's mission involves prayer and worship, proclaiming the Gospel and promoting justice, peace and love.

To whom are we to look to help guide us in carrying out this mission? We have only to look at the words and actions of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The servant ministry of Jesus is the core of the mission of social justice. We are reminded of Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well. It is the gift of the "living water" which compels us to recognize the sanctity of human life. We are called to speak with compassion and love for those who have no voice: the vulnerable, the oppressed, the sick and the poor.

Peace is possible!

WHY SUDAN?

HISTORY

The Sudan has a long and complicated history characterized by numerous conflicts and civil wars often tinged with overtones of ethnic cleansing. "The Sudan" refers to the two countries, Sudan, and the new independent country, South Sudan (formerly the southern part of Sudan). There is much work to be done as armed conflicts and human rights abuses continue. The establishment of a new and equitable constitution to represent all of the people of Sudan is paramount. The rebuilding of social structures and physical structures will require the help of the World. Our hope lies in the knowledge that **peace is possible** and the world rejoices in the birth of a new nation.

IMPACT

- 9 July 2011, Independence Day for **South Sudan**
- 14 July 2011, **South Sudan** became the 193rd Member State of the United Nations
- 27,000 refugees have entered Ethiopia since September 2011
- IDP (Internationally Displaced Persons) are still being scattered throughout Sudan and South Sudan and continue to live in inhumane conditions
- Human rights abuses continue: physical and sexual violence against women and girls, the use of child-soldiers, the misuse of relief resources intended for the people of Sudan.

WHAT CAN I DO?

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people? I will, with God's help ([The Book of Common Prayer, The Baptismal Covenant, p. 305](#))

- Pray daily for the people of Sudan. Please include these collects:
 - **For the Human Family** (BCP, p.815)
 - **For Social Justice** (BCP, p.823)
- Honor the Baptismal Covenant in a way that utilizes your unique gift(s) of the Holy Spirit.

THE DIOCESE OF NEW JERSEY

Serve the poor boldly and strive for justice passionately!

➔ **Find out more!** For a presentation at your church, contact the Sudan Committee at Rector@allsaint.org (The Rev. Hugh Brown).

➔ **Lenten Retreat! *The Experience of God:*** Enjoy this day of spiritual renewal that explores oneness with Christ within a multicultural world: **Spring 2012, Princeton.** Rector@allsaint.org Proceeds from this retreat will go to the scholarship fund for a seminarian from the Sudan.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

Pray for Sudan:

*A call from the Presiding Bishop to stand in solidarity with the people of Sudan: to **pray** for peace, to **study** more about the region and to **advocate** for a peaceful outcome. (Pray, Study, Act) (episcopalchurch.org/Sudan)*