

***PARTNERSHIPS: Opportunities to Build and Contribute***

***(Saturday, June 18, 10:15-11:45 AM)***

**BUCK BLANCHARD**

Charles (Buck) Blanchard is the Director of Mission and Outreach for the Diocese of Virginia. His role is to encourage and facilitate the mission and outreach efforts of all parishes in the Diocese. However, when it comes to Sudan, he takes a larger view, working tirelessly to broaden the base of support for the ECS. In 2009, concerned that only 6 of the then 24 dioceses in the ECS had companion dioceses in the U.S., he set off to lay the groundwork for more – ultimately visiting 12 dioceses and then attending a retreat for all ECS bishops and spouses. His office continues to help parishes in Virginia and beyond prepare for mission trips in many parts of the world; the office also keeps a database of mission opportunities, and offers assistance with mission funding.

Buck was born and raised in Richmond and graduated from the University of Colorado. From 1980 to 1982, Buck served in the Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa. After graduating from Washington and Lee School of Law in 1985, Buck worked as a lawyer for Hunton & Williams. From 1993 to 1998, Buck lived in Brussels, Belgium, and helped establish the firm's European business practice and its office in Warsaw, Poland. After returning to the United States, Buck worked in the venture capital industry and ran his own private equity firm. He joined the diocesan staff in 2006.

**IAN WOODWARD**

The Diocese of Salisbury, England, established its link with the Episcopal Church of Sudan in 1972. The Rev. Canon Ian Woodward is vice chair of the Salisbury Link Committee, which focuses on four areas – funding theological training and schooling, providing medicines and medical equipment, advocacy on behalf of Sudan, and helping the ECS reach out and connect to the rest of the world.

He is a well-known and trusted partner, traveling frequently to the region. He helped monitor the Referendum in February, alongside the Sudan Council of Churches. A non-residentiary canon of Salisbury Cathedral, he is vicar of St. John the Baptist Church in Bere Regis, which dates back to 1327. He is director of the Diocese of Salisbury's Board of Church and Society, and chairman of his local Church School. Before ordination he was in the military and held senior appointments in the aerospace and defense industry.

**LARRY DUFFEE**

Larry Duffee, who sold his food supply business in order to serve in Sudan, has been working with Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul at the ECS headquarters in Juba.

A parishioner of St. George's Episcopal Church in Fredericksburg, he is supported by the Diocese of Virginia and the Episcopal Church's missionary program. He travels frequently with the Archbishop, often to areas experiencing violent conflict where the ECS leadership is focusing on peace-building. His other responsibilities include assistance with developing financial systems for the province, and maintaining ECS relationships with international partners.

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