

First PCC / PC(USA) Consultation held

The first Presbyterian Church in Cameroon (PCC) and Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Consultation was held in Kumba, Cameroon, on September 30 and October 1, 2005. Representatives from the two denominations met to reaffirm our mutual commitments to our calling to ministry together in Christ's name. Rev. Festus Asana opened the consultation with a devotion from Eph. 4:1–6 talking about the “bond of Christian love which binds us together” and saying that “we will be judged by how we build on the foundation of God's love and how our own partnership reflects what Jesus Christ intended.”

After many years of engagement in ministry, including the assignment of PC(USA) long-term mission personnel to the PCC, the two denominations wanted to confirm these commitments with a more formal declaration of partnership. The consultation included a lengthy period of open sharing about our two denominations with particular discussions about how we experience and define the term “partnership.” While no formal document was signed, a process was set in motion that will draw upon the fruitful discussions and eventually culminate in an official document that will more clearly define how we will continue in ministry together.

Participants in the consultation from the PCC included Rev. Nyansaku-ni-Nku, Moderator; Rev. Festus Asana, Synod Clerk; Mrs. Beatrice Ngeh, Secretary for Women's Work; William Abange, Financial Secretary; Peter Kwo; Denis Kumbo, Project Officer; and Rev. Alfred Bok, Partnership Secretary. The PC(USA) participants were Rev. Kathy Reeves, Associate for Ecumenical and Mission Partnerships; Jeff Boyd, Central Africa Liaison; Barry Almy, Sudan Liaison; and Doug Welch, Coordinator for Central and West Africa.

