

Appeal for Political Action for Sudan

Sudan is steadily moving towards the renewal of the civil war which has consumed that country for over fifty years. The Church in the Sudan stands as the largest civil institution advocating peace and reconciliation. What is at stake are the lives of the Christian majority in the south with five million Episcopalians, seven million Roman Catholics and a half million Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists and Pentecostals making up 90% of the population. If the civil war were to break out it is highly unlikely that the international community would commit to the interventions that we see in the Near East. Therefore, the people and the Church would be alone as they have been through so much of the last five decade where four million lost their lives. Since January the increase attacks orchestrated by the Khartoum Government have claimed two thousand lives and displaced over a quarter of a million people from their home villages.

We need your help by contacting your members of Congress to take specific actions:

- 1) Request that your member of Congress send the attached letter to Secretary of State Hilary Clinton regarding diplomacy with Sudan
- 2) As the member of Congress to support increased funding to support election monitoring and civic education
- 3) Request that Special Envoy Gration meet with Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul and other Church leaders of an assessment of the current state of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement (CPA)
- 4) Request the member of Congress to join the Sudan Caucus which is being renewed in the House.

Supporting materials include 1) an expansion of the four requests for support and action, 2) suggestions on how to undertake a successful meeting with the member of Congress or their staff, 3) Advocacy Positions for Advancing Peace in Sudan, 4) Sample letter which the member of Congress could send to Secretary Clinton, 4) news reports and briefings on the Sudan, and 5) an appeal by the Archbishop of Sudan.

What can you do to advocate for peace?

- 1) Pray for peace in the Sudan and for the Church and its leaders there.
- 2) Become familiar with the CPA and the history of the conflict through the supplied documents
- 3) Organize a delegation to meet with your local Member of Congress (suggestions provided)
- 4) Organize a letter signing to Members of Congress and the President and Secretary of State (sample letter provided)
- 5) Organize community groups to hear the story, including college and high school students committed to justice
- 6) Contact local media and become their source of information – we will supply information
- 7) Tell us about your action and send us emails of those who want to stay informed

We would be glad to share resources with you including speakers on the situation in the Sudan

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