



Diocese of Strängnäs  
Church of Sweden

Diocese of Truro  
Church of England

### **Partnership Agreement 2011**

The Church of England and the Church of Sweden are both signatories to the Porvoo Common Statement. This Statement acknowledges that there are no essential differences between us in areas of faith, sacramental life and ministry, and that our churches should regard one another as "sister churches", giving to each other mutual recognition of our holy orders and experiencing a full interchangeability of our ministries of word and sacrament. We, together with all the churches who have subscribed to the Porvoo Common Statement, acknowledge the calling of our Lord to witness to a unity in Him, which transcends all national boundaries.

On the basis of the Porvoo Common Statement, the dioceses of Strängnäs and Truro hereby renew our partnership agreement. In doing so, we are expressing our commitment to the visible unity in diversity of Christ's church. Aware of the need to be faithful to the tradition we belong to, we also want to be open and responsive to new challenges.

We seek to foster and deepen our relationship

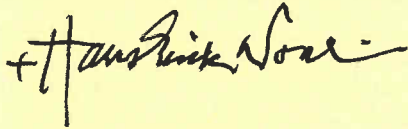
- Through the sharing of information about our life and identity leading to mutual intercession for each other and for the world
- Through theological discourse and discovery with a particular but not exclusive focus on
  - Our common identity as Churches of the Reformation that share the threefold Catholic order
  - Our desire to engage in mission in a post-Christian culture
  - Our exploration of and training for new models of Christian ministry including the deployment of volunteers
  - Our commitment to explore ways of deepening Christian discipleship and spirituality among all the people of God
- Through mutual visits between diocesan, Cathedral and parochial groups, ordained and lay ministers, and specialist staff

This agreement is valid for five years. It will be evaluated during the fifth year, and may be renewed if both dioceses agree.

We commit our continuing hopes and plans for this partnership to God in prayer.

Truro Cathedral – 13th March 2011

For the Diocese of Strängnäs



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