



Media Release

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The Most Rev. Nicholas D. Okoh, Primate of all Nigeria (Anglican Communion) in consultation with the Most Rev. Robert Duncan, Primate of the Anglican Church in North America, has appointed the Rt. Rev. Julian M. Dobbs as Missionary Bishop of CANA.

The Convocation of Anglicans in North America (CANA) is a founding member of the Anglican Church in North America, a missionary jurisdiction of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), and consists of congregations under diocesan structures. Bishop Dobbs will remain in his current role as Bishop of the CANA East Diocese while taking on the additional responsibilities of providing oversight and leadership to CANA's overall ministry.

Archbishop Duncan commented: "I was officially notified by Archbishop Nicholas Okoh of this appointment earlier today. I am delighted this appointment has been made. Bishop Julian already serves as a member of my Archbishop's Cabinet, and has previously served on the Provincial Executive Committee, to which he was elected by Provincial Council. He is a great leader and will continue the process by which CANA is fully integrated into the Anglican Church in North America, at the same time that CANA's important place as a missionary work of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) is strengthened."

Bishop Dobbs and his wife Brenda, have made their home in Northern Virginia since 2006. He was elected and consecrated as bishop by the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) in 2011, and is a member of the College of Bishops in Nigeria and also the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) where he is a member of the Archbishop's Cabinet and the Governance Task Force and has also served on the Executive Committee.

Archbishop Okoh said, "On behalf of the Archbishops, Bishops, clergy and numerous members of the laity, including those in CANA, I commend [Bishop Julian Dobbs and his wife] to the prayers of the church for a fruitful ministry, dedication to God and loyalty to Him and His Church authorities."

Registrar Abraham Yisa, Chairman of CANA's Board of Trustees said, "We thank God for this appointment. We thank the Primate and the house of bishops of our church. Please let us commend the new Missionary Bishop, his wife and children to God's care and keeping. I congratulate Bishop Dobbs on behalf of CANA Board of Trustees and all CANA congregations."