



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

between

the Diocese of Newcastle in the Church of England
and the Diocese of Møre in the Church of Norway



Acknowledging that our Churches are partners within the Porvoo Communion,
Recognising that we are part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church,
Believing that there is one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and
Rejoicing that we have enjoyed a relationship with each other since 2000;

We now agree together that we will:

Pray for each other on a regular and systematic basis,

Exchange information with each other on a regular and systematic basis about our respective situations opportunities, hopes, visions, challenges and problems,

Create opportunities for continuing theological discussion, reflection and debate on our different traditions, in particular the challenges and opportunities of mission in a rapidly changing context,

Provide opportunities for groups or individuals within one diocese to visit comparable groups or individuals within the other diocese for the purpose of sharing ideas, experience and information about theological issues, pastoral work, diaconal and presbyteral ministry, training and mission issues, church music, cultural work and any other appropriate matters,

Welcome priests and deacons to serve in each other's diocese,

Send representatives to be present at significant events in the life of each diocese in order to participate as appropriate, bring greetings and to be a visible sign of our relationship,

Seek actively to give expression to the ten commitments in the Porvoo Declaration in our relationships with each other,

Endeavour to overcome language and communication problems, and have significant contact at least annually,

Review this statement and the outworking of this Agreement five years after entering into it and whenever either diocese changes bishop.

The Rt Revd Christine Hardman
Bishop of Newcastle

The Rt Revd Ingeborg Midttømme
Bishop of Møre

Monday, 3rd September 2018
at St Cuthbert's Chapel, Inner Farne