

Links with Linköping Diocese

For all that has been, thanks.
For all that wil be, yes!

11 October 2026

The Story So Far

A Covenant between the Diocese of Linköping in the Church of Sweden and the Diocese of St. Albans in the Church of England

We, the Dioceses of Linköping in the Church of Sweden and of St Albans in the Church of England commit ourselves to a covenant of partnership within the Porvoo Communion, and to giving practical expression to the provisions of the Porvoo Common Statement within the life of both dioceses.

We have celebrated sixteen years of such a covenant and after due review, we commit ourselves anew and without reservation to a further period of five years, from the date of the signing below, to this agreement.

Rejoicing in the faith which we share, and affirming the acknowledgements and commitments set out in the Porvoo Declaration, we commit ourselves to pray for one another, to learn from one another, and to seek to discern together the loving purposes of God for our two dioceses.

Within our continuing covenant relationship we commit ourselves to:

- Pray regularly for one another
- Deepen our understanding of each other by the exchange of significant news and information and by learning from and with each other
- Share our faith together in worship and celebration and to share in several areas of shared mission and ministry including (but not limited to) pilgrimages, Assistant Curate placements, interfaith dialogue, invitations to young people to reflect together on the impact of Climate Change and care of Creation, and regularly invite to key events and services such as Ordinations
- Share our resources and experiences as we reflect upon and deepen our understanding of God's will and purpose for his Church on Earth
- Share in God's ministry and mission in ways which allow us to meet the needs and challenges of God's ever changing world.
- Embrace joyfully within the covenant relationship the existing friendships, partnerships and covenants which both dioceses have established with churches which are not signatories to the Porvoo Common Statement

We commend our hopes and plans for our partnership to God in prayer and ask the blessing, guidance and energy of the Holy Spirit as we seek together to follow the way of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We commend this covenant to the institutions, schools, chaplaincies, parishes and groups of our diocese, and to the individual members of our churches of every age. We ask for their prayerful support of and for their active participation in this on-going relationship and the many opportunities it will offer to learn, grow and flourish as disciples of Christ.

Vänstiftsöverenskommelse mellan S:t Albans stift i Engelska kyrkan och Linköpings stift i Svenska kyrkan

Vi, Linköpings stift i Svenska kyrkan och S:t Albans stift i Engelska kyrkan, ingår härmed en vänstiftsöverenskommelse inom Borgågemenskapens ram. Vi förbinder oss att i våra stift uttrycka det Borgåöverenskommelsen omfattar.

Då vi har firat sexton år med vänstiftsöverenskommelsen, har vi efter utvärdering, bestämt oss att förbehållslost förlänga denna överenskommelse med ytterligare fem år, från det datum den undertecknas.

I trons glädje, som vi delar med varandra, bejakar vi de erkännanden och åtaganden som Borgåöverenskommelsen innehåller, förpliktar vi oss att be för varandra, att lära av varandra och att gemensamt utforska Guds kärleksfulla avsikter med båda våra stift.

Inom överenskommelsen förpliktar vi oss att:

- Regelbundet be för varandra
- Fördjupa vår förståelse av varandra genom att utbyta nyheter och information samt att lära av och med varandra
- Dela vår tro tillsammans genom tillbedjan och gudstjänstfirande samt att utifrån vårt gemensamma uppdrag dela erfarenheter inom (men inte begränsas av) följande områden: pilgrimsvandringar, pastorsadjunktspacering, interreligiös dialog, låta unga människor gemensamt reflektera över konsekvenser av klimatförändring och förvaltandet av skapelsen, samt att regelbundet bjuda in till viktiga händelser som t ex vagningsgudstjänster
- Dela våra möjligheter och erfarenheter så att vi fördjupar förståelsen av Guds vilja och avsikt med den världsvida kyrkan
- Dela Guds uppdrag och mission på det sätt så att det svarar mot de behov och utmaningar som finns i Guds föränderliga värld
- Med glädje omfamna existerande vänskapsöverenskommelser, partnerskap och fördrag som respektive stift redan har etablerat med kyrkor som inte ingår i Borgågemenskapen

Vi överlämnar våra förväntningar och avsikter med vårt partnerskap till Gud och ber om den helige Andes välsignelse, vägledning och kraft när vi tillsammans försöker följa vår Herre Jesus Kristus.

Vi överlämnar denna överenskommelse till församlingar, institutioner, skolor och övriga grupper i våra stift samt till våra medlemmar oavsett ålder, med vädjan om deras förbön och för deras aktiva deltagande i vänstiftsrelationen och för de möjligheter den för med sig när det gäller att lära, växa och mogna som Kristi lärjungar.

St Albans 13 November 2023



Alan Smith
Bishop of St Albans



Marika Markovits
ordf i stiftsstyrelsen

What We Have Committed Ourselves To

Including but not limited to:

- Prayer for one another
- Sharing in each others significant occasions e.g. ordinations
- Curate placements
- Pilgrimages
- Learn from one another
- Shared mission and ministry
- Enabling young people to share common experiences of issues such as racism of climate change

Renewal of the Covenant – November 2023



Service of Welcome - Jan 2023



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Vadstena Pilgrimage Retreat (Link Diocese of Linköping): Monday 7th April 2025 - Friday 11th April 2025



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Assistant Curate Placements

Placement(s)

It is recommended you plan your placement(s) before the end of your second year, to allow it to inform conversations during your End of Curacy Assessment and your meeting with your Suffragan Bishop about the type of post you are looking for. However, your placement is not formally assessed, and the outcome of your sign-off will not be influenced by whether or not you have undertaken it before the assessment.

Depending on your circumstances and particular placement(s), it may be more appropriate to undertake your placement after your assessment (bearing in mind that towards the end of your third year, you may be busy applying for posts).

There are many patterns for placements as there are curates, so you need to talk with your supervisor and reflect carefully on what will be most helpful for you. You should choose something that either gives you opportunities you do not have in your curacy, broadens and deepens your experience of ministry. Your placement should be for a minimum of 4 weeks (pro-rata if you are part time); it may be taken as a block or in chunks; and it may be across two or possibly more different placements.

From 2023 (and new for 2024), as an outcome from the Racial Justice Action Group, curates are encouraged to spend some time in training in a diverse parish for up to one week (pro-rata if you are part time). This will be highly dependent on your curacy context, and should be in discussion with your incumbent and the IME2 Officer.

A reflection (300-500 words) needs to be sent to the Mission and Ministry Support Team at the completion of your placement(s). The host does not need to write anything, but if they wish. Although this reflection is not formally assessed, it is an important part of rounding your experience.

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Shared Learning – Response to the Climate Crisis

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The climate roadmap

The Church of Sweden's climate roadmap means that we should reduce our own climate impact and contribute to humanity's common work to slow the effects of climate change.

The Church of Sweden will highlight spiritual and existential aspects and achieve climate neutrality for its own operations by 2030 at the latest. The roadmap is in three stages and has the impact goals of climate neutrality, value change and contributing to climate justice. The roadmap also includes several milestones with different focuses.

The climate roadmap has enabled dioceses, pastorates and parishes to implement collaborative projects focusing on impact and milestone goals.

The Diocese of Linköping is involved in several different projects, where we are both project leaders and project partners. Below are the projects we are currently working on.



Linköpings stifts färdplan för klimatet 2022–2026

Baserad på Svenska kyrkans nationella färdplan för klimatet, beslutad av kyrkomötet 2018