

Office of Global Partnerships

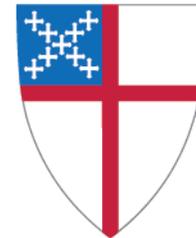
Vision

The office of Global Partnerships seeks to build, nurture, and inspire relationships across The Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion that actively live out our baptismal covenant to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself

Mission

The office of Global Partnerships seeks to inspire, build, and nurture relationships between churches and individuals in The Episcopal Church and partners in the Anglican Communion, United Nations, and other ecumenical and interreligious organizations, providing resources and opportunities for advocacy to strengthen the church's global mission engagement

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Susan L. Broaddus

Appointed The Episcopal Church Missionary to Zaire 1 September 1986

(Undated photo below of Susan Broaddus and The Rev. Bisoke, Director of the Peace Center, Bunia)



Key Susan Broaddus Data points

from her application form to become a missionary in Zaire

- Committed to Personal study of the Holy Scriptures that “..encourages and forces me to think and expose my areas of growth...”
- Sense of call to Zaire specially to equip all church workers
- I am a skilled teacher and desire to share these talents
- Singlehood and its challenges was an area of concern
- Spirit filled community will be vital for support

Key Susan Broaddus Academics

- 1964-1968: Bachelor of Arts degree (French) – Old Dominion College (Virginia)
- 1970-1971: Master of Arts (French Civilization) – University of Paris (Sorbonne)
- 1983-1984: Christian Education – Presbyterian School of Christian Education
- 1984-1986: Theology Diploma of Higher Education – Trinity College, Bristol, United Kingdom

Institut Supérieur Théologique Anglicain

1981 – Institut Supérieur Théologique Anglicain was founded in Bukavu by Archbishop

1984 - the school closed due to lack of finances and personnel, reopened 1988

1986 - Susan Broaddus arrived in Zaire as a missionary sent by the Episcopal Church. Her work as a lay missionary exemplifies what it means to be called to serve God and God's people

1988, the school reopened its doors with Susan Broaddus as Director. She was instrumental in helping Institut Supérieur Théologique Anglicain (I.S.Th.A) –the only Anglophone Seminary in Africa get back up on its feet

Susan leaned on a support group from the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia. Friends of Susan and family members encouraged other Episcopal congregations to dedicate the 5th Sunday of the month to pray and financially support her missionary work in Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo)

Bold Leadership

- March 7, 1986, Letter from CMS highlighting her bold leadership
 - In 1983 as a 1-year volunteer in Bukavu, an area filled with tribal tensions and conflicts, the Archbishop of Congo died suddenly and Susan found herself alone and expected to lead the staff in the diocese
 - Around the same time, 3 missionaries left Congo after serving for only 3 months due to
 - The diocese had no financial records when the Primate died and Susan was asked to be the new treasurer with nothing to build on
 - She held 4 jobs simultaneously: treasurer, Secretary to the bishop, English as second language teacher for theological college students and matron of the theological college who provided care and counsel to the students

Self Sustainability Advocate

- 2 years of volunteer work turned to 3: bearing fruits for the diocese and college. She enrolled in Swahili lessons to better serve the people in Zaire
- 1988 Newsletter from Susan (Boga, Zaire)
 - Self sustainability training - students are preparing the fields to plant sweet potatoes, bananas and avocado – practical training and supplemental food for the college
 - 1 year graduates become licensed evangelists and from among them, some were selected for additional 2 years ordained ministry work
 - Working with TEAR Fund, Susan initiated a feeding program for 40 school children including orphans from the local area while exploring local options for self sustainability

Self Sustainability Advocate

- Petitioned the Zaire government to grant the college temporary recognition
- Agriculture, bee-keeping, pisciculture (rearing of fish) were required subjects – food security advocate
- Leadership must now make the college self-sustaining financially
- Primary school (grades 1 – 3) and health clinic were fully established – thanks to the financial gift from Swiss Old Catholics group
- **Growing indigenous leadership** “...Have a Christ filled Christmas and a new year filled with every blessing. Pray for us and especially The Rev. ISINGOMA as he prepares to take on the new direction of the seminary. With Love in Christ.....Susan

Self-Sustainability

Background

- 1994 – self sustainability training local leadership to take over, The Rev. ISINGOMA K. KAHWA became the director of the theological college that now had 3 buildings, separate dormitories for men and women, a kindergarden and 3 grades for children of those attending theological training, a small health clinic, a fish pond and vegetable garden
- March 1994 – Archbishop of Zaire, Most Rev. P.B. Njojo wrote to TEC Mission Personnel to express thanks for the work Susan did to establish the Provincial Theological College (ISTHA) Bunia - both construction of buildings and spiritual building of the clergy who attended the college
- Susan will always be welcome to come back to Zaire according to the Primate

Deep Spirituality formed by Prayer, Grief and Change

- 1988 – she moved from Boga to Bunia (grieved over the loss of quiet rural life, mountains, moon “***view from my window in the morning while praying***” deep care of the people in the village setting...she referred to her residence as “Cozy Boga”)
- Grieved over the loss of the familiar: sound of goats, frogs
- Grieved over the loss of friends and children who would casually stop by her entrance just to say hallo
- Looked forward to new life in Bunia/excited about using French Bible cassette tapes
- Loneliness after being away for 2 years straight. She said, “***I am weary***”.
- Expressed desire to raise funds for scholarships, furniture, books and discretionary funds to pay for multiple miscellaneous needs

Grassroots Home Diocese Support

- Heavily relied on Galilee Episcopal Church and the diocese of southern Virginia Bishop's office, for regular letters of encouragement and finances
- Overwhelmed with work, she always, asked her supporters to "please write"
- Frustrated with lack of mail service that was sometimes delayed up to 9 months since it went to Kenya first and then trucked to Zaire
- Checks were mailed to Norfolk, Virginia. Her Mom, Mrs. J.B. Broaddus would then ensure that Susan received the funds

Resilient and courageous Leader

Suspense-tragedy-inconvenience in November 1993

“...Town after town have been pillaged, rebels, bandits and soldiers destroyed villages to the south of us. A vicious tribal war between Bunia and Boga and tribal massacres in Kivu and Shaba. Robberies in Kivu (including me), no electricity since July. Airports arbitrarily closed to international flights; exorbitant visa charges making visits from friends difficult. Inflation from 2 to 22 million to the dollar...people are going for 2 or more days without eating.”

Good News

“...Our churches in Bunia are packed with faith filled young people. We had 2 visiting lecturers: Rev MBUSA and his wife KAVUA of Bukavu and the Rev. Dr. Nat PORTER of The Episcopal Church, USA. Mrs. Julia Murbach (Swiss Old Catholic) and Daniel BECH (French Protestant Church) have been here – these two organizations provide used books to seminaries in third world countries.”

Selected Susan Broaddus Quotes

On poverty and crime in Zaire...

“...People are just tired of being poor and jealous when someone else isn’t”.

On self-care

“...For fun, I am learning Indian cooking at Atul’s, the new convert to Christianity. He is the one we owe \$10,000 for the roof. I am also learning Chinese-Malaysian-Korean cooking from missionaries of that ethnic background. I visit friends, play cards and read novels too”

The Church and Reconciliation

“...I long to see our church provide leadership for reconciliation, but it won't be easy. People blame the devil and they blame political destabilization but do not want to accept their own active part in it”

Selected Susan Broaddus Quotes

***“...It has been hard to return to the west and grapple with our affluence and the constant tension between wanting nice things and knowing when enough is really enough. It is something I hope will always be with me. It is not only that I know people personally who do not eat regularly or dress adequately. It is also the knowledge that living a simple life really a liberating experience!*”**

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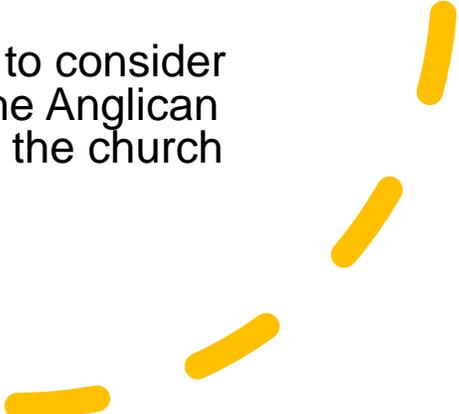
....upon visiting Southern Virginia after a 3 year absence

Selected Susan Broaddus Quotes

- “...ISThA has a new director – The Rev. Titre Ande (He was my neighbor years ago and an excellent choice”.

Archbishop Ande is now the primate of the Anglican Church in Congo effective 2022

Recommendations

- **The Peace Center is seeking partners in mission (parishes and dioceses) to support the overwhelming needs at the refugee center**
 - The Peace Center in Bunia serves over 360 adults and 400 children
 - Susan Broaddus before her illness assisted with the purchase of 25 sewing machines. Women who are victims of gender based violence and rape learn dressmaking skills while undergoing trauma healing group work led by the Rev. Bisoke and others
 - The children some who are orphaned receive basic shelter and daily meals at the peace center
 - Individuals, Parishes, and Dioceses are invited to consider mission partnership with the Peace Center or the Anglican University of Congo training servant leaders for the church
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Recommendations

- **Invitation for The Episcopal Church (TEC) Dioceses to consider mission partnership continuation in honor of Susan Broaddus in Congo**
 - The Anglican University of Congo in Bunia presents an opportunity for partnership
 - The Peace Center in Bunia focusing on peace building skills for women who have been displaced from their homes presents another opportunity
 - We can seek ways to increase scholarship opportunities for women seeking to serve the Anglican Church of Congo in lay and ordained ministry as a way of honoring and memorializing the accomplishments of Susan Broaddus, a role model for the church in America, The Democratic Republic of Congo and The Anglican Communion
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