



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## *The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania*

January 26, 2015

The Right Rev. Flávio Irala  
Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of São Paulo  
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Dear Bishop Irala:

Thank you for your letter expressing your desire to continue a Companionship with the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

As you may know, the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania will be electing a new bishop in March and consecrating that bishop in September 2015. Because of this transition in the episcopacy and because there is a lack of interest, at this point in time, for maintaining the companion relationship with São Paulo, I have allowed the Companionship to expire as of December 31, 2014.

It will be up to the new bishop and the people of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania to determine the next steps they wish to take regarding diocese-to-diocese relationships. I have informed parishes here that if they have a working relationship with a companion parish in your diocese, they are welcome to continue with that parish-to-parish relationship.

I wish you and São Paulo many blessings as you labor for the sake of God's kingdom.

Sincerely,

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