

ALMA

is more than an acronym - in Portuguese it means **soul**. ALMA is rooted in the deep and developing friendships between Anglican churches and communities in Angola, London and Mozambique.

Since 1998 when ALMA was formalised we have learnt so much from each other:

- sharing joys and sorrows
- experiencing the different contexts in which we minister
- facing the challenge of walking in each other's shoes
- being part of a global church



Mutuality is central to the ALMA relationship as we forge new ways of being partners in the 21st century, with much to learn from each other - in ministry and mission - in our communities and countries.

Aware of the huge economic disparities between us, we acknowledge the particular challenge ALMA brings to London Christians to live Gospel centred lives.



'Swords into Ploughshares' - Guns are exchanged for tools, decommissioned, and made into sculpture

Peacemaking - the role of both the Mozambican and Angolan churches in peacemaking is inspirational. The powerful symbolism of the **Swords into Ploughshares** programme in post civil war Mozambique has transcended its original context and speaks to all, regardless of culture.

Supporting and Resourcing ALMA

There are many ways of contributing to the work of ALMA: as an intercessor; as a local parish rep; being a link parish or school; sharing skills and expertise; contributing to the ALMA website, and fundraising. Do contact the ALMA office about any of the above.

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LONDON DIOCESAN FUND (ALMA). Please send (with Gift Aid form if applicable) to:

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•I am aware that I must have paid an amount of income or capital gains tax that at least equals the tax deducted from my donation

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ALMA supports:

- ◆ **Children and Schools** through the ALMA's Children fund and parish links
- ◆ **Training**
Catechists – the Lay Leaders' Link Theological Training by Extension
- ◆ **Link Officers** (under review) in Angola, in Niassa (Northern Mozambique)
- ◆ **Community/Church development**
HIV/AIDS & malaria community work
Capacity building infrastructure
- ◆ **Visits to London** from A and M.



In London ALMA facilitates:

- ◆ **ALMA Parish Representatives**
- ◆ **Parish Twinning** - 37 twin parishes
- ◆ **School Twinning** – 3 twin schools,
- ◆ **Skills-share:** management; water; sewing; computers; training;
- ◆ **Poverty Reduction and Advocacy**
ALMA has been active in campaigning for debt reduction, trade justice, and improved health care, in line with the Millennium Development Goals and **London Challenge 2012.**



**A
growing
partnership
in the Gospel.**



**London's link with
Angola and Mozambique**