

Minutes, Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee Meeting, November 1, 2012

Participants: Bishop Michael Ingham (chair), Bishop Pie Ntukamazina, Cynthia Haines-Turner, Anne Patterson, Jonathan Schmidt, Larry Beardy, Pierre Voyer. Staff: Andrea Mann, Claudia Alvarez, Henriette Thompson (notes)

Regrets: Nicholas Pang, Caroline Chum, Paul Gehrs, Jennifer Gosse

1. Bishop Michael opened the meeting with a prayer for All Saints' Day.

2. Member check-in:

+Michael – attended October 10 ecumenical meeting with Enbridge, facilitated by KAIROS; also with +Mark Macdonald and Rev. Matthew Hill from Kitkatla, BC. Learning: if a super tanker goes down in the water, Enbridge does not consider it their responsibility. Recently in conversation with a priest in the diocese who has pipeline and engineering experience.

Cynthia Haines-Turner – Attended April regional gathering for PWRDF hosted in her in parish. Invited Aboriginal women from western Newfoundland. Many people in Newfoundland in process of seeking Indigenous status. Women led the drumming; group presented Ribbons of Reconciliation and tobacco to the women. Powerful event.

Anne Patterson – participated in 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church Council on Justice and Corrections with Rev. Sharon Dunlop (new Anglican board member to CCJC), Bishop Michael and Ms. Jeannie Oulton. Heard presentation by Pierre Allard. Diocese is welcoming a refugee family from DRC at Synod next week. Quilt made by inmates will be presented to refugee family by Bishop Michael.

Jonathan Schmidt – Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries is changing directions. In 2013 planning to launch a program, "Deepening Understanding in Intercultural Ministries." A new direction in terms of justice; theme of "beloved communities." Have dropped program for overseas ministry personnel. The shift is partly supported by ACC grant. Feels like family experience of jumping off a cliff in Killarney Provincial Park this summer.

Pierre Voyer – two months ago received an African family of 8 in parish (didn't catch country of origin). Working on integrating them into the life of the parish sensitive to intercultural dimensions. No vacation this past summer; has been working in different churches in the province.

Larry Beardy – 1999 ordained as a deacon. Priested in May 2000. Left job at university college in northern Manitoba. August 2013 (2012?) was/will be unemployed. Wanted to stress the importance of the Mississauga Declaration. Still involved in hydro development. Understands issues related to pipelines. Wants to remember Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, recently beatified by Rome.

Bishop Pie – both he and his wife in Canada at the moment – he for PWRDF board; she for synod in diocese of Quebec. Many refugees flowing into Burundi. Recently in Nairobi for meeting of All Africa

Council of Churches re. refugees, and to look into developing a peace process. Two weeks ago, a confirmation in Burundi in area of CIDA-funded project.

Henriette – current issue of changes to federal support for interfaith correctional chaplaincy. Working with chaplains and Anglican reps to justice and corrections work. This issue is also brings home the disproportionate number of Aboriginal people who are incarcerated as a result of the brokenness that came from residential school experience.

Andrea – at Montreal synod and met many people face to face; good time of sharing.

Claudia – getting ready for global partners consultation in November.

3. Review and approve minutes of February 2012 meeting. Mover/Seconded Anne Patterson, Pierre Voyer. Carried.
4. Business arising from February 2012 meeting:
  - a. Truth and Reconciliation Commission:
    - i. Henriette provided update on TRC Interim Report and recommendations. How to implement the recommendations will be one focus of the meeting of all the parties to the Settlement Agreement when they meet in Ottawa on November 20. Henriette, Michael Thompson and the Primate will attend that meeting. We will also seek ways to strengthen the relationship between the TRC, the churches and the other Parties.
  - b. Report and Resolutions to CoGS May 2012:
    - i. Residential schools sexual abuse survivors. Deadline for applications to Independent Assessment Process (IAP) for claimants was September 19, 2012. All the churches are represented by a church rep to the IAP Oversight Committee. He advocates for conditions that will enable residential school survivors to access the IAP process. September 19, 2012 is a non-negotiable deadline.
    - ii. Climate change. Pending Chair of Creation Matters Working Group, Randal Goodfellow's participation in conference call. Details about work on climate change in report of Public Witness Coordinator for Social Justice. August 13, 2012 letter from the General Secretary to the Prime Minister re. government's decision to

withdraw from the Kyoto Accord received a 4-page response letter on October 19. Correspondence in PMEJC meeting docket.

- iii. Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples – best wishes to ACIP for progress in the Mississauga Declaration was sent to National Indigenous Anglican Bishop and passed along to Council members.
  - iv. Japanese-Canadian Anglican church expropriation presentation. Request for discussion at CoGS' November meeting to be deferred to spring 2013 CoGS. Henriette to work with Michael Thompson to ensure this gets on the CoGS' agenda. Will include reference to this matter in November 2012 report to CoGS.
  - v. Status of the resolution on the Sixth Mark of Mission? The three Canadian representatives to the Anglican Consultative Council currently meeting in New Zealand are intent on bringing this to the Council, as per recent meeting convened by Andrea.
- c. Joint Assembly and General Synod 2013
- a. General Synod: PMEJC display – is Committee interested in a PMEJC display? Need to find people to contribute to the development of the display. Approximate cost is \$500; budget is available. Companions of Jerusalem and Diocese of Ottawa Environment Committee (or Creation Matters Working Group) also interested. Decision: members to consider and respond; staff to follow up.
  - b. Joint Assembly: Public witness event, Parliament Hill. Water a possible theme since identified in Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth conference in summer 2012; youth to have a leading role in planning and implementing this event.
  - c. Joint Assembly public witness resolutions: Two themes identified by ELCIC and ACC leaders: homelessness; resource extraction. Henriette, Paul Gehrs and Laurette Glasgow to form working group to develop and draft joint resolutions. Note that call for General Synod resolutions is still open.
5. New business
- a. News of General Synod: Structures, Governance, Budget. Ref.

Peter Elliott memo re 2013 budget as a deficit budget. Primate's consultation in January 2013 will review existing structures with a view to addressing cost and effectiveness. Already some changes happening in ecclesiastical provinces, however, there seems to be a high level of inertia within the church to changing structures – the task is hard.

b. February 2013 Committee meeting.

One of the changes is to conduct February 28 to March 3, 2013 PMEJC meeting by conference call or there will be no budget to allocate to post-Joint Assembly face-to-face meeting of new committee in the fall. **Decision:** defer question of face-to-face or conference call to discretion of the chair until after the consultation at the end of November on being a partner Church in and global communion and the January 8 to 10 Primatial consultation on national structures.

c. Interfaith correctional chaplaincy letter. Henriette is working closely with Bishop Michael Oulton and Government Relations Advisor, Laurette Glasgow to engage government and the Interfaith Chaplaincy that advises Correctional Services Canada. Letter from Primate sent to Minister of Public Safety on October 26.

d. Draft motion on “response of Anglican Church of Canada to the Israeli-Palestinian situation” by ad hoc group in Vancouver.

Ref. October 29, 2012 memo to Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee with respect to bringing forward a motion similar to the one passed at the General Convention which called for economic action against products produced in occupied territories but labeled as being produced in Israel.

Discussion: Bishop Suheil Dawani has not called for any particular action at this time. The UCC August 2012 General Convention resolutions created a lot of discussion, a lot of backlash from the Jewish community in Canada and from their own constituents as well as widely differing opinions in the country. in our church. **Action:** Andrea travelling to Jerusalem soon; she plans to meet with Bishop Suheil on November 14 and is committed to bringing this matter to his attention.

Noted need to have ACC (ACoC instead of ACC to differentiate Anglican Church of Canada from the Anglican Consultative Council) policy base on Israel/Palestine strengthened. Towards peace with justice – a principle for Companions of Jerusalem. Sees role for PMEJC to develop policy position.

e. PMEJC mandate and composition: process of revision and recommendation

Discussion: There is a feeling of entropy; staff does work, committee receives reports and doesn't do much. Radical further change needs to be recommended. Either more face-to-face or other approach. It seems that because of the financial cutbacks, the committee is no longer able to do the work that was done in the past and so is not as effective.

Similar dynamic in member's diocese.

People more attracted to short-term initiatives. Creation Matters Working Group works effectively. Need to manage people along more flexible lines over shorter periods of time.

People more able to give money than time.

Structures no longer serve the work.

PMEJC messages:

Yes, we are ready and looking for alternative ways of being. Is there an alternate way of fulfilling the mandate of the Committee?

Governance – there is a need for some group to be a clearinghouse for motions so that work is not lost. Need to consider how to assign other work of the Committee as well, such as the function of hearing the reports from staff on the work they do.

Twenty-five years ago, there was a National Program Committee (+Michael was chair for three years) to which all sub-committees reported. It maintained overall supervision and reported to CoGS. We may need to go back to a type of National Program Committee without the Standing Committees in between. Subsequently, there was a Mission Coordination Group that served a similar function.

Propose that a small task group of PMEJC receive reports from November and January consultations and draft a report with recommendations to PMEJC February 2013 meeting. **Action:** +Michael, Cynthia, and Anne.

f. Program updates: ref to staff reports. Questions and comments welcome any time.

6. +Michael offered a closing prayer.

*Meeting adjourned at 3pm Eastern.*