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The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. (John 1:5)

We begin our journey to Easter with the sign of ashes, an ancient sign, speaking of the frailty and uncertainty of human life, and marking the penitence of the community as a whole.¹

¹ From the Ash Wednesday liturgy, *The Book of Alternative Services*.

How to use this booklet

Praying with our partners is a Canadian companion to the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, a daily guide for prayer for every diocese (arranged alphabetically) in the Anglican Communion. In 2010 the Anglican Cycle of Prayer invites us to pray on Sundays for Anglican ecclesiastical provinces throughout the world. *Praying with our partners* provides stories and background information about Canadian Anglican partnerships with some of these provinces as well as information on ongoing events and meetings in which we participate as a church.

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Give thanks for:

- The Anglican Church of Korea, Presiding Bishop Solomon Jongmo Yoon, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- Together with South and North Korean Christians, for the peace and reunification of the Korean peninsula.

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Dear Partners in prayer,

We are asking for feedback and suggestions from you in order to improve *Praying with our partners*. Please take a few minutes to respond to the short survey below or answer on line at <http://www.anglican.ca/pwopsurvey>.

Thank you

Questionnaire

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**Sunday after Ascension Day/Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2010**

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Communion

Canadian Partnerships: The Reverend Emilie Smith, Volunteer in Mission in Guatemala

Volunteer in Mission Reverend Emilie Smith wrote the following on her blog January 15:

I detest money. Of course we need it, we are all swept up in it, somehow or another. But excess of money makes people sick, and it makes them do unholy things...You see, we can do a whole bunch of things, but unless we're working for systemic change of the very structure of the country, working to dig out its roots of racism, violence and greed beyond imagining, it doesn't matter how many orphanages we paint or visit or clinics we build or how many development projects we support, how many scholarships we give to bright Maya children...unless we change the way power and money works in this vile paradise. These are the issues: Agrarian reform, agrarian reform, agrarian reform and real rural development, food security and autonomy, climate change...a bunch of groups are working at every level to transform the country. I agree...but have a further reflection: we actually need to change the way we think about the earth, our communities, each other, and our very selves. This is cosmological and theological work. And it is just as important, without it, we can't change the rest...



Emilie Smith

Parishioners at Chichicastenango

Give thanks for:

- The worldwide Anglican Communion, with over 80 million members in 44 regional and national member churches around the globe in over 160 countries, for Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- The Reverend Emilie Smith, Volunteer in Mission in Guatemala, that her house of peace will provide spiritual resources for the transforming of minds, hearts and lives.

Intercessors

As you prepare intercessions and yourself for public prayer, read the background information provided here. Careful preparation helps create a space in the heart, as well as the mind, for the prayer you will invite from the gathered assembly. You can help members of the congregation to make the prayer their own, and also to hear God's voice within, by using silence and pauses between intercessions. The enormity of some of the prayer concerns in this edition is an opportunity to invite the congregation to be silent together, to hold the situation in prayer to God for mercy and transformation, e.g. "Please join me in a minute of silent prayer for the nation and people of Haiti."

Bulletin or newsletter editors

Do expand on the intercessions—by printing the background information about Partnership ministries. The contents can be downloaded in pdf format from the Anglican Church of Canada website at <http://www.anglican.ca/mission/resources/pwop/index.htm>.

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Lent 1
February 21, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de l'Église Anglicane du Congo (Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo)

Canadian Partnerships: KAIROS partner Héritiers de la Justice (Heirs of Justice)

In addition to the atrocities of the war, Congolese people also suffer from social injustice, a culture of impunity and pervasive corruption that destroys our society like a cancer. The country's resources are being consumed at the expense of human lives. All this contributes to the poverty and under-development that make our country lag behind. We request all people of good will to work hand in hand with us for lasting peace and an end to the human suffering.

The Most Reverend Henri Iningoma
Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Congo²

On November 30, KAIROS received notice from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) that their project proposal for 2009-2013 had been declined. This decision terminated a 35-year history of cooperation between CIDA and KAIROS and its predecessor organizations. The decision compromises the work for human rights and ecological integrity in the developing world, with partners such as *Héritiers de la Justice* whose defense of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is extremely dangerous. *Héritiers de la Justice* depends on international solidarity for survival, as well as protection through media exposure and advocacy from groups like KAIROS.



Maurice Namwira, current director of *Héritiers de la Justice* (*Heirs of Justice*)

Former Executive Secretary of *Héritiers de la Justice* Pascal Kabangulu was recently assassinated in his home in Bukavu in front of his wife and family (now refugees in Canada). Kabangulu was assassinated for his knowledge of illicit gold mining in Kamituga, South Kivu, and for

² Statement on DRC violence from the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Congo and the Bishop of Winchester, November 19, 2009.

Easter 5: Rogation Sunday/Sixth Sunday of Easter
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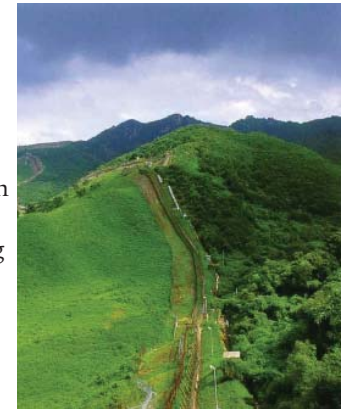


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Easter 4/Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The Anglican Church of Kenya*

Canadian Partnerships: *Global Relations Scholarship Program*

For many years the Anglican Church of Canada has been in partnership with Kenyan Anglicans: in the 1980s through teaching personnel, and since then through continuing financial support of St. Paul's Theological College in Limuru, Kenya. The recently elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Eliud Wabukala, left the Kenyan Ministry of Education in 1985, after careers in teaching and administration. He [went to St. Paul's](#) where Canadian Partner in Mission Grant LeMarquand was teaching. After completing his theological studies in 1988, he was again posted to a teaching position. "But the time for finally quitting teaching came in 1990 after I received a [Global Relations] scholarship from the Anglican Church of Canada to study at the Wycliffe College, Toronto, which I took up," he says. Upon returning to Kenya with an M.Rel. degree from Wycliffe, he lectured at St. Paul's Theological College in Limuru and eventually became academic dean.

Dr. Wabukala left St. Paul's in 1996 to become the first bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Bungoma and from 2004 also served as the chairman of the National Council of Churches of Kenya (NCCCK). More recently, Bishop Wabukala was an instrumental member of a peace planning commission with the Kenyan government to find a solution to the politically-instigated violence in that country. Kenya's political unrest was sparked by irregularities in the national elections in late 2007 where the opposition leader Raila Odinga appeared to have won the poll. Between 500 and 1,000 people died as a result of the violence.



Photo: Chris Ojow

Dr. Eliud Wabukala

Give thanks for:

- The Anglican Church of Kenya, Archbishop Eliud Wabukala, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- Archbishop Wabukala as he works for continuing political peace in Kenya and seeks to preach a holistic gospel.

his persistent defense of human rights, such as publicizing small-scale massacres. He shares the fate of a long line of human rights defenders who have died at the hands of armed rebel groups, militias and the military itself. KAIROS is [advocating](#) for the resumption of suspended legal proceedings in the DRC in Pascal Kabangulu's case. Meanwhile, Kabangulu's killers, including the military officer believed to have masterminded the slaying, are still at large.

As a KAIROS human rights partner, *Héritiers de la Justice* is working hard to combat the impunity with which citizens' rights are violated in eastern DRC, where the UN and aid agencies say some 1,000 people die daily from war-related causes. One aspect of their work KAIROS supports is the spreading of knowledge about human rights and the rule of law among national, provincial and local government employees—particularly as they relate to violence against women. KAIROS recently worked with *Héritiers de la Justice* to monitor the national elections, as well as establish a legal clinic for women victims of rape and other forms of gender-based violence.

KAIROS also supports *Héritiers de la Justice*' initiative to create spaces in which leaders are made accountable to citizens for public sector service. In these spaces, citizens are given the opportunity to ask accountability questions of leaders and participate democratically in making decisions about the areas where they live. KAIROS works with [MiningWatch](#) in Canada to [change public policy](#) and mining practices to ensure the health of individuals, communities and ecosystems in Canada and around the world.

Give thanks for:

- The Anglican Church of the Congo, Archbishop Henri Isingoma, its clergy and people, covered with your pinions, finding refuge under your wings.

Pray for:

- The Heirs of Justice (*Héritiers de la Justice*) human rights organization in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, that, in the words of the Psalmist, they may not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day;
- Reinstatement and continuation of the 35-year development cooperation between KAIROS and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Lent 2
February 28, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Canadian Partnerships: Eglise Episcopale d’Haïti (The Episcopal Church of Haiti)

The Anglican Church of Canada, particularly the diocese of Montreal, has a long history of relationship with the Episcopal Church of Haiti. That relationship has been personalized by the Reverend Canon Ogé Beauvoir, a graduate of the Montreal Diocesan College, who went to Haiti in 1991 as missionary from the Anglican Church of Canada. A Canadian Haitian, he served the church’s national office as regional mission coordinator for Africa and the Middle East. Ogé and his wife Serette returned to Haiti in 2004, and Ogé became Dean of the *Séminaire de Théologie* and Executive Director of the *Bureau of Anglican Education of Haiti* (BAEH).

In their Port-au-Prince home at the time of the January earthquake, Ogé and Serette escaped without injury, but not without facing death. “I was certain we were going to die,” he said. The seminary, the Sisters of St. Margaret convent, the Episcopal university, the trade school—all “crashed” in the earthquake. Ogé provided leadership for a displacement camp organized by Bishop Jean Zaché Duracin of Haiti, whose wife Marie-Edith was injured in the earthquake when their house collapsed.



Bishop Duracin teaching a class at Séminaire de Théologie in a building now destroyed by the earthquake

[Shortly after the earthquake] Bishop Duracin said organization and survival were still the priorities for both people and institutions. “Most of the churches are down,” he said, estimating that more than 100 of the 140 Episcopal churches here had collapsed. “There is almost no place for worship or prayer.” People are afraid to go into buildings, including churches, that did not collapse, he said, including himself. His home was completely destroyed, so he was sleeping in one of the red Coleman tents that he distributed to about 40 families. He said that since the earthquake, he had not given a single sermon and was still trying to figure out what to say. When asked what parts of the

Easter 3/Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East

Canadian Partnerships: The Healing Response Committee meeting, April 23–26

The Healing Response Committee of the Anglican Church of Canada makes and administers grants for programs that help educate and heal the residential schools legacy. To date, funds for community healing initiatives total more than \$3 million. Here are three 2009 projects:

Elder, Deanery of The Pas **\$12,500**

The Elder will provide support for clergy and lay-leadership in their demanding work by providing counsel and advice as they seek to deal with the numerous issues facing their communities. Many of these issues are part of the legacy of Residential Schools. The Elder will provide support by being a healing presence, providing traditional knowledge and facilitating workshops and healing circles. (Diocese of Brandon)

Kakinow Ntomakanik **\$13,900**

Kakinow Ntomakanik will provide support, pastoral care and a resource for families and individuals receiving services from the West Broadway Community Ministry, the Agape Table and All Saints Anglican Church. Many of the people in this area are survivors or direct descendants of former residential school students. (Diocese of Rupert’s Land)

Kanien’kehá:ka Aotióhkwa Tehatiwennaténié’s Kahiatonhseratokénhti **\$7,700**

The Mohawk Bible Translation Project will enable five volunteer translators to attend Mother Tongue Translation Training. The Mohawk Bible Translation provides ongoing training for fluent speakers of the Mohawk language in translation principles and provides the necessary tools for translation, orthography and grammar. (Diocese of Montreal)

Give thanks for:

- The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, Archbishop Dr. Mouneer Hanna Anis, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- The Healing Response Committee meeting this week, that its grants will further education about and healing of the residential schools intergenerational legacy.

“Leaving the world’s poor to sink or swim with their own meager resources in the face of the threat posed by climate change is morally wrong. We do not need climate change apartheid.”

—Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Photo: Courtesy of the World Council of Churches

Archbishop Desmond Tutu addresses a crowd in Copenhagen during the UN Climate Change Conference

Give thanks for:

- The Anglican Communion in Japan, Archbishop Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- People of faith as they struggle with climate change as a moral issue, that their faithfulness to the Creator will provide leadership in reducing consumption, living more simply and sharing the earth fairly.

Bible he had been contemplating lately, he answered quickly: “Job.” Like Job, who persevered through death and destruction, Bishop Duracin said he hoped that Haiti would soon find a way to continue living. “We have to look for opportunities from the disaster,” he said. “We have to mourn. We have to suffer. But we have to get up because life has to continue.”³

Up-to-date information on Haitian relief is available by clicking the following links: [The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund’s relief work](#) through [Action by Churches Together](#).

Give thanks for:

- The Church of England, Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, its clergy and people.

A Prayer for Haiti from the Church of England

*O God, our refuge and strength,
we hold before you the nation and people of Haiti,
and pray for healing in the midst of tragedy and devastation.*

*Give comfort to the homeless, the bereaved and the suffering,
courage to survivors,
wisdom to those who seek to help,
and light to all who live in the shadow of death.*

*This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation. Amen.*



The Episcopal Cathédrale Sainte Trinité, Port-au-Prince, before and after the earthquake

³ Ormonde Plater, Diocese of Louisiana.

Lent 3
March 7, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui (Hong Kong Anglican Church)

Canadian Partnerships: International Anglican Women's Network

The International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) is mandated to raise awareness throughout the Anglican Communion about the challenges women face in being equal partners with men in God's world. To this end IAWN works with power structures in the Anglican Communion—the Anglican Consultative Council and the Primates—and in civil society, especially at the United Nations (UN), and with national governments.

In cooperation with Anglican UN Observer Hellen Wangusa and co-sponsored by the World Council of Churches, Canadian women will host a panel discussion at the [UN Commission on the Status of Women](#) in early March entitled "Violence and Indigenous Women." Rachel Chakisim of Moosonee, BC will be a panelist. She will speak about the "Sisters in Spirit" initiative that documents the disappearance and/or murder of more than 500 Indigenous women in Canada. As well, up-to-date information about the Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation Commission will be provided. Aboriginal/Indigenous Anglicans from other countries will add their voices.



In 2007, the UN General Assembly adopted the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#). This universal human rights instrument is celebrated globally as a symbol of triumph and hope. As of January 2010 Canada and two other countries had not signed it. IAWN plans to raise this issue with the Canadian Ambassador to the UN.

Give thanks for:

- The Hong Kong Anglican Church, Archbishop Paul Kwong, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- Our indigenous/aboriginal sisters worldwide, that we, with them, will persevere and change cultural norms that demean and suppress them.
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Easter 2/Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)

Canadian Partnerships: Retreats on Climate Change as a Moral Issue

The moral dilemma posed by climate change will unite humanitarian, environmental and religious groups in a [panel discussion and retreat](#) held in Toronto on April 16 and 17 at the General Council Office of the United Church of Canada.

Lead organizer Mishka Lysack, assistant professor in the University of Calgary's Faculty of Social Work, sees great potential in the event, designed to explore climate change as an ethical and justice issue as well as the role of spirituality in addressing global warming.

"Environmental, humanitarian and religious groups have cooperated to address a range of humanitarian challenges in the past," he says. "Together, they are now focusing on climate change and its potential to increase the number of people who suffer from hunger or from the spread of diseases like malaria." Lysack adds that these groups also share an ethical concern for the millions of families that may be displaced by rising sea levels and extreme weather events, mostly in places where people can least afford to adapt.

The Retreat will bring together a range of voices from a spiritual and public policy perspective, including:

- Danny Harvey, member of the International Climate Change Panel and professor at the University of Toronto;
- Richard Cizak, a Christian leader in the United States who has done much to identify and give profile to climate change as a moral issue;
- David Toycen, President and Chief Executive Officer of World Vision with significant experience in advocacy and public policy work; and
- Mardi Tindal, moderator of the United Church of Canada.

The event will feature a panel open to the public on April 14 at Trinity St. Paul's United Church, Toronto, an April 15 presentation and workshop on Creation Care and pastoral ministry, a film night and a retreat at the General Council Office of the United Church of Canada April 16-17. A similar event was held in Calgary last October as part of the day of Global Action.

For more information: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/oikos/Retreat>

Easter 1: The Octave Day of Easter/Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Ireland

Canadian Partnerships: Christian Conference of Asia

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) is Asia's oldest ecumenical organization, drawing its membership from nearly 100 churches and fifteen national councils from nineteen countries. Once every five years CCA holds its General Assembly and gathers more than three hundred members to celebrate life and to discuss and set policy to re-enact God's mission in Asia. CCA will hold its **13th General Assembly—Called to Prophecy, Reconcile and Heal—** in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 15–22.



God's call to prophesy, reconcile and be a healing community is a tremendous challenge in light of complex and conflicting Asian realities. It is also a call to a costly discipleship. Since biblical times the voice of prophesy has often been ignored and prophets are marginalized or expelled from churches for their challenge to idolatry, exploitation of the poor and the sins of racism, patriarchy and abuse of power within the Church and society.

God also announces through prophets the need to repent and follow the paths of reconciliation and healing. The "peace" Paul speaks of in Romans 5:1, 11 is certainly peace with God, but also involves transformation of human relationships and building of a just community. This radical peace is rooted in the experience of Jesus breaking down all forms of barriers and walls of hostility (Ephesians 2:14) and embracing the whole of God's creation (Colossians 1:20). The Holy Spirit empowers people and all of creation to move towards reconciliation, healing and wholeness.

Give thanks for:

- The Church of Ireland, Archbishop Alan Harper, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- The Christian Conference of Asia's 13th General Assembly meeting this week in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, that they may receive and live the call to prophesy and reconcile and heal in their Asian contexts.

Lent 4
March 14, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Canadian Partnerships: Companion relationship between the diocese of Qu'Appelle, SK and the diocese of Muyinga, Burundi

In December, Qu'Appelle bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and his wife Vicki travelled to the diocese of Muyinga in Burundi to sign and celebrate the companion relationship between the two dioceses. His [blog](#) during the journey describes November 27th:

The Diocese of Muyinga being fairly young (about 4 years at this point) there is much that they and their Bishop, Eraste, have plans and dreams for. One is an upcoming project, scheduled to start in the new year, which will provide a recreational rehab centre, largely aimed at providing rehabilitation service to victims of the civil war. There is also a plan to build a medical clinic on site at the Cathedral grounds. These projects all seem very ambitious, but they have an incredible "can-do" attitude, and find ways to make things happen in affordable ways. One common strategy is to get local folk to donate local materials, such as a couple of bricks each. By getting some external funding for iron sheeting for the roof, and bags of concrete to put it all together, a building can be erected at a very reasonable cost. Because the Church is engaged in offering services in education, health care and others, the government is often willing to provide some or all of the funding for staff.



Photo: Rosemary Cottingham

Congolese Anglicans sing and dance Bishop Eraste Bigirimana, Bishop Greg Kerr-Wilson and Vicki Kerr-Wilson into their refugee camp in Burundi.

The second part of our day was a visit to a Congolese refugee camp. Refugees from the Congo, fleeing violence in the eastern side of that country, entered Burundi four or five years ago and have been unable to return because of the ongoing problems. The UNHCR [United Nations Refugee Agency] built a refugee camp for them. The Anglican Church (as do several other churches, all of which work somewhat cooperatively) has established a congregation in the camp, including a simple church building, and the bishop identified, trained and ordained one of the refugees who now serves as their pastor. Upon arrival we were once again greeted with singing and dancing. After the offer of hospitality we entered the packed church and shared a time of prayer, singing, dancing and shared greetings. It is hard to describe the incredible mix of emotions that I experienced. On one hand there is the very obvious and very real hardship of a refugee camp, people displaced from their homes, the issues of poverty and a shortage of medical and educational resources – and there is no doubt that there are very real problems and suffering for them; but on the other hand there is an incredible, deep and very palpable faith that issues in joy and love that fairly exudes from these people. It was a privilege to be in their presence.

Give thanks for:

- The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean covering Madagascar, Mauritius and the Seychelles, Archbishop Gerald Ernest, its clergy and people.

Pray for:

- The companion relationship between the diocese of Qu'Appelle in Saskatchewan and the diocese of Muyinga in Burundi, that they may learn about and from each other as they live out their faith in Christ.

Dr. Marlene Brant Castellano, a Mohawk from Tyendinaga, is a former Professor of Native Studies at Trent University and Co-Director of Research with the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. She believes that faith communities and social justice advocates have an important role to play in helping the TRC frame the dialogue between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples about residential schools.



Photo: Trent University

Dr. Marlene Brant Castellano

For reflection

What am I as an individual, or we as a community, able and willing to do to become informed about the work of truth and reconciliation in Canada and to support community engagement?

Who are the people I might be able to influence to give thoughtful attention to Truth and Reconciliation Canada?

Give thanks for:

- The resurrection of Jesus, who breathes into us the Holy Spirit of Wisdom, peace and forgiveness.

Pray for:

- Church groups who gather to learn about the residential school legacy, that they may share honestly and listen thoughtfully and create new relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples, and that they may open a path in their communities to do the same.

Easter Day/Sunday of the Resurrection

April 4, 2010

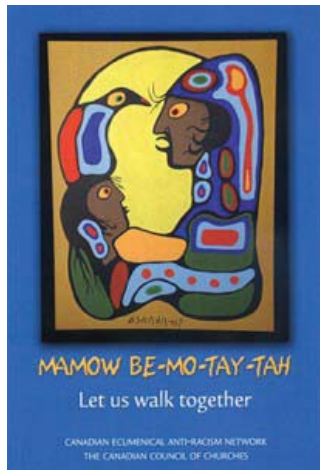
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The resurrection of Christ*

Canadian Partnerships: *Truth and Reconciliation Canada*

Equipping Ambassadors of Reconciliation was the title of the first of a series of ecumenical events to prepare leaders of local churches and communities for engagement with Truth and Reconciliation Canada (TRC).

In November 2009, more than 100 people from churches in Ontario and Quebec gathered at Geneva Park Conference Centre in Orillia, ON to participate in presentations by resource people from churches, from Aboriginal friendship centres and territories and from the private sector, to explore opportunities for teaching and learning in workshops and to meet with Marie Wilson, one of the commissioners of TRC.

The next event is planned for the fall in British Columbia.



Featured at the conference was a booklet from the Canadian Council of Churches, *Mamow Be-Mo-Tay-Tah, Let us walk together*, a resource to help Canadians engage with Truth and Reconciliation Canada on the issue of Residential Schools and better understand the legacies of colonization that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples live with to this day.

The booklet is divided into four quadrants – spiritual, emotional, physical and intellectual – with contributions from Aboriginal people from different Christian traditions.

Freda Lepine, José Zaraté, Bishop

Mark Macdonald, Marlene Brant Castellano and Esther Wesley are all contributors from the Anglican Church of Canada.

Passion Sunday/Lent 5

March 21, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *The Liturgical Consultation*

Canadian Partnerships: *International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination*

The Anti-Racism Working Group of General Synod continues to work with a mandate of training and education in anti-racism awareness for the committees, councils and boards of General Synod.

The goal of the Anti-Racism Working Group for the current triennium is to build anti-racism training teams in each ecclesiastical province, and to co-ordinate with other denominations in the delivery of workshops. To this end, representatives from General Synod participated in a training event sponsored by The Episcopal Church of the USA in Minneapolis, Minnesota in June 2009, and the Reverend Jayne Oasin, the anti-racism program officer of The Episcopal Church, met with the Anti-Racism Working Group in Toronto in October 2009.

In recent months, interest in receiving training has extended beyond the bodies of General Synod to dioceses and ecclesiastical provinces.

In May 2009, the Provincial Synod for Rupert's Land offered a workshop on anti-racism awareness training and in October 2009 the diocese of Rupert's Land organized a clergy training day on anti-racism. Some sixty people participated from the clergy and staff of Rupert's Land.

Esther Wesley, Anglican Healing Fund coordinator, and Maylanne Maybee, Ecojustice Networks Coordinator, have acted as a training team on behalf of General Synod.

Give thanks for:

- The Liturgical Consultation of the Anglican Communion, its participants and secretary, as they resource, promote and strengthen the worshipping life of the Communion.

Pray for:

- The work of the Anti-Racism Working Group of General Synod, that they may find effective ways to encourage training and education toward racial justice.

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion March 28, 2010

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: *Bishop of Jerusalem*

Canadian Partnerships: *Diocese of Jerusalem*

One of the most important ministries in the diocese of Jerusalem is the ministry of dialogue and reconciliation between the different faith communities: Christians, Muslims and Jews. On the day of his enthronement (installation), Bishop Suheil announced the establishment of the Diocesan Department for Peace, Reconciliation and Interfaith Dialogue. He appointed the Reverend Shehadeh Shehadeh, one of the founders of “Clergy For Peace,” to head this new endeavour.

Salaam and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and greetings from Jerusalem.

As I speak to you from the city of the Holy One which embraces the three Abrahamic religions, let me invite you to share with me in our corporate calling to a new ministry of love and compassion, and reconciliation. I remember with gratitude St. James, who occupied the first See in this, our mother city of Christianity. But I recognize that there are three great faiths that connect to Jerusalem and I am reminded of St. Paul, who stressed the importance of accepting diversity. In 1st Corinthians 3:20, Paul said: “Therefore let no one glory in men, for all things are yours, whether Paul, Apollos or Cephas or the world, or life or death, all things present or all things to come are yours, and you are Christ’s and Christ is God.” All is God and God is all in all. He lives in every generation. God is never absent. God is with us, above us and for us.

John the Baptist said when he was asked about the identity of Christ, He (meaning Christ) must increase and I (John) must decrease. Equally, it is my vision, my desire, and my calling, that Christ might increase in the Diocese, in the city of Jerusalem, and in the country, while we decrease.

Dear colleagues, dear heads of the Churches in Jerusalem and the Galilee, dear delegates of sister faiths, dear representatives of Palestinian



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Bishop Suheil (Jerusalem) and Archbishop Fred Hiltz (Canada) celebrating the eucharist in St. Philip’s Church in Gaza

and Israeli authorities, dear ladies and gentlemen of the three Abrahamic faiths, we have faced critical times since the year 1948. Our Holy Land is passing through another Via Dolorosa, and we are still searching for justice, peace, and hope. I doubt if there are any here today who have never suffered hurt or offence at some point in their lives — similarly, that anyone here has never given hurt or caused offence towards others. That is part of what it is to be human. Therefore, when things press hard upon us, we need to focus afresh upon the marks of our shared pain, upon those scars, which were caused by the mutual suffering of both Palestinians and Israelis. These scars remind us of the cost of the failure to love, to accept each other and to forgive.

It is in this situation we are now all called to serve. Jesus himself declared: “I have come to serve, not to be served.” “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; behold, all things have become new.” Jesus has given us the ministry of reconciliation. There is no doubt at this time, that all parties and faiths are called to a new ministry of reconciliation based on justice, peace and human dignity.

Reconciliation is best served by dialogue, not debate. The Christian mission is best achieved by dialogue. St. James of Jerusalem, together with the Apostles, resolved the crisis of Jew and Gentile in the first Church of Jerusalem by dignified dialogue. The Old Testament calls for dialogue. Islam calls for dialogue. It states that there is no compulsion in religion.

The ministry to which I am called demolishes walls of hatred and separation, and builds bridges of peace. Thus, I am delighted to declare the establishment of the Diocesan Department of Peace, Reconciliation and Interfaith Dialogue for the service of all peoples, and for coexistence among us all.

May the Lord bless you all as we walk with Him who is the way, the truth, and the life.

In Christ,

+ The Rt Revd Suheil Dawani, Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem

Give thanks for:

- Bishop Suheil of the diocese of Jerusalem and the Diocesan Department of Peace, Reconciliation and Interfaith Dialogue, that it may serve all peoples and build bridges of peace.

Pray for:

- Theological student international interns preparing for their summer placements: Kerri Brennan in Jerusalem, Robert Camara in Brazil and William Ferrey in Sri Lanka, that they may experience your steadfast love.