

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**The General Synod**  
**and**  
**The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund**

**Preamble—**

The Anglican Church of Canada desires to see and be seen as part of God’s holistic mission in the world. Representatives of the General Synod and The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) understand that the Anglican Church of Canada’s vision of holistic vision is incomplete until the self-determining governance structure of Anglican Indigenous peoples is also a partner in the vision. We see our work organically intertwined, as three trees who have grown together and bear fruit.

[Laura Marie’s photo [here](#)]

**Comment [MSOffice1]:** I’ve e-mailed Laura Marie to ask for the photo

This Memorandum of Agreement is consequent to and an expansion of the Memorandum of Understanding between General Synod and PWRDF, in which Administrative Working Relations are briefly outlined in the first paragraph “Relation Between PWRDF and General Synod”:

**Comment [MSOffice2]:** Original agreement signed May 18, 2001, is still in effect but will be revised within next 6 months.

PWRDF representatives attend meetings of General Synod and Council of General Synod, at the invitation of the Primate and Prolocutor. These invitations are extended so that PWRDF can inform the meetings of Council and General Synod on the operations of the PWRDF and on broader issues related to the international development ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada. On issues of global social and economic justice of concern to Canadian Anglicans, PWRDF will coordinate its social justice actions and its presentations to General Synod closely with the relevant staff of the Partnerships Department, General Synod.

In brief, we will seek to act together in all matters except those in which we must act separately for financial, contractual or legal reasons.

**Shared Understandings**

General Synod and PWRDF share the following understandings about our mutual and separate work:

- ❖ *Prophetic task and service provision should be held in transformative balance.* The aim for both is transformative change in attitudes and actions—change that creates space and time for thoughtful reflection that reveals the roots of systemic justice and injustice and leads to courageous action.
- ❖ Relief, development, advocacy, mission and justice belong in global and national *ecumenical contexts*, and should be encouraged locally.
- ❖ Our engagement must *connect global and local work* so that we find language and action to deepen our understanding of and further God’s mission in the world.

- ❖ There are obvious present opportunities for country-focused and thematic collaboration. That work will be strengthened through better communication with the Primate, Faith, Worship and Ministry, Indigenous Ministries, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR).
- ❖ We need tell stories to more effectively.
- ❖ We are committed to improving coordination of our networks.
- ❖ We need to do fewer things better.
- ❖ Structural integration is not a priority at this time.

### **Agreement**

We will continue and strengthen:

- 1) joint work with KAIROS, including indigenous rights and climate change
- 2) public engagement for transformative change in dioceses and parishes
- 3) country-to-country and church-to-church relationships, through focused country and thematic work
- 4) cross-functional and thematic teamwork
- 5) timely, efficient use of existing resources—people and time
- 6) our work with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples
- 7) leadership training and opportunities for youth internationally
- 8) ecumenical participation

We will act separately in the following areas:

- 1) PWRDF Board of Directors' roles and responsibilities for strategic planning and mission, vision and values; quality and performance measurement and monitoring; financial oversight; risk identification and oversight; oversight of PWRDF management; stakeholder communication and accountability; governance; and legal compliance.
- 2) Global Relations' theological education commitments
- 3) Ecumenical, Interfaith and Government Relations' legal responsibilities under the Residential Schools Agreement

We recognize allocation of work, lines of authority, approval of workplans are essential and remain management responsibilities.