

# APPENDIX E

## Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

*The following is an historical description and has largely been superseded by Canon XXII.*

### **Terms of Reference**

It has been the philosophy and spirituality of Indigenous ministry with The Anglican Church of Canada to strengthen and support the Indigenous peoples of Canada, (Aboriginal, Inuit and Métis) spiritually, socially, economically and politically in line with our needs and aspirations by recognizing that the purity of the land base provides for all our needs; and that as active participants in the life of the Church, the Indigenous peoples will strive for reconciliation with the Anglican Communion towards the common objective that Indigenous people have the right to self-determination.

The mission of Indigenous ministries is to share the cultural differences in the Church. Our task through our various ministries is to share the vision of a journey of spiritual renewal through prayerful dialogue in the good news of Jesus Christ.

In 1995 The Anglican Church of Canada accepted and affirmed the Covenant adopted by the Council pledging, “Under the guidance of God’s spirit we agree to do all we can to call our people into unity in a new self-determining community within The Anglican Church of Canada. To this end, we extend the hand of partnership to all those who will help us build a truly Anglican Indigenous Church in Canada. May God bless this new vision and give us grace to accomplish it.”

### **Membership**

The Council (Native Ministries) was established by Act 30 of the 1975 General Synod (maximum 20 people) and again by Act 23 of the 1980 General Synod giving Council members the responsibility to carry the concerns of the people directly to the National Executive Council (Council of General Synod) and General Synod.

The Membership structure established by Act 59 of the 1989 General Synod was as follows:

1. Council Members be Indigenous people,
2. Council Member be an active member of The Anglican Church of Canada,
3. Council Member participates, where appropriate, in urban Indigenous ministry,
4. Council Member be engaged in active service in the life of the diocese.
5. Formula: One representative from each diocese with an Indigenous Anglican congregation or an urban indigenous population. Those dioceses whose Indigenous Anglican population is at least 45% of the

total Anglican population for that diocese be entitled to representation as follows:  
Arctic Diocese — three (one from western Arctic and two from eastern Arctic)  
Keewatin Diocese — two (northern Manitoba, northwestern Ontario)  
Moosonee Diocese — one

6. The Primate shall be entitled to appoint up to four members, keeping in mind the principle of affirmative action to enable representation of women, youth, and Elder.
7. The full Council shall meet annually for four days each winter.
8. The Chair's Advisory Group and the subcommittees and/or working groups shall meet and/or by conference call as necessary and as budget permits.

Note: Act 59 of the 1989 General Synod has been superseded by Canon XXII.