

REPORT OF THE PARTNERS IN MISSION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TO GENERAL SYNOD 2025

1. FOR ACTION OR CONSIDERATION

A. RESOLUTION: Just Peace in the Philippines

Moved By: The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip Der
Seconded By: The Rev. Dr. Blessing Shambaré

B. RESOLUTION: A National Strategy for Local Ministries of Hospitality and Advocacy with Migrant Workers in Canada

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Bell
Seconded By: The Rev. Dr. Blessing Shambaré

2. FOR INFORMATION

The ministries of Global Relations and the Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee 2023 – 2025 served to strengthen and develop relationships between the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican Communion and international ecumenical organizations in three key thematic areas: Promoting Justice, Peace and Reconciliation; Tackling Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Enforced Migration, and Support for Covenant Companionships. This work was informed and shaped through regular consultation and collaboration with global church partners, national and diocesan leaders, ecumenical organizations, and volunteers.

BRIEF UPDATES ON PRIORITY AREA PROGRAMS

A. JUSTICE, PEACE, AND RECONCILIATION: *To Pursue justice for all; To champion the dignity of every human being and work to dismantle racism and colonialism.*

May the God of mercy strengthen the afflicted, soften the hearts of those who hold power, and bring forth a peace that upholds justice, preserves human dignity, and safeguards the presence of all people in the land to which they belong.

The Patriarchs and Heads of Churches in Jerusalem, February 2025

This is our Kairos moment, a time to assure that all are welcome at the eschatological table, a time loaded with promises and hopes for a new and pulsating peaceful future based on Jesus Christ's promise of an abundant life for all (John 10:10) — a just, egalitarian, participatory, self-reliant and sustainable society.

The National Council of Churches in the Philippines, January 2025

a. Just Peace Palestine and Israel:

- i. The 2023 Joint Assembly Resolution Peace and Justice for Palestine and Israel provided clear direction for continuing engagement by church leaders and members in acts of compassionate solidarity and prophetic advocacy with Communion and Canadian partners, groups, and peoples toward just peace for Palestine and Israel.
- ii. Endorsement of and participation in Saint Paul University conference *Palestine, Western Churches, and Settler Colonialism*, May 28-30, 2025, wherein National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Chris Harper and Archbishop Linda Nicholls represented Canadian Anglican church leadership.
- iii. Since October 2023, 16 calls (<https://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/peace-and-conflict/israel-and-palestine/>) to church members and government leaders for prayer and action calling Israel and Hamas to account for violations of international law, calling for a permanent ceasefire, humanitarian relief to the people of Gaza, for the release of all captives, an end to all arms transfers to Israel, and an end to the Israeli occupation of Palestinian Territories.
- iv. Support and promotion to Anglican leaders and members participating in the Kairos Canada hosted Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage, throughout spring 2024, culminating in a national march, vigil, and advocacy meetings with Members of Parliament and Government, May 22-23, 2024 ([Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage: Canadian Churches for Just Peace - KAIROS Canada](#)).
- v. Continuing participation in national ecumenical groups for research, planning and implementing strategies of solidarity and advocacy.

b. Just Peace Philippines:

- i. Ecumenical and global partner collaboration in developing the 2025 General Synod Resolution: Just Peace in the Philippines, to update and identify current and future priorities for solidarity and advocacy with church partners in the Philippines working for the renewal of a peace process toward rule of law and just peace for all in the Philippines.
- ii. Endorsement and support for the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines – Canada (ICHRP-C) – annual meeting and conference, May 2-5, 2024, Montreal, including bursary support for the participation of three national Anglican student activists.
- iii. Participation in ICHRP- Global Interfaith Network including development of worship resources for the first National Day of Prayer for Just and Lasting Peace for the Philippines, September 1, 2024.
- iv. Participation with National Council of Churches in the Philippines 2025 International Observer Mission, May 6-17, 2025, in solidarity with ecumenical partners' call for a free, fair, and informed federal election.
- v. 6 calls (<https://www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/peace-and-conflict/philippines/>) to church members and government leaders for prayer and action calling for just peace and freedom for the flourishing of democracy and transformative social change.

c. World Student Christian Federation – Asia Pacific (WSCF-AP):

- i. Solidarity and funding support to the WSCF-AP Human Rights, Justice and Peace program for a Capacity Building, Training, and Immersion Consultation for 50

young adult delegates from the Asia Pacific Region, *to strengthen solidarity among youth to defend God's gift of human dignity inherent in every individual, especially among the marginalized and oppressed.* \$5,000

B. TACKLING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, MODERN SLAVERY, AND ENFORCED MIGRATION: *To champion the dignity of every human being and work to dismantle racism and colonialism; To nurture right relationships among people of faith in local, national, and global communities and networks.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help

Anglican Church of Canada Baptismal Covenant

a. Migrant Justice:

- i. A joint Global Relations and Public Witness Task Group, including additional volunteers, developed the 2025 General Synod Resolution: A National Strategy for Local Ministries of Hospitality and Advocacy with Migrant Workers in Canada, in support of existing and future Canadian Anglican ministries with migrant workers from coast to coast to coast, through resources and connections with other faith-based communities engaged in similar ministries of hospitality and advocacy. The resolution serves to build awareness and bridges between diverse communities in Canada, and with global partners, and supports education toward racial justice.
 1. Members of the Task Group: The Rev. Antonio Illas (Niagara), Mr. Christopher Sorio (Toronto), The Rev. Enrique Martinez (Huron), The Rev. Augusto Nunez (Toronto), Ms Erie Maestro (New Westminster), with Global Relations and Public Witness staff.
- ii. Joint Global Relations and Public Witness leadership in developing a Churches Witnessing with Migrants – Canada (CWWM-C) network to bring together churches and church-based agencies, migrants, and migrant serving organizations in the shared work of migrant justice in Canada and globally. Since its inaugural launch in Ottawa, 2024, CWWM-C has continued to develop as a national platform for gathering member groups, planning future collaboration, sharing information about solidarity and advocacy campaigns, and local ministries of welcome and hospitality.
- iii. Continuing partnership with global ecumenical church organizations, with funding support toward research, analysis, and gatherings:
 1. Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants/ Interfaith Network for Migrants & Churches Witnessing with Migrants-International:
 - a. 2023: Interfaith Service and Advocacy Conference, Japan, \$10,000
 - b. 2024: Interfaith Service and Advocacy Conference, Indonesia, \$10,000
- iv. Participation in Anglican Global Working Group on Migration, and Resource Development Task Group.

b. Tackling Human Trafficking:

- i. 2024 Freedom Sunday, February 20: Focus: Stolen People – Sacred Teaching
- ii. 2025 Freedom Sunday, February 23: Focus: Local Parish Learning and Engagement

C. Covenant Companionships: *To nurture right relationships among people of faith in local, national, and global communities and networks.*

This is what the LORD says: “A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

Africa Six Strategic Planning Retreat
Jeremiah 31:15

We cannot work alone so everything we do must be done in partnership with others.

Primate Marinez R. Bassotto,
Igreja Epsicopal Anglicana do Brasil

I am happy we are highlighting the Companions of Jerusalem - I have included Archbishop Naoum and the Diocese of the Holy Land in our prayers of the people at Holy Family every Sunday since Oct. 7th.

Participant, Companions of Jerusalem Book Club on *The Wall Between: What Palestinians and Jews Don't Want to Know About Each Other*, Wilkinson and Khouri (2023), July 2024

a. Africa 6 Center for Anglican Women's Leadership and Research in Africa (CAWLRA):

- a. 2025 in-person participation in the Africa 6 Advisory Council, and funding support for a Strategic Planning Retreat, Lesotho, January 2025 and the launch of the Center for Anglican Women's Leadership and Research in Africa (CAWLRA), St. Paul's University, Limuru, Kenya, February 2025.
- b. The Retreat provided significant, in-person opportunities for the clarification of CAWLRA's vision, mission and strategic priorities through prayer, thematic discussion, SWOT analysis, and critical decision-making. Notable results toward the Center's launch in February 2025 also included the development of an Executive Governance Structure and Strategic Work Plan. Funding Support: \$6,000
- c. Striving to fulfil CAWLRA's mission of Empowering Africa's Anglican Senior Women Leaders for a Transforming Church and Society, programs, and activities in 2025 will address issues of visibility, sustainability, advancement of women clergy, and spiritual formation and growth of Anglican women leaders. Every aspect of CAWLRA's ministry and the Advisory Council will be based upon the core values of justice, engagement, reasoning, scripture, collaboration, and integrity.
- d. The Africa 6 currently serving Anglican African women bishops: Bishops Elizabeth Awut (South Sudan), Darcy Dlamini (Eswatini), Vicentia Kgabe (Lesotho), Rose Okeno (Kenya), Emily Onyango (Kenya), and Filemona Teta (Angola).

b. Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA):

- a. 2023 In-person partners' Consultation with CAPA Board of Governors and Management Staff to participate together in an interim review of CAPA's strategic

planning process and draft 2024-2028 program plan, current programmatic and administrative work and context, including current institutional challenges, and draft budget information for 2024 and 2025 operations and program, including the concurrently occurring General Assembly, All Africa Bishops Conference III, and CAPA@45 celebration, April 2025, Nairobi. The external funding of partners for CAPA's infrastructure recovery and strategic planning following the pandemic is required for the short term, specifically for the operations of the Secretariat. Funding support: \$20,000.

- b. 2024 International partners' welcome African Primates' Abuja Statement of Affirmation and Commitment, July, affirming CAPA's *enduring relevance as an enduring indigenous African creation which must be owned and supported by African provinces*. Infrastructure and revenue challenges continued. Funding support: \$20,000.
- c. 2025: Future of partnership with CAPA to be determined in consultation with CAPA Board and Management.

c. Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (IEAB):

- a. 2023 online partnership meetings and November in-person partnership visit with the Primate of the IEAB and Bishop of Amazonia, the Most Rev. Marinez R. Bassotto, and her Provincial and Diocesan teams in the Diocese of Amazonia. The Canadian delegation included Primate Linda Nicholls, Bishop Todd Townshend (Huron), and Dr. Andrea Mann (Global Relations). The purpose of the visit was to refresh friendship and partnership with the IEAB by participating in worship, visiting local parishes and ministries, and through conversations and discussions, learning about the IEAB's current Provincial programmatic and administrative contexts, including the operations and needs of the Provincial Office, exploring further possibilities for companion diocese relationships between Brazilian and Canadian dioceses, receiving strategic planning and draft budget documents, if available, for IEAB 2024 operations and program, and confirming the designation of Global Relations 2024 grant to the Province of the IEAB. Funding in support of the Primate's Office and Provincial Travel was identified as a priority, resulting in greater capacity for deeper national Primatial oversight and international partnership in mission. Funding Year 1/3: \$15,000
- b. 2024 Funding Year 2/3 for Primate's Office and Travel: \$20,000
- c. In 2024, the Dioceses of Toronto and Brasilia began a Companion Diocese Relationship. The dioceses of Huron and Amazonia continue to enjoy their long-term companionship.
- d. 2025: Funding Year 3/3 for Primate's Office and Travel: \$25,000

d. Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM):

- a. 2023 partnership priority to support ACOM hosting, in Honiara, Solomon Islands, the Anglican Oceania Fono annual gathering of Primates, Provincial Secretaries, and Senior Bishops. The 2023 Fono took place in Honiara, Solomon Islands, under the theme Fellowship and Growth in Regional Anglican Diversity, where intentional discipleship, theological education, disaster preparedness and more were discussed. Bishop Terry Brown represented the Anglican Church of Canada at the Fono, as a participant and a presenter. Funding Support: \$6,000.
- b. 2024 in-person partnership visit with ACOM leadership, including meeting with Board of Mission directors, orders of religious women and men, a site visit to the Christian

Care Centre for women and children following domestic abuse. The 2024 partnership priority was to support the Women on the Front Line (WFL) program of Lambeth Palace, hosted by ACOM and the Solomon Islands-Pacific Province in the Community of the Sisters of the Church, at Tetete Ni Kolivutu, for training and strengthening the skills and leadership of Anglican women in ministries of conflict resolution and reconciliation. More than 30 women participated from all four Provinces. Funding Support: \$10,000

- c. 2025 partnership priority to support the Anglican Oceania Fono travel bursary fund. The Fono took place in the Province of Aotearoa and New Zealand. Funding Support: \$6,000

e. The Canadian Companions of Jerusalem:

- a. The Companions community and Council continue to serve the church's partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem through:
 - i. annual Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday, in Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, providing fresh yearly worship resources and an archive of past years,
 - ii. regular news postings and stories on the Companions Face Book,
 - iii. semi-annual e-newsletters to Companions,
 - iv. learning events e.g. Online Summer Book Club
 - v. regular Council and task group meetings, and
 - vi. raising funds through Companions' fees and donations in support of diocesan health ministries, especially the Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza; the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, Jerusalem; and the Penman Clinic, Al Zababdeh, West Bank. Funding support: 2023-2024: Al Ahli Arab Hospital programs with children. \$40,000. Other designated donations to Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre.
 - vii. Since October 2023, Companions have also responded generously to the Archbishops' Advent and Christmas Appeals for Local Parishes and Families. Funding support 2023-2024: \$9,000
- b. New Companions Council members from 2023-2025 include: Bishop Jane Alexander, Archbishop Anne Germond (Acting Primate ex officio), Ms. Abigail Harding, Mr. Christopher Sanford Beck, and The Ven. Peter Wall.
- c. 2025 Companionship Project: Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre Training Program for Pediatric Orthopedic health care professionals to work with injured and amputee Gazan children, in partnership with Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza City.
- d. Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday, June 1, 2025

f. Companion Diocese Relationships:

- a. Canadian Anglican Companion Diocese Relationships with Communion partners were reviewed and information updated:
<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/global-local-mission/ccdp/dioceses>
- b. Initial discussion began regarding the value and purpose of within-Canada Companion Diocese Relationships, recommended for further development and support.

g. Anglican Communion Networks:

- a. Support to the Provincial Link for Canada, The Ven. Linda Hill (Ottawa), International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN), and IAWN-Canada

D. The Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee 2023-2025 members included:

The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip Der, Chair
The Rev. Grace Delaney
The Rev. Antonio Illas
Mrs. Edith Marshall
The Rev. Dr. Blessing Shambaré
Prolocutor Ian Alexander (Ex Officio)
The Very Rev. Alan T. Perry (Ex Officio)
Dr. Andrea Mann (Staff)

Respectfully submitted,

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