REPORT OF THE PARTNERS IN MISSION COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO GENERAL SYNOD 2019

INTRODUCTION

The work of the Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee (PIMCC) and Global Relations program is to enable and lead mutually responsible and interdependent relationships between the Anglican Church of Canada and Provinces and Dioceses of the Anglican Communion for God's mission. These relationships, which also include ecumenical partners, express our prayerful commitment as a national church to God's abundant love and justice for all and creation globally. They enable, stretch, and prepare us as people seeking to know, love and follow Jesus (Vision 2019).

Vision 2019 Priority 7 is a primary reference point for developing departmental priorities and activities:

Be leaders in the Anglican Communion and in ecumenical actions. Foster a common sense of participation in God's mission that honours the depth and breadth of Anglicanism in our Canadian church, develops our relationships with other parts of the Anglican Communion, and deepens our ecumenical partnerships. Adopt the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion as a primary framework for ministry development in service to God's mission, and commend them as a framework to those we serve and support in provinces, dioceses, and local ministries.

Vision 2019 Practices inform Global Relations' ways of working and developing ministry infrastructure. In the 2016-2019 triennium, for example, efforts continued in the development of the Canadian Companions of Jerusalem organization and ministry. Collaboration deepened with other General Synod departments and dioceses in hosting a partnership visit in Canada with the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa, and in organizing and facilitating *Engage Freedom! Anglicans Against Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery*.

The **Marks of Mission** which primarily inform the development of Global Relations' ministry priorities are Marks 1, 3 and 4:

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom To respond to human need by loving service To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation

RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION: 2016-2019

AFRICA: A continuing priority in the triennium has been the post Lambeth 2008 continuing indaba work of reconciliation between willing bishops in Canada and several African Provinces, with emphasis on opportunities for personal encounter, mutual learning and Communion reconciliation for stronger leadership together in mission. Specifically, the Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue http://www.anglican.ca/gr/bishopsconsultation), has since 2011 included Bishops, Archbishops and Primates from Burundi, Canada, England, Ghana, Kenya, Southern Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, USA and Zambia.

The number of participating African bishops grew annually through three (3) Consultations this triennium, in Nairobi, Kenya (2017), London, Canada (2018) and Liverpool, England (2019). As previously at the conclusion of each Consultation, a Testimony was offered to the Communion for reflection and discussion: *A Testimony of Mutual Commitment and Pulling Together – Hara'ambe (2017), A Testimony of Constancy in Faith, Hope and Love (2018), and Human Freedom in Jesus Christ (2019).* The Consultation has worked this triennium on a testimony to Lambeth 2020 and will review documents developed thus far at the Liverpool consultation. The final Consultation will take place in the Diocese of Zanzibar, February 2020. This and the Lambeth testimony will conclude a decade of our Province's commitment to and leadership in the Communion's continuing indaba for reconciliation, healing and renewal for mission. The Consultation and resulting renewed relations are indebted to the faithful work of The Rev. Canon Dr. Isaac Kawuki Mukasa, in his staff positions with the Diocese of Toronto, the General Synod and The Episcopal Church.

A second continuing commitment this triennium to reconciling relations with the Communion in Africa has been the deepening of partnership with the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA). Global Relations and a number of Canadian dioceses with covenant companion relationships with dioceses in Africa, planned and hosted together a two-week immersion visit for two CAPA leaders in September 2017 (https://www.anglican.ca/news/capa-trip-alters-preconceptions-canadian=church/30020170/; https://www.anglicanjournal.com/capa-delegation-visits-canadian-anglican-churches-set-prioritiesstronger-mission-together). CAPA was accompanied by Canon Kawuki Mukasa throughout, travelling by road, train and air, visiting local parishes and ministries in the dioceses of Edmonton, Qu'Appelle, Rupert's Land, Niagara, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. Among other results, Global Relations staff attended the CAPA Governing Board and Partners Consultation, (Kigali, Rwanda 2017), and made regular visits to the CAPA office in Nairobi. An emerging area of partnership between the Canadian church and CAPA will bring together our shared commitment to local and Communion strategies to eradicate human trafficking, enforced migration and modern slavery. Global relations staff participated in a recent CAPA hosted meeting in Nairobi (May 2019) to establish the organizational home of Churches Witnessing with Migrants Africa (CWWM-A). This new work with CAPA will mark an intentional shift in Global Relations' mandate from 'relationship for relationships' sake' to partnership in Communion strategies for justice and social transformation.

Core funding and material hospitality for African Relations ministry this triennium were derived from grants and non-monetary support from All Churches Trust, Fellowship of the Maple Leaf, Ministry Investment Fund, African, Canadian and English dioceses, parishes and theological colleges, as well as the Global Relations program budget.

CUBA: More than 5 decades of continuous bilateral partnership between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church in Cuba comes to an end in 2019. This is taking place as the Episcopal Church in Cuba becomes the Diocese of Cuba, Province 2, of The Episcopal Church. Over this triennium, as in the past, Global Relations contributed financial and material support to the Cuban church in the areas of theological education and faculty development, youth and young adult leadership, evangelism, clergy emergency funds, and temple repair and refurbishment. Beginning in 2020, such infrastructure support will be provided by The Episcopal Church. Global Relations staff supported the work of the Metropolitan Council of Cuba in their oversight of this time of transition for the Episcopal Church in Cuba. There have been many conversations and meetings this triennium with the Cuban and US Episcopal churches toward reintegration. The leadership of the Canadian Primate, and General Secretary, and Bishop of Cuba have been constant, compassionate, insightful, and productive throughout. This process of transition has been very well served by the work of Ms. Claudia Alvarez Vega, Program Associate, Global Relations, particularly through her translation of all correspondence, management of financial transactions, and close concern and friendship with the Cuban church. Staff participated at the invitation of the Cuban church in The Episcopal Church Task Force (2015-2018) to consider the Cuban church's resolution to return to The Episcopal Church, which was passed at General Convention 2018.

Continuing collaboration between the Episcopal Church in Cuba, General Synod, and the Diocese of Niagara this triennium provided opportunities for ongoing Niagara support to the Cuban parishes mission development programs, such as local Agua Viva water purification installations and temple restoration. The Dioceses of Niagara and Cuba are currently in a long standing covenant of companionship.

Future partnership in mission with the Cuban Episcopal Church will likely continue in new ways to be determined through consultation in the broader contexts of Latin American and Caribbean mission priorities.

Core funding and material hospitality for Cuba Relations ministry this triennium were derived from grants and non-monetary support from the Episcopal Church in Cuba, Gifts for Mission/Resources for Mission donations, as well as the Metropolitan Council of Cuba and Global Relations program budgets.

JERUSALEM: Partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem continued to develop during the triennium through the ongoing encouragement of Primates Fred Hiltz and Suheil Dawani, and efforts of the Advisory Council of the Canadian Companions of Jerusalem. Their goals were to raise awareness and strengthen church companionship by increasing the numbers of Canadian Companions of Jerusalem, increasing parish participation in the annual celebration of Jerusalem Sunday (https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/sunday), and participating in virtual and live pilgrimage with the 'living stones' of the Holy Land. A special offering is encouraged each Jerusalem Sunday. These offerings, Companions' annual fees and general donations have totalled more than \$130,000 since the Companions initiative began in 2012. These funds have supported three medical ministries of the diocese of Jerusalem: Penman Medical Clinic, Zababdeh, West Bank; Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities, Jerusalem, and Al Ahli Arab Hospital, Gaza (http://www.anglican.ca/relationships/programs/global-relations/jerusalem/companions).

In October 2017, Archbishop Suheil Dawani, Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem, Primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and Bishop of the Diocese of Jerusalem, and Mrs. Shafeeqa Dawani, Diocesan Coordinator of Women's Ministry, visited with Companions in Canada and spoke with representatives of government, university and theological colleges, bishops, diocesan staff, clergy and parishes in the dioceses of Montreal and Ottawa, to share information about the diocese of Jerusalem and its priorities for ministry in education, health care, hospitality, and peace and reconciliation. Members of the Advisory Council in turn accepted an invitation to attend diocesan Majma (synod) in Amman, Jordan (November 2018), to bring greetings and learn, and to visit diocesan ministries in Amman, Salt, West Bank and Gaza (<u>https://www.anglican.ca/news/gaza-hospitality-a-break-in-thehopelessness/30023402/</u>). This was Council's first visit as a group to the diocese, to meet the 'living stones, to consider a theology of companionship in context, and to discuss the Companions of Jerusalem's evolving work. All look forward to the visit of Archbishop and Mrs. Dawani to the 42nd General Synod, July 2019, to listen to their voices and stories of being called by name by God. Members of the Companions of Jerusalem Advisory Council during the triennium included The Rev. Professor Patricia Kirkpatrick (Chair), Bishop John Chapman, Bishop Michael Ingham, Bishop David Torraville, The Rev. Dr. Richard LeSueur, The Rev. Dr. Martin Brokenleg, Ms. Deborah Neal, Primate Fred Hiltz (ex officio) and Dr. Andrea Mann (staff).

The Rev. Dr. Richard LeSueur served voluntarily during periods of the triennium as the Global Relations Jerusalem and Middle East Liaison. This new way of working for Global Relations and Richard's responses to invitations from Canadian diocesan bishops to speak about the Diocese of Jerusalem at synods, clergy conferences and in other settings has greatly enhanced interest in and awareness of the life and witness of Christian and other communities of faith in the Middle East, and in pilgrimage as spiritual formation (see above link to Jerusalem Sunday 2019).

Equally important aspects of our relationship this triennium with the Diocese of Jerusalem have been the times of particular attention to disruptive events in Jerusalem, Israel and Palestine resulting in the Primate's calls for prayer and encouragement for peace with justice, and in ecumenical solidarity to government regarding Canadian policies vis-à-vis the special status of Jerusalem, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) support of Palestinians refugees, and the humanitarian needs of Gazans.

These initiatives, and more, including consultations with the General Synod's Government Relations officer, The Rev. Laurette Glasgow, continued to address the contents of General Synod 2013 Resolutions A171 and A172, to, respectively, establish an annual celebration of the life and ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and to continue to work in solidarity for peace with justice in Palestine and Israel. Resolution A172 Peace with Justice in Palestine and Israel will be reviewed in the coming triennium considering the pace and impacts of changes taking place 'on the ground' in the intervening 6 years.

The Diocese of Ottawa, in covenant partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem, continued to bring alive the purpose and depth of 'living relationships' between church members in local parishes and through diocesan sponsored initiatives. Of note this triennium was the Women's Conference in Amman, Jordan (2018) bringing together diocesan lay women leaders from Ottawa and Jerusalem to discuss and celebrate women's gifts, challenges and leadership for ministry. This conference informed the work of Dr. Patricia Bays preparation of resources to celebrate Jerusalem Sunday 2018: Women of Jerusalem. Global Relations worked with Canadian organizers to secure partial funding for travel bursaries. The diocese also offered significant organizational support to St. George's College, Jerusalem, when the college was in transition with an Interim Dean of College.

Core funding, capacity and material hospitality for Jerusalem Relations ministry this triennium were derived from the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, Canadian Companions of Jerusalem, Advisory Council members, Jerusalem Sunday, Gifts for Mission, Diocese of Ottawa, Diocese of Montreal, McGill University, Centre for Research on Religion, Montreal Diocesan College, Ministry Investment Fund, as well as the core Global Relations program budget.

ASIA: Relationships within the Communion and ecumenical groups in Asia began to develop this triennium in common concern about the growing numbers and abuses of migrant workers seeking a better future for themselves and their families in other Asian countries, in Canada and globally. Anglican/Episcopal Provinces tend to work ecumenically on issues of migration, trafficking and slavery as

members of national and regional ecumenical organizations such as National Councils of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia. There are also Communion dioceses responding locally such as the Dioceses of Kolkata and Durghapur, in the Church of North India. Staff met with Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) staff, Chiang Mai, Thailand (April 2019) to learn more about CCA's growing work in follow up from the Asia Mission Conference in Myanmar, 2017, where prophetic diakonia and advocacy regarding enforced migration, trafficking and slavery were identified as priorities. Staff also met with Asia Pacific Mission to Migrants (APMM) staff, Hong Kong, (May 2019) and the Churches Mission for Migrant Workers (CMMW) staff and workers, Hong Kong (MJay 2019) for similar discussions. APMM's and CMCW's work with local domestic worker organizations and workers themselves in Hong Kong reflects very well developed, well integrated and migrant-centred approach to ministry.

Staff began to participate in annual consultations (Bangladesh, 2016; Morocco, 2018) of the Churches Witnessing with Migrants (CWWM)movement (<u>www.philippines.org/cwwm</u>). CWWM9 Marrakesh gathered under the theme Towards an Infrastructure of Welcome & Hospitality, Advocacy and Solidarity. The event registered CWWM's international ecumenical and civil society presence and position during the adoption of the Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, during the Global Forum for Migration and Development. Whilst important and necessary, the compacts do not adequately address the needs and realities of millions of people enforced to migrate because of poverty, political instability, violence, and other abuses and crimes. CWWM seeks justice for and works with "people who are forcibly dispossessed and displaced from their lands, including migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, to resist new frontiers and borders that separate and kill" (The Arusha Call to Discipleship, 2018). Global Relations supported the Marrakesh consultation with a small grant toward the travel fund for the participation of migrant activists and survivors of trafficking and slavery. CWWM10 will take place in Ecuador in November 2019, with a focus on creating an inventory of policies and services pertaining to issues of enforced migration and monitoring government compliance in response to the Compact on Migration now endorsed by many nation states, including Canada. As mentioned in work emerging in partnership with CAPA, staff participated in meetings in Nairobi (May 2019) to establish CWWM-Africa.

The Asia Pacific Forum continues to provide two formal and informative opportunities annually to meet and discuss common interests with Asia Pacific colleagues from mainline Protestant denominations in North America. Representatives from Asian and South Pacific churches also participate from time to time. During this triennium, discussion focused on situations of concern in the Philippines, Japan, the Korean Peninsula, Myanmar and China, and on regional thematic concerns including enforced migration and enforced labour, human trafficking, climate change, geo-political security, persecution of faith minorities and preparation of Christians for discipleship and leadership in ministry. Global Relations hosted the annual face-to-face meeting in 2018. Staff completed two terms as APF co-chair (April 2019).

Core funding, capacity and material support for Asia relations ministry this triennium were derived from Global Relations core budget.

OCEANIA/SOUTH PACIFIC: Relationship with the Communion in Oceania/South Pacific has continued at a lower threshold this triennium though financial support has continued in support of the Anglican Oceania Fono which began in 2017 when Primates and Provincial Secretaries in Oceania (Aotearoa/New Zealand, Australia, Melanesia, Papua New Guinea and Polynesia) determined it was time to revitalize a formal annual gathering of regional Provincial leaders. The Fono's annual statements are clear and informative in communicating the shared concerns of these Provinces, about church development matters and pressing regional issues such as enforced migration due to climate change, loss of

Indigenous traditions and lands, resource extraction (logging, fishing and ore), human trafficking and domestic violence.

Global Relations sent accumulated donations to the Anglican Church of Melanesia for the ministry of the Christian Care Centre, Honiara, Solomon Islands, with women and children seeking sanctuary from domestic violence. More than \$30,000 has been raised over the past 5 years through Canadian Anglican donations to the Centre through Gifts for Mission. These funds have been gratefully received and used in furnishing the Rainbow Dormitory for new teenage mothers and their infants, and for supplies for the Centre's school-aged children.

Future partnership with Provinces of the Communion in Oceania/South Pacific will be explored in the coming triennium along thematic priorities of mutual concern.

Core funding, capacity and material support for South Pacific/Oceania relations ministry this triennium were derived from donations to Gifts for Mission and Global Relations' core budget.

BRAZIL/LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN: Relationship with the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil (IEAB) also continued at slower pace this triennium, with several opportunities for meetings with Provincial leaders to explore partnership possibilities. Staff visited the IEAB on two occasions - the Anglican Alliance Latin America Regional Human Trafficking Consultation (Brasilia, 2017), and IEAB General Synod (Brasilia, 2018) - and met with a large delegation of IEAB representatives at the Commission on Theological Education Latin America and the Caribbean (CETALC) conference on theological education, Panama, 2018. Primate Naudal Alves Gomes was among the regional Primates who met in Toronto, November 2018, and welcomed, with others, a 'come and see' initiative in each others' Provinces. A Conference on Mission in the Americas and Caribbean for 2021 or 2022 was also proposed. Staff continued to make connections with individuals in Brazil through the Anglican Peace and Justice Network.

The above meetings and regional Primates' statement provide a helpful starting place for developing relationships for mission with the Communion in the Latin America and Caribbean regions.

Core funding, capacity and material support for Brazil/Latin America & Caribbean relations ministry this triennium were derived from Global Relations' core budget.

CANADA: Global Relations' work of developing and sustaining partnerships for mission within the Anglican Communion has always been informed and supported by Canadian dioceses, parishes, colleges and individuals with an interest and heart for the wider Anglican world. During the 2016-2019 triennium, such collaboration continued in ways mentioned above in partnership initiatives with the Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue, Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa, Diocese of Jerusalem, Episcopal Church in Cuba, and in emerging work to eradicate human trafficking and modern slavery in Canada and globally, reported further below.

During this triennium, Global Relations (and Partnerships Department) historic involvement in the Canadian Churches Forum for Global Ministries (CCF) (<u>www.ccforum.ca</u>) came to an end in 2018. The Forum as it was called, after a multi-year process of Board and staff discernment and discussion, became the Forum for Intercultural Leadership and Learning (FILL), of the Commission on Justice and Peace, Canadian Council of Churches. This change was a result of the Board's decision to focus the Forum's considerable capacity for intercultural ministry education and training on programs to serve and support

intercultural ministry in Canada. In 2017 and 2018, Global Relations continued to support this transition through a grant for program development and with bursaries for Anglican program participants. Anglicans from 11 dioceses took part in FILL'S Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry and Learning residential program, and have been involved in organizing and hosting. Anglican participants have been lay and ordained people working in Indigenous community ministries, prison and hospital chaplaincies, within inner city neighbourhoods, with refugees and immigrants, and theological students. Participants have found the program greatly helped to 'open their eyes' to the pervasiveness and influence of culture upon one's approaches to and participation in ministry with others. Specific planning skills were learned and affirmed.

The Faith, Worship and Ministry Department now associates with FILL's work and Anglican participation given a shared interest in formation for ministry in Canada.

Core funding, capacity and material support for Global Relations' involvement in Forum/FILL ministry (2016-2018) derived from Global Relations' core budget

THEMATIC ISSUE: HUMAN TRAFFICKING & MODERN SLAVERY: Global Relations and Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice staff began in early 2017 to prepare a resolution for the Council of General Synod (COGS) spring meeting, to endorse *Resolution 15:10 The Trafficking of Persons* of the Anglican Consultative Council 2012 urging Provinces to learn about and raise awareness of their own country's or countries' involvement in trafficking, to identify resources available and activities already being undertaken nationally in the elimination of trafficking, to report findings with a view to engaging the church in response, and to promote and disseminate new and existing liturgical and theological materials relating to the trafficking in persons as resources for local churches. Some national and international work had been undertaken prior to 2017 but more was needed. A web-based platform of initial resources was developed with Communications staff for COGS' information in spring 2017 (<u>https://www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking</u>) and the resolution was passed. (https://www.anglican.ca/news/highlights-council-general-synod-june-24-2017/30019722).

A national reference group was convened in September 2017 to discuss human trafficking and modern slavery in Canada, identify key issues, vulnerable communities, values and best practices, and to make recommendations to staff for animating the Trafficking of Persons resolution. The group was comprised of church members and others with experience in this work, including women and men, Indigenous and non-Indigenous women, clergy and lay, LGBTQ2S community and heterosexual persons. Representatives from the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking and Kairos Canada's Migrant Justice program provided specific content information, as did our Government Relations colleague regarding the government's national action planning. A Metis community elder and partners from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada were invited to offer insights and guide reflection. The reference group recommended work proceed with three focal areas: trafficking for sexual exploitation, labour exploitation of foreign migrant workers, and the particular contexts and engagements of Indigenous people and communities.

Given the church's regional diversity and priority for supporting local engagement, a 3-day residential program *-Engage Freedom! Anglicans Against Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery* - took place in each internal Ecclesiastical Province: Ontario, April 2018, Manresa Centre, Pickering; Canada, April 2018, Queen's College, Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's; Rupert's Land, October 2018, Providence Renewal Centre, Edmonton; and British Columbia & Yukon, April 2019, Bethlehem Centre, Nanaimo. 49 participants in total were selected by their diocesan bishops, representing every diocese in

the church but one. 3 colleagues from Indigenous Ministries Suicide Prevention program also participated in the events in Rupert's Land and BC &Yukon.

Participants learned about human trafficking and modern slavery in the region of their Ecclesiastical Province, in Canada and globally, including Anglican responses. Participants had opportunities to share stories about local situations and church ministries, and begin to work in small clusters on next steps toward raising awareness within and across dioceses. A sample of presenter groups included the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking, Kairos Canada, Bridge North, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, East Metro Youth Services, provincial governments' anti-human trafficking offices, local coalitions against sexual exploitation, Safe Harbour Outreach Project, Migranté Alberta, and Stolen Sisters and Brothers Movement. Other organizations were invited but could not attend, including Mission to Seafarers, Covenant House, Native Friendship Centres, and local programs and shelters for victims.

Participants identified core values and principles for animating the church's response to trafficking and exploitation of all labour including compassion, courage, survivor-led, community-led (Indigenous, LBBTQ2S, immigrant and refugee minorities, etc), leave no one behind, listen and learn, respect the dignity and humanity of all persons, love, act.

Examples to date of local Anglican response following *Engage Freedom* gatherings have included articles in diocesan newspapers and online media, fund raising events for local women's shelters, Provincial adoption of Resolution 15:10, commitment to deeper research into local businesses and industries that often exploit foreign workers, diocesan workshops, and new partnerships with civil society groups. Staff have prepared a resolution for the 42nd General Synod to strengthen the national mandate for this work in the coming triennium. The work plan to animate continuing work in the next triennium will be developed in 2019 summer/autumn.

In addition to regional *Engage Freedom!* events in Canada, staff continue to work with the Anglican Alliance, several Communion Networks and global ecumenical groups to learn, extend and connect the church's national and local efforts with international movements against these crimes. This collaboration has been mentioned above in reporting on emerging work with CAPA and with Asian groups.

Core funding, capacity and material resources in support of Global Relations' involvement in the work derived from the Anglican Foundation, every Ecclesiastical Province and almost every diocese, civil society NGOs, participants, and Global Relations' core budget.

REFLECTIONS ON 2016-2019

The Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee (PIMCC) gratefully acknowledges the many church members, partners and staff who contributed to the vision and implementation of Global Relations' 2016-2019 work plan. As the Committee concludes its mandate, the following thoughts are offered to the next committee and to Global Relations staff for consideration in their work of enabling prophetic and mutually responsible relationships for mission with Communion and ecumenical partners, and others, in the next triennium:

 There is an increased good will and strength of purpose in Communion action together for faithful discipleship and social transformation. This is in no small measure a result of the Communion's deep and active yearning for God's peace, justice and abundant life for all and creation everywhere. It is also the result of many efforts by Primates, bishops, scholars, clergy and laity, by Councils, Networks, consultations, and companionships over the past decade to acknowledge, listen, learn about and learn from one another. The maturing realization that our diversity is created and blessed by God for the common good has nurtured a new spirit of risktaking and solidarity. Notwithstanding the radical insights of the 1963 Anglican Congress that the responsibility for mission in any place belongs primarily to the church in that place and the universality of the Gospel and the oneness of God's mission mean also this mission must be shared in each and every place with Christians [and others] in each and every part of the world with their distinctive insights and contributions it is as if we have realized we also share God's mission so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith (Romans 1: 12). Such realization in a church, a Communion, a world beset by powers aspiring to divide and control by force is a lesson of the Spirit to be tended not squandered or squashed through carelessness or complacency.

- 2. God's call to the Anglican Church of Canada for ministry in Canada is as compelling as ever. The work of exposing and transforming the failings of Canadian society is urgent. Racism, xenophobia, elitism, sexism all continue to violate the rights and livelihoods of people and communities, to distort systems and structures intended for the benefit of all, and to foster values of superiority, entitlement, greed, and disregard. The church's contemporary response to social and ecological injustice in Canada, in solidarity with faith-based and civil society groups and movements in Canada, can be informed and strengthened in collaboration with Communion and global ecumenical advocacy strategies. Likewise, Communion members and groups are ready and willing to walk with and welcome the Anglican Church of Canada's accompaniment and leadership in prophetic voice and action.
- 3. Whilst there are geographic places, cities or regions, uniquely meaningful to global Anglicans, and whilst relationships with churches in these locations are important in our spiritual formation, there is much to learn and offer in a shared task, in common concern, imagination and willingness to act for God's change. Such opportunities also often transform adversaries into allies. Certainly, Global Relations and the former Partnerships programs have always worked thematically with Communion partners, yet geographical region per se has continued to be an influential factor. Indeed, a locational approach provides meaningful opportunities to learn and grow as the Anglican Church of Canada, especially where context and cultural traditions may be different, where Anglicanism is expressed in unfamiliar ways. There are many current relationships between Canadian and Communion dioceses, parishes and individuals that have become strong, productive, loving partnerships in mission. Such bonds of affection need to continue for all our sakes and for God. PIMCC and Global Relations respectfully adds we also encounter God and serve with the Communion when, with the effective use of communication and media technologies, we participate in Communion Networks, in Communion strategies for justice and creation, and in regional/global organic alliances existing for a brief time for a specific purpose. We affirm and commend participation such as this, and in gatherings of Provincial leaders for discerning regional and global mission priorities and practices, and recommend it within the foundation of the Global Relations work plan in the next triennium.

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REPORTS FROM COMMUNION NETWORKS

Reports from Communion Networks to the Anglican Consultative Council 17 (April-May 2019) can be found: <u>https://www.anglicancommunion.org/structures/instruments-of-communion/acc/acc-17</u>)

Canadian Anglican leadership in the organizing work of Communion Networks and Commissions over the 2016-2019 triennium is noted:

Anglican Indigenous Network: National Anglican Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald, The Rev. Canon Dr. Virginia Doctor (Indigenous Ministries)

Anglican Communion Environmental Network: Ms. Bev Eert (Brandon), Dean Ken Gray (Territory of the People), Dr. Ryan Weston (Public Witness)

Anglican Communion Safe Church Network: Ms. Mary Wells (British Columbia), The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully (Faith, Worship and Ministry)

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