

Resolutions of ACC-14 relating to the Anglican Peace and Justice Network

Resolution 14.21: The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (from the Anglican Peace and Justice Network [APJN])

Resolved, 08.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council expresses solidarity with the Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil) in its prophetic stand on behalf of rural black and quilombo communities who “are experiencing a delicate and tense moment due to imminent judgment of ADI No. 3239 by the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court.”

Resources: letter from the Primate of Brazil – see www.anglicancommunion.org/communion/acc/resources/downloads/acc14_letter_brazil.pdf

Resolution 14.22: Community Rebuilding (from APJN)

Resolved, 11.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- 1 acknowledges with admiration and gratitude the vital work of local churches in rebuilding communities that have been devastated by violence and conflict
- 2 urges Anglican and Episcopal development and aid agencies and other Church and secular NGOs, where appropriate, to increase their support through local churches, in order to hasten the implementation of social development programmes that address food security, education, sustainable livelihoods, health care, women’s development and internally displaced persons.

Resolution 14.23: Conflict (from APJN)

Resolved, 12.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- 1 remembers people in places of conflict and injustice everywhere, especially in
 - Pakistan, where blasphemy laws allow persecution under law of Christians, and encourage religious extremism
 - Philippines, where killings and disappearances of church workers and others working in civil society have occurred
 - Sri Lanka, where a humanitarian crisis threatens hundreds of thousands of innocent civilians on the north eastern coastal belt of Sri Lanka
 - Sudan, where its peoples desperately seek an end to conflict, suffering and death
 - Zimbabwe, where previous government policies have created intolerable conditions that have destroyed the infrastructure of the country

- other places, including Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Madagascar, Nepal, and Nigeria
- 2 commends the efforts and witness of the Churches in all these areas
 - 3 encourages the Provinces of the Anglican Communion to support prayerfully and practically fellow Christians and all who live in situations of conflict, hostility and injustice
 - 4 calls upon the Provinces of the Anglican Communion to pursue, with their governments and all other parties, the end of these and all other conflicts and injustices.

Resolution 14.24: Korea (from APJN)

Resolved, 12.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- 1 notes the suffering arising from the continued division of Korea
- 2 offers its prayers and support for the continuing efforts of the Anglican Church of Korea for reunification
- 3 commends the humanitarian efforts of the Anglican Church of Korea for the relief of the starving population in North Korea and expresses its gratitude for the international co-operation demonstrated in this project
- 4 laments that the political situation in the Korean peninsula and the surrounding nations has worsened in recent months
- 5 considers that re-engagement in dialogue and collaboration is the best forward to achieve reunification and calls on all countries involved to desist from confrontation and to re-open conversations and collaboration
- 6 supports the recommendations of the worldwide Anglican Peace Conference entitled “Towards Peace in Korea” (TOPIK) in 2007, organised in response to resolution ACC13.49, and asks the Standing Committee to consider the ways in which these recommendations may be carried forward
- 7 urges the continuation of TOPIK initiatives until a permanent peace is reached on the Korean peninsula.

Resources:

for the TOPIK report:

<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/news.cfm?mode=entry&entry=5DD5CD02-96C6-814E-5BBA61139628A8F9>

The recommendations are set out there as follows:

To Member Churches of the Anglican Communion

- Utilize existing Anglican resources, particularly the Anglican Peace and Justice Network, for learning about and sharing information on peacemaking.
- Create a task force, authorized by the Archbishop of Canterbury and working with the Anglican Peace and Justice Network, to initiate future programs, including a similarly-designed peace conference in another part of the world such as the Middle East.

- Authorize that task force to create peace-focused educational and liturgical materials for churches throughout the Communion.
- Build on the work of the World Council of Churches' "Decade to Overcome Violence."
- Provide programs in conflict resolution for those in theological and ministry formation, specifically creating an Institute for Peace-Training within the Anglican Communion.
- Encourage the development of grassroots, parish-based peace training programs.

To The Anglican Church of Korea

- Organize a further peace conference which would include a wider range of participation, particularly from North Koreans, young people, women, those of other faiths and those from regions under-represented at this conference.
- Sponsor the translation and publishing of the stories of Koreans' experiences into at least English and Japanese.

To The Anglican Consultative Conference and Lambeth Conference

- Initiate a specifically Anglican follow-up to the WCC Decade to Overcome Violence.
- Provide time in the agenda for Lambeth 2008 for discussion of the issues raised by this conference.

Resolution 14.25: Middle East (from APJN)

Resolved, 09.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Kingston, Jamaica between May 2-12, 2009, in response to the challenge in a sermon on May 3, 2009, of the Archbishop of Canterbury to be a people of hope to those in need of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation,

- 1 deplores violence wherever it is used in conflict in the land of Israel/Palestine and affirms its desire that a robust peace process in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict leading to a two state solution should be pursued by all parties without delay
- 2 expresses its deep concern about recent and continuing events in Gaza, and supports and draws attention to the 'Statement on the situation in Gaza' issued by the February 2009 Primates meeting
- 3 laments the fact that current Israeli policies in relation to the West Bank, in contravention of UN Security Council resolutions, have created severe hardship for many Palestinians and have been experienced as a physical form of apartheid
- 4 noting that a just peace must guarantee the security and territorial integrity of both Israel and the future state of Palestine so that all the people of the area can live in peace and prosperity, applauds President Barack Obama for his commitment to work for a just peace for both Palestinians and Israelis, and calls on him and all governments of the Middle East to work in co-operation with the United Nations for the creation of a Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel as defined by UN Security Council Resolutions

- 5 welcomes the Arab League statements which indicate a readiness to make peace with the state of Israel, the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the normalization of relations, and calls on the Israeli government to respond favourably to the Arab proposal in an effort to end all forms of belligerence on the basis of international law
- 6 calls on Israel to
 - (i) end its occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip
 - (ii) freeze immediately all settlement building with the intention to abandon its settlement policy in preparation for a Palestinian state
 - (iii) remove the separation barrier (wall) where it violates Palestinian land beyond the Green Line
 - (iv) end home demolitions, and
 - (v) close checkpoints in the Palestinian territories
- 7 recognising that the city of Jerusalem is holy to Christianity, Islam and Judaism and is not therefore the monopoly of any one religion, upholds the view that members of all three faith groups should have free access to their holy sites
- 8 calls on all people of faith and good will to pray and work for peace so that justice and reconciliation may be achieved for all the people of Palestine and Israel.

Resolution 14.26: Peace-making Dialogues (from APJN)

Resolved, 05.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- 1 urges Anglicans everywhere to be bold in preaching reconciliation and facilitating peace-making dialogues in every situation of war and conflict
- 2 supports the concept of healing through the processes of truth-telling, repentance, and restorative justice
- 3 urges all in provincial leadership positions, especially those in theological education, to implement programmes of conflict-resolution skills training as a contribution to developing effective and bold prophetic voices for God's justice in all societies
- 4 commends to the Provinces of the Anglican Communion the educational resources on conflict transformation and reconciliation identified and promoted by the Anglican Peace and Justice Network on the ACO website.

Resolution 14.27: Post-Conflict Resolution (from APJN)

Resolved, 05.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- 1 welcomes with appreciation the report of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network entitled "Community Transformation: Violence and the Church's Response," and thanks the provinces of Rwanda and Burundi for hosting the APJN in September and October 2007
- 2 celebrates the leadership exercised by the Provinces of Burundi and Rwanda, as well as Congo, Sudan, and Melanesia, in establishing post-conflict programs of reconciliation and healing, as highlighted in the report

- 3 calls for increased solidarity from member Churches of the Anglican Communion with the Provinces in the Great Lakes Region, and recommends the establishment of partner relationships, where common witness and support may help in the prevention or resolution of conflicts in the region and communities may be more immediately rebuilt.

Resolution 14.28: Sudan (from APJN)

Resolved, 05.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- 1 draws the attention of member Churches to the Statement on Sudan issued by the Primates at their meeting in Alexandria in February 2009
- 2 asks its member Churches to urge the African Union, the United Nations, and their own governments to be more assertive in seeking a commitment from the Government of Sudan to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement without further delay
- 3 urges its members to offer continued prayers and advocacy for a cessation of violence in Darfur, for resumption of peace talks with the Lord's Resistance Army and the disarming of other marauding groups, for safe passage for aid organisations, and for the protection of civilian populations throughout the country
- 4 appeals to those Anglican leaders who are in dialogue with Muslim leaders around the world to share from their experience, insights and wisdom on how best the interreligious dimensions of the conflict in Sudan can be reduced.

Resolution 14.29: Towards Effective Anglican Mission (from APJN)

Resolved, 11.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council expresses appreciation for the Towards Effective Anglican Mission (TEAM) Gathering in Boksburg, South Africa in March 2007 and commends the TEAM report to the Provinces as a resource in addressing the Millennium Development Goals and the alleviation of poverty in its many forms.

Resolution 14.40: Resolution of Thanks (*Extract*)

Resolved, 12.05.09

Expression of Thanks

This meeting gives thanks for the work of all those whose God-given gifts have contributed to this meeting and whose dedication and service have enabled the Council to do its work, at this meeting and in the period since ACC-13 on behalf of the Anglican Communion.

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Our thanks go to the members of the Anglican Communion Networks who gave freely of their time to resource and inspire this meeting by sharing the work of the Networks. Their presence greatly enhanced and informed our deliberations. Additionally, this

Council notes that a great deal of the work and witness of the Anglican Communion is undertaken through the Networks of the Anglican Communion. We thank them for their faithfulness and commitment to God's mission.