

**REPORT OF THE PARTNERS IN MISSION COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TO GENERAL SYNOD 2023**

FOR ACTION OR CONSIDERATION

Resolution on Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel

FOR INFORMATION

1. The Global Relations work plan 2019-2023 served to strengthen and develop mission relationships between the Anglican Church of Canada and members of the Anglican Communion and international ecumenical world in three main thematic areas: Tackling human trafficking, modern slavery, and forced migration; Promoting Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation, and Support for Covenant Companionships. This work was achieved in regular and intentional collaboration with global partners and with national and diocesan ministry programs, staff, and volunteers.

2. Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery, and Forced Migration: With a mandate to continue this work established by General Synod Resolution A204 Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery (2019), in collaboration with Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice, a second national Reference Group of twenty (20) church members and partners, involved in accompaniment, awareness raising and activism on these issues, was gathered online in September/October 2020 to examine and recommend values and directions for the triennial workplan. The Reference Group and staff affirmed that this work would:

- Be informed by and contribute to the Church’s work on dismantling racism against Black, Indigenous, and Peoples of Colour – to ‘connect the dots’ between the racist Doctrine of Discovery and colonization of First Nations and Territories, historic slavery, and the disproportionate violence against Black, Indigenous, and Persons of Colour in Canada today. This work would reflect and support the anti-racism initiatives of the Vision Keepers, Black Anglicans of Canada, Dismantling Racism Task Force, and others involved in anti-racism ministries.
- Continue and strengthen efforts to educate and equip church members of all ages with current, contextual resources about the types and impacts of human trafficking and modern slavery in Canada, and globally, about vulnerabilities, and what makes for resilient, healthy people and communities. This work would also be mindful of the trauma often experienced in learning about such violence, and take steps to mitigate against traumatization.
- Make clear and concrete the impacts of human trafficking and exploitation on Indigenous people and communities. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s *Calls for Action* and the *Calls for Justice in Reclaiming Power and Place: Final Report on the National Inquiry into Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls*, other sources, Indigenous Anglicans and other Indigenous groups would inform this approach.
- Welcome opportunities for questions and conversations about healthy human sexuality and spiritual wellness in new ways.
- Be credible if it acknowledged the church’s complicity in these crimes historically, and now, and
- Be informed by and contribute to international awareness raising, and action with global church and faith based groups and networks.

Other values and activities frameworks also considered included: the Safe Church Charter; Bill S-211 The Modern Slavery Act (Canada); UN Protocols and Declarations such as the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

Highlights of activities occurring throughout the triennium toward fulfilling the mandate of Resolution A204 within the values and directions recommended by the Reference Group included:

- 2020 - 2023 Joint Ministry Agreements with the Council of Anglican Churches in Africa, Asia Pacific Mission for Migrants, and Churches Witnessing with Migrants International on mutual priorities in tackling national and international human trafficking and modern slavery, including training programs for African Anglican church leaders in awareness raising and advocacy skills; research into the harmful impacts of pandemic-based racism on foreign migrant workers in Asia; and migrant led interventions to the UN International Migration Review Forum and its precursor the Migration and Development Forum.
- Human Trafficking web hub <https://www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking/>
- Freedom Sunday (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) including worship and prayer resources raising awareness annually about various vulnerable communities and effective strategies for learning, support service, and advocacy.
- Informational presentations on human trafficking and the situations of temporary foreign migrant workers in Canada to gatherings of the dioceses of Algoma, Yukon, and Niagara, including synods and International Women’s Day
- Full Communion Youth Secretariat led Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth (CLAY), Annual Project, August 2021-2022
- Full Communion leaders’ letter to Parliament in support of Bill S-211 The Modern Slavery Act (Canada)
- Anglican Communion Working Group on Migration, and Anglican Alliance Global Trafficking and Slavery Reference Group (2020 – 2022)

3. Promoting Justice, Peace, and Reconciliation: Citing the Communion’s 4th Mark of Mission: *To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation*, Global Relations triennial work included:

- A review of existing General Synod resolutions and policies (2000-present) concerning international justice, peace, ethics, and human rights with recommendations for further study and discernment. The range of topics in the church’s global justice-seeking polity includes the trajectory of the conversation on the Anglican Covenant; solidarity with global peoples living with HIV/AIDS; accompaniment and advocacy against anti-Semitism and Islamophobia; condemnation of human trafficking and modern slavery; the rejection of war as a means of making peace; solidarity for peace and justice for Palestine and Israel; and more.
- The development of the Joint Resolution Peace and Justice for Palestine and Israel presented to Assembly/General Synod 2023 to affirm and strengthen the current commitments of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to the pursuit of peace with justice for all in Palestine and Israel. The preparation of this resolution included consultation with

regional church partners, the experience and witness of the Primate’s and National Bishop’s visit with partners, December 2022, and solidarity with Canadian ecumenical partners in letter writing to the federal government on several matters of grave concern, including the Israeli Defence Force occupation of St. Andrew’s Church, Ramallah (August 2022), desecration of Mount Zion cemetery (January 2023), and Jerusalem synagogue shooting (January 2023).

- Ecumenical coordination of a Church Leaders Delegation to Ottawa, April 2023, including the Primate, National Bishop, Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and a Moderator Designate of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, to meet with Members of Parliament and the civil service to express concerns and request greater Canadian leadership in international solidarity for peace with justice for Israelis and Palestinians.
- Continuing work toward the formation of Churches Witnessing with Migrants-Canada, an ecumenical and civil society tripartite platform of Canadian migrant justice groups and faith organizations, to raise awareness of and advocate for the rights and dignity of foreign migrant workers in Canada and North America.
- Solidarity with national Love My Neighbour and Communion Anglican Alliance networks in advocacy for global vaccine equity, especially for trafficked persons and migrant and undocumented workers in Canada and globally (2020 – 2022).
- Support to the work of the new Canadian Provincial Link, International Anglican Women’s Network (2020 – present), The Ven. Linda Hill (Ottawa) including the survey and report *Holding Up a Mirror: A Study of Women in Leadership in the Anglican Church of Canada Today (2022)*, which revealed a continuing situation of fewer women in ordained leadership in the church national more than 45 years after the first women’s ordinations.
- The conclusion of a decade of programmatic commitment to Communion reconciliation through the post-Lambeth 2008 Anglican Bishops in Dialogue consultation (<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/bishopsconsultation/>)
- Steering Committee, Anglican Peace and Justice Network (2019 – present).

4. Covenant Companionship: In the spirit of the affirmation of the 1963 Anglican World Congress, we believe: *the responsibility for mission in any place belongs primarily to the church in that place. However, 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] from each and every part of the world with their distinctive insights and contributions. We are always and everywhere a local and global church.* Three major initiatives had been planned for the 2019-2022 triennial work of encouraging and enabling the growth of global covenant companionship for mission. Among the reasons for these initiatives was the 2022 Lambeth Conference whereby Canadian Anglican bishops would meet Communion counterparts for friendship, learning, and possibly sewing the seeds of future companion diocese relationships.

Restrictions imposed upon travel and in-person meetings by the pandemic by COVID-19, 2020-2022, limited the scope of the first initiative, which was to meet with existing Communion partners for in-person consultation for learning, discerning, and deciding upon new/continuing partnership priorities. Instead, communications and discussions with Communion and ecumenical partners focused in the first year of the pandemic on prayer, story telling, remembering those who were dying, and exchanging news of the church’s local pandemic responses. This was an important and meaningful year of accompaniment and

companionship. As the pandemic continued to impact ‘normal’ ways of working, the increased use of information and communications technology led to new, wider communities of companions, allies, and partners which have, for the most part, continued. As the pandemic’s impacts have decreased, and widespread international travel has resumed, the end of the triennium has included a return to meeting with international committees, councils, and partners face-to-face. There has been a collective regrouping and turning anew to discussion about priorities and directions in post-pandemic partnership for mission. Of the other two companionship initiatives:

- A full review and update of the Canadian companion diocesan relationship with Communion and other Canadian dioceses was completed (2022), posted online, and presented to the Canadian House of Bishops prior to the 2022 Lambeth Conference. This web hub is refreshed on a regular basis when news is received about new companionships, activities, and committees. <https://www.anglican.ca/gr/global-local-mission/ccdp/>
- The Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/companions>) has continued its active leadership and support throughout the triennium in the church’s growing partnership in mission and justice with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Highlights in the Companions of Jerusalem’s ministry 2019-2023 include:
 - Annual Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023) worship resources <https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/sunday/> . This Sunday is celebrated together in Full Communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
 - Companions e-newsletter sent 3 times yearly to individual, parish, diocesan, and other group Companions with news of the Diocese of Jerusalem and related topics
 - Project based fund raising through Companions fees, donations, and offerings on Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday. Grant designations determined by the Diocese of Jerusalem:
 - 2019 Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Children with Disabilities, Aqua Therapy Program (\$9,800); Medical School Fee Bursary N. Ibrahim (\$3,000)
 - 2020 Al Ahli Arab Hospital Electricity Operations (\$7,500); Medical School Fee Bursary N. Ibrahim (\$3,000)
 - 2021 Al Ahli Arab Hospital Emergency Support (\$20,000); Medical School Fee Bursary N. Ibrahim (\$3,000)
 - 2022 Ashrafieh Seniors Home, Amman, Jordan: Renovations and Improvements to Social/Recreational Common Room (\$15,000); Medical School Fee Bursary N. Ibrahim (\$3,000)
 - 2022 Graduation with Distinction, N. Ibrahim, MD, Al Quds University, Ramallah, now serving as a physician in Jenin, West Bank. Dr. Ibrahim is a member the Diocese of Jerusalem.
 - Consultation with staff and partners on topics concerning solidarity and advocacy for peace with justice for Palestinians and Israelis
 - Project Liaison participation in the Primate’s and National Bishop’s leadership visit to the diocese of Jerusalem and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land,

December 2022. The Project Liaison report identified several potential new opportunities for mutual support to the health ministries of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the ELCJHL.

- Co-hosting with the Diocese of Jerusalem *A Journey of Pilgrimage and Discovery for Young Adults, May 1-12, 2023*

(<https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/companions/pilgrimage2023/>).

Twenty young adult Canadian Anglican pilgrims travelled to the Palestinian Territories, Israel, and Jerusalem for a program of immersion and learning in the biblical lands of the 2023 Easter season. Pilgrims, aged 21-27 years, representing each Ecclesiastical Province, participated with the support of their diocesan bishop and Companions throughout the church, and were accompanied by the Primate and staff.

- Welcome of new members to the Companions Advisory Council, and thanks giving to those whose tenure of service ended. The Primate is an ex officio member. Continuing Advisory Council members 2019-2023 include: The Rev'd. Professor Patricia G. Kirkpatrick (Chair), Bishop John Chapman, Mr. Robert Granke (ELCIC), Bishop Bruce Myers, The Rev'd. Jonathan Rowe, The Rev'd. Andreas Thiel. Retired members this triennium included: Mr. Amer Ayoub, Canon Dr. Martin Brokenleg, OSBCn, Bishop Michael Ingham, The Rev'd. Dr. Richard LeSueur, Ms. Deborah Neal, and The Very Rev'd. Paul Smith.

5. Administration: In March 2020, Canon Dr. Isaac Kawuki Mukasa retired from ministry with the Global Relations Program of the General Synod. The Rev'd. Canon Kawuki Mukasa was the lead staff support for the Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue (2010-2020), for which he and Bishop Colin Johnson received the Cross of St. Augustine from the Archbishop of Canterbury, in 2021, *for extraordinary efforts and leadership in sustaining communion through initiating ongoing dialogue amongst Bishops across the Anglican Communion – especially Canada, Africa, the UK and the USA – following Lambeth 2008 through to 2020.*" We offer our sincere appreciation to Canon Kawuki Mukasa for his work during the 2019-2023 triennium, and for many years previously in the national Global Relations and Faith, worship and Ministry Departments of the General Synod. We wish Isaac well in his retirement.

Respectfully submitted:

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