

Draft Resolution
PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

RESOLVED that this General Synod:

expresses its solidarity with of the Diocese of Jerusalem in the pursuit of peace with justice in Palestine/Israel, and commits the Anglican Church of Canada to:

a. Study for peace

- receive the 2009 Kairos Palestine statement, *A moment of truth: A word of faith, hope, and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering*, for study and reflection with the Diocese of Jerusalem and ecumenical partners in Canada and the Middle East
- consider actions of solidarity and peaceful resistance with ecumenical partners in Canada and the Middle East

b. Advocate for peace

- Request the General Secretary, in consultation with the bishop of the diocese of Jerusalem, to write to the Prime Minister of Canada, reiterating the Anglican Church of Canada's established policy:
- calling for a comprehensive, just and lasting peace
 - stating the need for each side to recognize legitimate aspiration, rights and needs of the other
 - condemning violence against civilians
 - requesting the implementation of UN resolutions – 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 194 (1948)
 - supporting the need to end Israeli occupation of Palestinian Territories
 - recognizing the fact that Israel is an occupying power with an obligation to respect 4th Geneva Convention
 - requesting measures be taken to reduce poverty and unemployment and to improve services to Palestinians
 - recognizing the need for Palestinian access to Canadian markets.

[Rationale: *To include background information about the 2009 Kairos Palestine statement, KAIROS' position on the Middle East, past statements of the Anglican Church of Canada on the Middle East, information about ELCIC statement on the Middle East*].