

MISSION PERSONNEL

Volunteers in Mission

The Volunteers in Mission (VIM) program of the Anglican Church of Canada was approved at the Winnipeg General Synod in 1986. The first appointments were made in late 1988 and early 1989 to Fiji and Tanzania. Since that time 87 adults and 15 children have served as Volunteers in Mission in 28 countries and returned to Canada. Volunteers have come from 20 of our 29 dioceses, from British Columbia to Nova Scotia.

Volunteers in Mission exists to provide opportunities for qualified Canadian Anglicans to serve two-year appointments overseas in response to requests from overseas Partner Churches, agencies or institutions; to provide support for the recruitment, screening, orientation and placement of volunteers and to assist volunteers and their support groups to use their experiences to provide mission education within their dioceses and the wider Church in Canada.

The Rev. Emily Smith, who left in October 2009, is presently serving in the Diocese of Guatemala.

Theological Students' International Internship Program

This program (TSIIP) places 3 theological students in summer internships for 3 months with partner churches/organizations overseas. Since its inception in 1992, 51 students from 10 theological colleges across Canada have completed placements with partners in Africa, Asia, the South Pacific, the Caribbean and Latin America. The budget covers the costs of recruitment, preparation, orientation conferences, visa fees, travel to and from the placement, living allowance while overseas, and debriefing weekend after returning to Canada.

The 2010 theological students are Kerri Brennan, Diocese of Ottawa going to the Diocese of Jerusalem; Robert Camara, Diocese of Montreal, going to the Church in Brazil and William Ferrey, Diocese of British Columbia going to Sri Lanka.

Continuing Education for Global Ministry Program

This is a new self-funded program designed to offer opportunities for active clergy in parish ministry to be placed with an international partner for three months. This placement, possible in their companion diocese can serve as either a sabbatical or a continuing education experience.

The Rev. Andrew Twiddy is the first to participate in this program. He left Canada on February 1 to work for three months in the Diocese of Belize. He is accompanied by his wife, Sandy and two of their children.

The Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries

The Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries (the Forum) seeks to build ecumenical partnerships with the church overseas through programs such as ecumenical third world visitors to Canada, orientation and debriefing of Canadian theological students being sent on overseas summer internships, missionary orientation and returning missionary conferences, and production of resources such as

Forum Focus, On Your Way, Sojourning: A leaders guide to short-term mission trips. Jill Cruse is the Chair of the Board of Management of the Forum. Clementina and Jill are members of the Program Committee.

The most recent Orientation Program (Jan. 5-16, 2010) was attended by our three theological student interns, the Rev. Andrew Twiddy and his wife, Sandy.

MISSION EDUCATION

Resources

Production of Praying with our partners (PWOP) 4 times per year for use by parishes as a supplement to the Anglican Cycle of Prayers.

Website development and maintenance

Collaborate with the web manager and web writer in communicating Partnerships stories through various web pages. Post and maintain the Mission and Justice web site.

Communications consultation with Elizabeth Hirst

Companion Diocese Program

The purpose of a Companion Diocese relationship (CDR) is to help strengthen the Anglican Communion through the direct experience of interdependence across cultural and geographical boundaries within the Body of Christ; and to strengthen one another for mission by building a relationship in which each partner is both giver and receiver.

The Canadian Anglican dioceses are presently engaged in 19 international CDRs, 3 domestic CDRs and 3 Canadian dioceses are in serious discussions with international dioceses.

People Exchange

This program helps to bring Anglican and ecumenical Church partners from other countries to Canada in order to strengthen Companion Diocese relationships, to contribute to Mission and Ecojustice initiatives, and to give a human face to our international partnerships. It also enables travel within Canada for deputations and mission interpretations.

In 2009, a total of \$4,740.00 was granted to for People Exchange programs from the United Kingdom, Brazil and Tanzania.

Partnership Visits

This program helps Canadian dioceses send youth, groups and individuals on short visits to partners in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific.

In 2009, a total of \$14,200.00 was granted for Partnership Visits to South Africa, Palestine, Tanzania, Guyana, Belize and Cuba.

Staff Work since we last met

Conference Call regarding the PMEJ's input into Vision 2019.

Mission Education

- Production of two issues of Praying with our partners (PWOP)
- Preparation for Orientation program for TSIIP and Continuing Education for Global Ministry
- Provide partnership stories for INFO
- Information requests
- Gift catalogue text and photos
- Haiti communications
- Posting of websites
- Attendance at Theological Education Conference in January
- Follow-up work with PMEJ task groups (Mission Education and Communication)
- Conference Call regarding PMEJ response to Vision 2019
- Maintenance of Companion Diocese relationship list
- Consultation with Ottawa, Quebec & Qu'Appelle re: CDR's

Personnel

- Coordination and preparation for Denominational Day for student interns to provide orientation to national work and structures, during their Orientation program through the Churches' Forum.
- Meetings of Program Committee and Board of Churches Forum for Global Ministries Board
- Ongoing correspondence with VIM and with Support Group, financial statements compiled and distributed
- Monthly mailing to VIM and 11 international scholarship students
- Respond to queries from interested Canadian and others
- Respond to requests for VIM from partners
- Maintain VIM and TSIIP database
- Processing living allowances and other expenses for VIM
- Processing insurance claims, dealing with insurance company and with broker