

Draft Resolution
STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP WITH DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM

This General Synod:

... in thanksgiving for the long time partnership of the Anglican Church of Canada with the Episcopal diocese of Jerusalem, commits the Anglican Church of Canada to:

a. Pray for peace

- call on Canadian Anglicans to regularly pray for the diocese of Jerusalem and our fellow Christians in Palestine and for peace for all people in Palestine/Israel
- designate one Sunday a year for prayers (according to Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Jerusalem is particularly remembered on Palm Sunday)

b. Educate for peace

- encourage Canadian Anglicans to study history and current events in the region
- post web links to Kairos, Anglican Communion, diocese of Jerusalem
- invite dioceses/parishes to host/participate in at least one event a year to discuss and learn about situation, if possible, in partnership with ELCIC events
- encourage distribution of products and services in Canada from Occupied Palestinian Territories
- request the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to provide information, guidelines, and resources for parishes and dioceses to participate in multi-faith dialogues in their own communities.

c. Strengthen relationships for peace

- request the PMEJC to support the formation of a Canadian chapter of Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (modeled after that of The Episcopal Church)
- invite Canadian Anglicans to support the health care, educational, and interfaith ministries of the diocese of Jerusalem, including raising money for medical equipment and for programs such as Kids 4 Peace http://www.j-diocese.org/Interfaith_Ministries?th=2
- continue to foster links with the diocese of Jerusalem through the Theological Students International Internship Program, Volunteers in Mission, the companionship between the dioceses of Jerusalem and Ottawa
- promote Canadian Anglican group visits to Land of the Holy One in cooperation with the diocese of Jerusalem and Christian tour guides
- request PMEJC to develop a resource for Canadian Anglican pilgrims to the region.

[Rationale: to include relevant background information on primate's visit to Jerusalem, TEC Friends of Episcopal Diocese, St. George's college, etc.]