

Draft Resolution
TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

This General Synod:

1. Affirms the goals of Truth and Reconciliation Canada and requests the General Secretary to ensure adequate support and resources for the Anglican Church of Canada to fully support and participate in its work over the next five years (2010-2015):
 - Prepare a comprehensive historical record on the policies and operations of the schools;
 - Complete a publicly accessible report that will include recommendations to the Government of Canada concerning the Indian Residential School system and its legacy;
 - Establish a research centre by the end of its mandate that will be a permanent resource for all Canadians;
 - Host seven national events in different regions across Canada to promote awareness and public education about the Indian Residential School system and its impact;
 - Support events designed by individual communities to meet their unique needs;
 - Support a Commemoration Initiative that will provide funding for activities that honour and pay tribute in a permanent and lasting manner to former Indian Residential School students.
2. Reaffirms the goals of the *Equipping Ambassadors* conference held in Orillia, Ontario in November 2009: “To equip local church leaders to engage their communities in the TRC process such that:
 - No church member who is a survivor of the Indian Residential Schools can say, ‘I didn’t have the chance to tell or give the story of my experience to the TRC Commissioners.’
 - No non-Aboriginal church member can say, ‘I never heard about the history or legacy of the Indian Residential School system.’
 - Every diocese of the Anglican Church of Canada has the opportunity to uphold and learn from effective examples of reconciliation between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.
3. Requests the PMEJ Committee to advocate for the Government of Canada to sign onto the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.