



The Anglican Church of Canada L'Eglise anglicane du Canada
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Wednesday, September 16, 2009

Dear Friends on Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee,

Two weeks from today, we will all be together in Vancouver! It has been a full year since we last saw one another, and there will be much to share and discuss. We will enjoy four days of fellowship, worship and strategic work to plan our closing months as a committee and to make preparation for those who will follow us.

We are so grateful to Margaret and Andrea for their planning and guidance in a Diocese that offers much to inform our ongoing work. We will be meeting local Anglicans and Lutherans and partners in the church. Bishop Ingham has graciously agreed to be with us on Thursday morning for a Eucharist and to share with us an introduction to life in the Diocese of New Westminster.

Over the summer our staff members have worked on a number of drafts of our agenda. Thank you to all who have given so much careful thought to plan our time together. While we might make one or two small adjustments, Draft 6 is a very workable document.

At General Synod in 2007 there were four motions passed that had to do with the merger of the Partners in Mission Committee and the Ecojustice Committee. These were motions A180, A181, A182, and A043 (adjustment to the constitution). Now we need to prepare resolutions that will carry our work forward. We will be considering our name, the size of the committee, and the composition of the committee. We must make these decisions at our upcoming meeting so that our draft resolutions can be presented to CoGS in November. There may be some other resolutions for our consideration, arising from the work of our groups.

Because we now know that this will be our last face-to-face meeting, we have a few thoughts about marking this special time together. On Saturday, October 3rd, we will have a special dinner and gift-giving. It is our hope that each member will bring a small gift, a symbol of your place of work, your church or your home. It could reflect your faith and the work that is most important to you. This gift could be something you have made, or something that cost less than ten dollars. The gifts will be wrapped in tissue, and distributed anonymously. Each member will return home with a token of the love and work we have shared.

Concerning more practical matters, please bring a mug with you for beverages during breaks. You will need comfortable walking shoes and an umbrella or rain jacket to keep away the rain! According to Google we can expect above average temperatures, 22-26 degrees celsius. Evenings will be cooler. We predict lots of sun. Maybe this is wishful thinking, but the trend looks promising!

We are praying for your safe travel and look forward to seeing you on September 30th!

Blessings to each one,

Sue and Peter