

Partners in Mission & EcoJustice (PMEJ)
Mission Education and Personnel Program work

Mission and Justice Education and Resources

Network Supplies/Resources

Supporting a Mission and Ecojustice networks of diocesan and parish leaders to interpret the work of Partners in Mission and Ecojustice. Includes producing information brochures and other print and web resources for distribution among members of the networks. ***Praying with our partners (PWOP)*** and other print resources include *Just Living, A Justice that Heals and Restores* and *A Charter for Racial Justice in the Anglican Church of Canada*. Funds and consultation are provided for regional or national gatherings of networks.

Website development and maintenance

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

Companion Diocese Program

The purpose of a Companion Diocese relationship 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 national staff plays a midwife role in this primarily diocesan program – providing information, resources, advice, and orientation to diocesan staff and committees.

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 interpretation.

Partnership Visits

This program helps Canadian dioceses to 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.

Theological Students Conference

The Churches' Council on Theological Education in Canada sponsors a yearly conference for theological students. A small grant is made towards the costs of this conference.

Voluntary Mission Agencies Consultation

Enables a yearly consultation between PIM staff and Committee Members, and representatives from the Voluntary Mission Agencies, following the General Synod Policy adopted in 1989.

MISSION PERSONNEL

Personnel

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. Clem and Jill are members of the Program Committee.

Theological Students' International Internship Program

This program (TSIIP) places 3 to 5 theological students in summer internships for 3 months with partner churches/organizations overseas. Since its inception in 1992, 49 students from 10 theological colleges across Canada have completed placements with partners in Africa, Asia, the south Pacific, the Caribbean and Latin America. This money covers the costs of recruitment, preparation, orientation conference, visa fees, travel to and from the placement, living allowance while overseas, and debriefing weekend after returning to Canada.

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 86 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 BC 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.

Since last we met:

Staff work

July 3rd meeting of PMEJ chairs and staff

Ecumenical Partnership

Joint ELCIC/ACC staff meetings

Mission Education

- Two issues of Praying with our partners (PWOP)
- Orientation session with delegation from the Diocese of Montreal going to Masasi
- Meeting in Glengarry Parish, On. – Consultation on a mission project in Madagascar
- Ecumenical South Pacific Meetings
- Companion Diocese Network meeting in Baltimore
- Everyone, Everywhere 2008 – world mission conference
- Work with video & web folk on South Africa filming
- 2nd orientation session with delegation from the Diocese of Montreal going to Masasi
- Interview for web story on VIM
- Posting to websites
- Information requests
- Provide partnership stories for INFO!

Personnel

- 6 TSII chosen, placed, sent, 1 returned-5 stayed, supported, returned, arrange for debrief and prepare + send materials for 2009 program to Diocesan Bishops and Anglican theological colleges
- Visited with the Rev. Tess Meadows, returned VIM
- Forum on International Personnel meeting
- Meetings of Program Committee and Board of CCFGM – elected Chair of Board + Executive Comm.
- Re-Entry Program – debriefing with Joanne and Jacob Simfukwe
- Correspondence with VIM and with their support groups, financial statements compiled and distributed
- Monthly mailing to VIM and 11 international scholarship students
- Respond to VIM queries from interested Canadians and others
- Respond to requests for VIM from partners
- Renewed Expatriate Insurance Policy for VIM
- Processing living allowances & other expenses for VIM
- Processing insurance claims, dealing with company and with broker