

orally presenting the work of *Partnerships* to parish/diocesan groups and workshops.

References: Five Marks of Mission, Ten Principles of Partnership, Narrative Budget, Mission and Justice web pages (<http://www.anglican.ca/mission/index.htm>), General Synod Organisational Chart,

Objectives:

1. To provide standard content in presenting information on the work of Partnerships;
2. To assist Partnerships' volunteers and staff in 'Telling Our Story' to Anglican parishes and dioceses in Canada.

A Template for Telling Our Story: Partners: In Mission and Ecojustice

Opening: Express thanks for the opportunity to Tell Our Story

State what you're plan to do: To tell a story about the work of our church in relationship with other Anglicans, other Christians and people of other faith traditions in response to God seeking able and willing partners in mission and ecojustice, in Canada and around the world.

Gauge listeners' awareness and knowledge of parish/diocesan engagement in social outreach, individual and group mission activity, and justice seeking, and who their partners are –irrespective of connection with Partnerships- by asking 'what is the mission and outreach of your parish?' 'with what social issues are is your parish involved?' Invite comments. Actively listen.

Gauge listeners' awareness and knowledge of Partnerships programs and partners by asking '*do you know your General Synod supports this work? partners with Anglicans across the country and around the world in similar work? can support and supplement your work too?*' Invite comments. Actively listen.

Presentation: Begin with a short story of partner with whom Partnerships works, in one of our program areas (ecojustice, mission personnel, communication and resources, global relations), focusing on an individual in this partnership, including their name, country, position, work focus...to catch peoples' attention with a person's special witness to one of the 5 marks of mission.

Recall briefly the 5+1 Marks of Mission, recognized by Anglican Provinces world wide as the lens through which Anglicans identify activities as mission.

Describe briefly:

the focus of our relationship with this partner (homelessness and urban poverty, indigenous justice, climate change, theological education, support through a volunteer in mission, peace and reconciliation, etc..)

how we work together (in coalition with others for solidarity and advocacy, providing human and financial resources, feature partner issues and analyses in publications and prayer resources, etc.)

what we have achieved together (access to public policy makers and changes to laws, projects and programs, academic theological training, increased mutual recognition, respect and understanding, etc.)

State how this work is made possible through the listeners' financial offering every Sunday, through parish apportionment to the diocese, and in turn the diocese's apportionment to the General Synod. And through the Anglican Appeal and designated donations to the mission of the national Church

Acknowledge listeners may be wondering about Partnerships and The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

State the Partnerships department of the General Synod, and its volunteer national committee is not PWRDF. PWRDF is the separately incorporated relief and development agency of the ACC, helping Canadian Anglicans for the past 50 years respond to appeals for relief from natural and human-made disasters, to appeals for refugees in flight, and for community-based development. Many if not most PWRDF partners in this work are not the Anglican Church or church-based organisations. Under the terms of its working relationship with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), PWRDF needs to collaborate with secular organisations sufficiently skilled in relief and development work. PWRDF receives its program funding from CIDA and from direct appeals to individuals in parishes.

Partnerships on the other hand, is a descendant of the original 'mission heart' of our church body, connecting us for more than a century with other disciples in Christ, within Anglican and ecumenical traditions for building up the world wide church for mission, and with peoples of other faiths witnessing to God's vision and purpose.

Partnerships is a department of the General Synod committed to being-in-right relationship with others, in "loving one another" (1 John 4:7), through prayer and people in face-to-face consultations, practical and financial support to volunteers, theological student interns, diocesan companionship programs, justice camps, ecojustice advocacy, and through financial grants for the mission God is enabling with others in Africa, Asia,

the Caribbean, Central America, Latin America, North America, the Middle East and South Pacific.

Partnerships is comprised of 4 program areas: Global Relations, Mission Personnel, Ecojustice, and Mission Resources and Communication. This work is served by 7 staff and 20 volunteer members of the national Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee from 16 dioceses, including Lutheran, ecumenical and international members. The Indigenous Healing Fund is also situated within Partnerships and is served by 2 staff and a volunteer board of ____ representatives from _____.

Partnerships carries the core of the church's historic mission in Canada and globally, which is a legacy not only of the institutional church, but of our foremothers and forefathers in faith, yearning as we do to be useful to God's grace and purpose, to be radical for God's grace and purpose, to co-conspire in God's breath of life, and not only in the yearning but in the doing.

With this great communion of saints, Partnerships is the church's national commitment to lifting Anglican heads and hearts from the pew into the world, around the corner and around the globe, to meet others doing likewise, without fear and trepidation in the light and love of God Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

Commend the following additional information resources:

<http://www.anglican.ca/mission/index.htm>

<http://www.anglican.ca/appeal>

Questions and Discussion:

Invite comments and questions. Discuss

Ask for one way of linking local ongoing work and emerging interest in mission and ecojustice with Partnerships, and make a pledge to forge this connection.

Ask if someone would be interested and willing to serve as a contact to receive Partnerships news for web posting, bulletin boards, bulletin inserts

Leave Partnerships contact information and copies of available print resources.

Suggest Print Resources (Available and In Process)

1. Program Brochures: Volunteers in Mission, Theological Students International Internship Program, EcoJustice Camps (to be developed), Partnerships and PWRDF (to be developed)
2. Current Narrative Budget summarizing scope of program, breadth of national and global partners, and funding commitments to partners' mission and justice priorities
3. 5 Marks of Mission bookmarks
4. Information Resources: Engaging in God's Mission, Praying with our Partners, Lenten and Advent Calendars, Just Living, Racial Justice Charter, Front Runners Study guide, bulletin inserts, website and staff contacts
5. DVD: *Partners: In Mission and Ecojustice* (to be developed)

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