



The Anglican Church of Canada      L'Eglise anglicane du Canada

80 Hayden Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4Y 3G2

September 12, 2008

Dear Members of the PMEJ Committee,

We hope that you are all well, and are enjoying all the new beginnings that Autumn offers. We are so looking forward to being with you soon, from October 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> in Montreal.

Our staff members have worked closely with us to plan this meeting, as it occurs in the middle of our three-year term of office. In our first two meetings we have met and come to know one another, and have taken some first steps in our goal to unite the work of two previous committees, Partners in Mission and Ecojustice. It is time now to review our mandate from General Synod, and to discuss our understandings of our role and responsibilities in the Anglican Church of Canada, as well as our ways of working together. We will look at our expectations for our ongoing work as a committee.

In addition, we will be learning about the mission work and justice issues that are inherent in the work of the Diocese of Montreal. You have likely read about the Bouchard-Taylor Commission on Reasonable Accommodation in the Province of Quebec. Debates on Immigration and Multiculturalism took place against a fundamental Quebec reality, the fragility of Quebec identity. You will have an opportunity to hear more about this on our first evening. As we move about in the centre of downtown Montreal, from the business district to Chinatown, from Cathedral Place to local missions, you will see that despite the situations of hostility reported in the newspapers, Montrealers enjoy the diversity of their city.

It is good timing for us to be led through anti-racism training on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> with some team members who have lived the Montreal reality. That same evening we will enjoy a meal in historic Old Montreal.

Early in our meeting, you will have an opportunity to share with others two important things that have happened in your life or in your diocese since our last meeting.

There will also be good opportunities to talk together as we walk to our different venues and as we share meals together. We look forward to the opportunities to worship together as planned by our very thoughtful Worship Group. The Bishop of Montreal, Barry Clark, will be presiding at a Eucharist on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will be our host for lunch at Cathedral Place. He is looking forward to sharing time with us all.

**One request: If it is possible for you to bring a mug with you for coffee and tea breaks, this would be very helpful.**

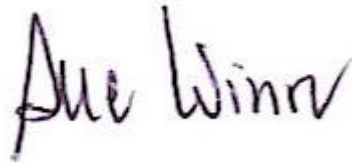
**Also, please note the information that follows this letter, from Jill Cruse, about retrieval of the meeting material.**

We pray for your safe travel, and good health in the weeks ahead.

A bientot!



Peter Fenty



Sue Winn

Co-chairs, Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee

#### **Message from Jill:**

We are trying a new thing with the docket for this meeting, asking you to print the materials yourself and save us the mailing costs. Please keep track of expenses for this and add them to your expense account. Those who are not able to print the docket, please contact Claudia and she will print and mail a copy to you. [calvarez@national.anglican.ca](mailto:calvarez@national.anglican.ca), 416-924-9199 ext. 270. Materials will be ready for you, on the directory, on **September 17th**.

This is the link to the directory to which we will post docket materials for the October 1-5 meeting. <http://www2.anglican.ca/mission/about/committee/files/index.htm>. If the link below does not open your browser, copy the url and paste it into your browser address bar and click on GO. A window will pop up asking for the user name and password.

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