

**Partners in Mission & Ecojustice (PMEJ) Committee
Victoria Inn and Convention Centre, Brandon, Manitoba
April 3rd-6th, 2008**

Draft Minutes (Revised)

Present: Florence Ayban, Elizabeth Beardy, Caroline Chum, Margaret Cornish, Jesse Dymond, Peter Fenty, Peter John Hobbs, Richard LeSueur, Rob Marsh, Iola Metuq, Bill Mous, Nigel Packwood, Jonathan Schmidt, Colleen Sym, Susan Titterington, Jennifer Weiss, Petty Wilmot, Susan Winn

Regrets: John Brewin, David Torraville

Guests: Paul Gehrs, Marion Jenkins, Cynthia Patterson

Staff: Claudia Alvarez, Jill Cruse, Lydia Laku Kiden, Andrea Mann, Maylanne Maybee, Clementina Thomas, Henriette Thompson

Day 1: Thursday, April 3rd

1. Morning Worship: Eucharist commemorating ministry of The Rev. Henry Budd, Marion Jenkins, co-principal of the Henry Budd Theological College, spoke about the life and ministry of Henry Budd and the current work of Henry Budd College.
2. Welcome, Daily Agenda Review, Review of Minutes October 11-14, 2007
 - a. Welcome Henriette Thompson, new director of Partnerships
 - i. Shared moments of her journey in faith in the Anglican Church of Canada
 - ii. Orientation to department and work thus far has been full, informative, a steep learning curve in a number of significant meetings, conversations. Excited by indications of creative energy, discussions of alternate, new developments and priorities.
 - b. Reviewed and received Day 1 agenda
 - c. Received October 2007 PMEJ Minutes as drafted and circulated. Business arising from the minutes was addressed in working group reports and docket documents.
3. Member and Staff Check in: *"How is God working in your diocese?"*
4. Functional Groups and Reports to Plenary: Worship and Theological Reflection, Policy and Program Review, Education, Networking and Communication; Justice Camps
 - a. Worship and Theological Reflection:
 - i. Began planning worship for fall 2008 meeting

- ii. Biblical/Theological Reflection themes:
 - Spring 2008 Anglican Communion Group to facilitate conversation: “What is Mission?” (facilitated by Anglican Communion in Mission working group)
 - Fall 2008 “What is Ecojustice?”
 - Spring 2009: “What is Mission and Ecojustice?”
 - iii. For future meetings: PMEJ will work on resources – fact sheets and prayers – devoted to GS resolutions relating to partners, e.g. in Philippines, Sudan, Myanmar (Burma), etc.
 - iv. Resources would include:
 - Liturgy and Prayer
 - Explanation/background information
 - Think Tanks’ to produce theological reflection
 - Invitation to reflect, “What does this have to do with us? How are we connected to root causes?”
- b. Policy and Program Review:
- i. Programs intended for Review: VIM, TSIIP, Global Relations, Indigenous Justice
 - ii. Program reviews lead to policy review. This will be undertaken concurrently
 - iii. New policy development is anticipated.
 - iv. Action: Request PMEJ staff to invite the Forum to submit a proposal, with budget, to analyze the current situation of long term volunteer mission personnel programs in Canadian churches, with recommendations to PMEJ pertaining to the VIM program.
- c. Education, Communication, Networking and Justice Camps:
- i. Recommend formation of a larger single group from these two groups because of the integral aspect of education and networking in the Justice Camps. **Approved.**
 - ii. To do:
 - Support NS&PEI camp in 2009, Niagara camp in 2010
 - Raise awareness of PMEJ throughout the church through website, brochures, PowerPoint presentation for use in parishes and synods (Jennifer Weiss)
 - Raise awareness of Partnership programs throughout the church via above media
 - iii. Challenges
 - Internet access, high speed/dial up varies widely across church
 - Lack of financial resources for printing, distribution at Church House, dioceses, parishes
 - “Context” is complex, multilayered, of critical importance
 - Lack of access to print resources in first languages of aboriginal members of church is a justice issues. Raise with COGS.

5. Prayer Partners.

6. Anglican Peace and Justice Network (APJN). Cynthia Patterson

- a. Cynthia reported her experience of participating in the APJN meeting in Burundi and Rwanda, September 2007. She was inspired by the resilience, hope, faith and dignity of people she met, and impressed by how those who survived the Rwandan genocide, which affected everyone, are now working to rebuild their lives, communities, and country.
- b. Following the September 2007 meeting, the APJN is committed to gathering resources on healing and reconciliation and sharing them widely within the network and wider Communion, including Lambeth.
- c. The APJN is a network of the Anglican Communion comprised of 22-26 Provincial representatives, funded and organized primarily by The Episcopal Church (TEC). Cynthia has represented the Anglican Church of Canada on APJN for three meetings: Aotearoa/New Zealand (2001), Palestine and Israel (2004), and Burundi and Rwanda (2007). Next APJN meeting to be determined.
- d. Cynthia now leaves this work, so the Chairs' Advisory Committee will seed a new representative for the network. Orientation to the relevant work of PMEJ and other General Synod committees prior to APJN meetings is essential, as is debriefing with PMEJ staff and committee, if possible.

7. Evening Prayers, Adjourn, Social Time

Day 2: Friday, April 4th

1. Morning Prayer and Bible Study: *Voices on the Road to Emmaus* (Luke 24: 13-17, 27-32)
 - a. Members asked to share their experiences of encounter with others, and how their life was changed; to identify what voices God is using to speak to us, to the Anglican Church of Canada today. What are these voices saying? What prevents us, and the church, from hearing when God speaks? When we do "hear" what keeps us from being transformed? What is God calling us to do as PMEJ, and as individuals, in the voices we are "hearing" at this meeting?
2. Chairs Advisory Committee: Jessie Dymond, Caroline Chum, Henriette Thompson, Peter Fenty, Sue Winn.

3. Canadian Covenant Response Group (Representatives from Faith, Worship and Ministry (FWM), PMEJ, and House of Bishops): Caroline Chum
 - a. Caroline is part of this group, which met in February 2008 in Winnipeg to respond to Communion draft.
 - b. The group identified concerns about Covenant from across church, especially the issue of increased authority and power of Primates, and the sense that the Covenant seemed more a way of punishing difference in the interests of uniformity, than a way towards unity in diversity.
 - c. The Communion Covenant Response group, including Eileen Scully, FWM staff, will meet for further discussion in Singapore in fall 2008. The Canadian group will meet following Singapore.
 - d. A briefing package is being prepared for Canadian bishops attending the Lambeth Conference, July 2008. A second survey of Canadian dioceses will follow the Singapore revision of the Covenant.

4. Issue Groups and Reports to Plenary: Anglican Communion, Peace, Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation, Indigenous Justice, Ecology and Economics.
 - a. Anglican Communion (AC):
 - i. Watching Brief Reports: Relations within Communion (Rob), ACC Secretariat (Susan), and Lambeth Conference (Peter) reported. Discussed how best to share this information within the AC group and larger PMEJ. Recommended:
 1. To share websites with the whole group through docket
 2. To communicate by e-mail within the working group for information, and in docket for all committee
 3. AC Conference call agenda
 - ii. Work with Worship and Theology in reflection on mission, justice and ecojustice over the triennium
 - iii. Plan to reflect upon and discuss where personnel programs fit within mission and ecojustice
 - iv. Plan future discussion on what it means to be “in communion”.
 - v. Given diversity of regions and interests within PMEJ, recommend we are intentional at every meeting in getting to know one another

 - b. Peace, Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation:
 - i. Proceeding with development of an Urgent Action response policy. ‘Best practices’ are in place to assist in responding to emergent situations, including call from partners, with partner analysis and strategies, time specific, complement existing long term strategy and General Synod resolutions/values, and/or identify need to develop strategy. Ecumenical as possible, especially through Kairos. Work with Policy and Program Review Group.
 - ii. General Synod Resolutions: Making good progress on fulfilling resolutions requests. Staff working with General Secretary and Primate in generating letters and scheduling solidarity visits.

- iii. Planned for publication in the *Anglican Journal* and/or diocesan papers an article on travel preparation and tourism, especially where exposure and information is tightly controlled e.g. Israel familiarization packages, Myanmar tourism.
- iv. Recommend an educational component at every meeting, involving a global issue with relevant local Canadian connections. Work with Worship and Theology, and Ecology and Economy working groups, e.g. an educational module on Israel-Palestine conflict, our partners concerns, focus on water as a weapon, using Kairos and other water campaign materials and analyses. Education through viewing a film e.g. *Martyrs Street*, and through liturgy/prayer e.g. *oasis* in Bedouin spirituality; a gift of God for all for life. Not a well, which we dig. Not a place where people live. Water, baptism, hope in Christian spirituality. Primate is intending to visit Jerusalem in September 2009, with Anglican Video documentation. Invite Primate to our October 2009 meeting to prepare for travel or brief us following.
- v. Continuing to discuss a Justice Day, following principles of Justice Camps, late 2009 or early 2010.
- vi. Recommend film: *Up the Yangtze*, featuring the human impact of Three Gorges Dam on Yangtze River (www.uptheyangtze.com)
- vii. *Just War, Just Peace*. Not yet sure what we'll do with this, but will include Responsibility to Protect in review.

c. Indigenous Justice:

- i. Difficult to meet without Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) partners.
- ii. Representatives of PMEJ, ACIP, ACIP and PWRDF plus ecumenical partners were part of an Indigenous Justice Round Table, which met in January 2008, co-chaired by Anglicans Caroline and Charles Bobbish. National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald also attended. Key issues: non-stipendiary Indigenous clergy, *Remembering the Children* tour. Next steps are to identify and work on priority issues, e.g. water and land rights. Next meeting dates to be confirmed, likely January 2009.
- iii. Discussed idea of a visiting program to northern Anglican communities under the working title of *Come and See*. Visitors could offer respite to northern clergy, assist with vacation bible schools, develop parish-to-parish links within Canada. The program would address the critical need for southern and northern communities to get out and be with one another, to learn and companion with rural churches, to continue to address residential school issues and participate in the Truth and Reconciliation process. A visit of a couple of people from PMEJ to Iola's community for the Synod of the Diocese of Arctic, June 2008

Synod was proposed as a pilot project. (PJ Hobbs). Program ideas to be raised at House of Bishops meeting April 16.

d. Economy and Ecology:

- i. Formed a CO2 task group to equip Canadian parishes to reduce greenhouse gas and carbon footprint. Many available resources so CO2 will compile and clear, rather than develop. Three focus areas:
 1. Information gathering about what dioceses and parishes are already doing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and share these models on the website.
 2. Encouraging and subsidizing Anglican dioceses and parishes to undertake energy audits and retrofits. To this end, we are exploring partnerships with Faith and the Common Good, diocese of New Westminster, and the Anglican Foundation. The CO2 task group is also considering how to partner with Faith and the Common Good and Zero Footprint <http://zerofootprint.net/> to establish internet-based “carbon calculator” as a way of encouraging Anglican travellers to contribute toward a fund for helping their church reduce its carbon footprint.
 3. Raising awareness among Anglicans about Climate Change as a spiritual issue – by gathering, developing, distributing education and worship resources.
- ii. Identified three task groups with Anglican and ecumenical expertise on the issue at hand that would function in a similar way to the CO2 task group:
 1. Climate Change and greenhouse gas reduction (as above).
 2. Homelessness and affordable housing
 3. Mining and resource extraction
- iii. KAIROS request for input from churches and Alberta residents into process for developing policy related to extraction and Tar Sands. Maylanne to reply to AJ Finlay, current KAIROS Boardmember, and Henriette Thompson, new KAIROS Board member, by April 29th.
- iii. Discussion: A PMEJ meeting in Calgary would be an opportunity to meet and talk with various Tar Sands stakeholders. Current surge in commodity prices and exploration costs in Canada and globally, leading to increased development of mines. Ground and aquifer water, coastlines, forests and fisheries all negatively impacted. Extractive industry, impacts, and human and environmental rights suggest a Justice Camp theme!

5. Plenary: What Does it Mean for us (Anglican Church of Canada) to be in mission at this time? Jonathon Schmidt presented Christian Missiology Time Line: 20,000BCE to Present. Considered and gathered answers re:
 - a. Clarification of our individual understanding of mission
 - b. Review Bishops' definitions of mission [Doc. # 63-07-04-08]

6. Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP): Florence Ayban. [Notes to follow]
 - a. Comments:
 - i. Courage of Filipinas seeking protection of human rights and environmental justice in dangerous situations is an inspiration
 - ii. The numbers and difficulties of migrant Filipino workers globally are an injustice.
 - iii. 10% tithe by all ECP clergy is an inspiration.
 - iv. Though the ECP's achievement of financial autonomy is indeed good news, there is still conversation and justice, reparation and restitution needed for past devastations of colonial powers. 'Encouragement to financial autonomy' lets the colonizers off the hook for past evils, and diminishes willingness to walk in right relationship with formerly colonized peoples in a post-colonial world.
 - v. Evil happens in mission. Evil is invisible and its roots are within us, we carry them, we pass them on. We must take the risks required to eradicate these roots. We must weave together our differences in neighbourliness, to break the systems and structures of evil, with purity of motive.

7. Announcements: Sunday parish visits, Diocesan Exposure, Meeting with Bishop James and Mrs. Bernadette Njegovan.

8. Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC): The Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to National Bishop brought greetings from National Bishop Susan Johnson, and Ryan Anderson, former Public Witness staff. The position was cut for budgetary reasons just the week before. Other news highlights from the national office:
 - a. Following full Covenanted Communion in 2001 with the Anglican Church of Canada, ELCIC is now exploring joint ministry programming e.g. Lutheran Anglican parishes.
 - b. National Executive Council Vision: "Let us be a church for others"
 - c. 5 priority streams: Spirited Discipleship, Diverse Faces, Compassion and Justice, Diverse Effective Partnerships (fruitful for ministry), and Focused Frameworks (restructuring that makes sense) e.g. reduced number of Canadian synods.
 - d. *Travel Light*, National Youth Gathering, August 14-17th, 2008, Whitehorse, Yukon. To gather and challenge youth to go back to parishes to green them.

- e. Lutheran World Federation is in a renewal process. Important to belong to a global communion, to express compassion, and to lift our sights beyond home, neighbourhoods, Canada. We aren't helped by local and Canadian work only, by looking only at ourselves.
 - f. Accountability: how do we make sure people who have represented the church in meetings share information with leaders?
 - g. We will appoint a person to the PMEJ committee in near future. Please advise what expertise would be best fit.
9. *Remembering the Children* Tour (www.rememberingthechildren.ca), Maylanne Maybee. [85-02-04-08]
- a. Purpose of Tour: to raise awareness among member churches and wider public about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of the Government of Canada (www.irsr-rqpi.gc.ca). Substantial media coverage helped this to happen. The tour changed the quality of relationships among leaders and survivors.
 - b. Organized by Anglican, United, Presbyterian Churches and Assembly of First Nations with an intentional focus on large, urban non-indigenous church in Ottawa, Vancouver, Winnipeg and Saskatoon. Strong participation of local Roman Catholic leadership. Tour reached beyond churches to general public. Attendance exceeded expectations.
 - c. Core message: The residential schools legacy is not behind us. Much work still to be done by surviving students and churches towards healing and reconciliation.
 - d. The tour was not only in four cities, but also into the church's history. "As a church we need to be eternally aware of what we have been, what we have done, as we work in the present to change that history" National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald.
 - e. Comments:
 - i. Pray that the TRC Commissioners be appointed as soon as possible.
 - ii. Send a letter from Ecumenical Residential Schools working group, Chair Steven Kendall to the Government of Canada urging the appointment of commissioners.
 - iii. Call your MP because telephone calls are counted.
 - iv. CBC coverage of the tour was very helpful, as were Anglican communications staff.
10. Visit to Volunteers in Mission in Uganda and Tanzania, Jill Cruse. Travel report circulated [#21-07-04-08]. Carolyn Langford, Diocese of Ottawa, and Bruce and Gerry Melville, Diocese of British Columbia, are all well. Jill received profuse thanks from church partners for the volunteers, who are so much better prepared than other international volunteers.

11. Vision and Principles of Communication: PMEJ response to Council of General Synod (COGS) included:
 - a. These principles are very helpful in reminding us about how we should speak with one another. Accountability for the ways we choose to participate and speak with others is crucial.
 - b. Recommend adding the word 'love' in the text. 'God is love; God who loves us' needs to be named.
 - c. Principles should be based on scripture.
 - d. Add statement about action as a form of communication.
 - e. Add statement about silence as a form of communication: i.e. by choosing not to speak we tacitly support what is unjust or evil.
12. Evening Prayers, Adjourn and Social Time. DVD of General Romeo D'Allaire's return visit to Rwanda, 10 years after the genocide.

Day 3: Saturday, April 5th

1. Morning worship
2. Review of Report to COGS, Decisions Made, Work Assignments in Preparation for Next Meeting:
 - a. Report to COGS:
 - i. PMEJ input on *Visions and Principles of Communication* as listed above (#11);
 - ii. Proposal for a visiting program to remote northern Indigenous communities under the working title, *Come and See*. A protocol and program needs to be developed to prepare people for visits and provide good information on the cultural context(s) being entered and the cultural context from which the visitor comes. A first phase would enable south to north exposure opportunities for visiting PMEJ committee members in isolated communities. Future phases could include north to south exposure for church leaders and youth in remote communities, and for east to west to east exposures.
 - iii. Henriette will plan to attend the Diocese of Arctic Synod, May 26 to June 6, 2008 with one committee member and report on the visit to the next PMEJ meeting.
 - iv. Elizabeth Beardy reiterated the welcome of Cree communities and reissued an invitation to come and visit, to consider northern parishes as placements for theological student interns.
 - v. Primate's visit to Middle East in 2009 will be announced to COGS when dates are confirmed.
 - vi. Educational Component to be included in October 2008 meeting: Focus to be specified, and to highlight a particular church partner and local context in church mission and justice partnerships.

- vii. Next Meeting: To be confirmed when costing has been completed. Richard LeSueur has invited PMEJ to consider meeting in Canmore, Alberta. Suggested Focus: Extraction Industries, Human Rights and Ecojustice
- viii. Suggestion in scheduling all Triennium meetings of General Synod committees and groups: Hotel and travel costs in most Canadian destinations are less after Thanksgiving than before.
- ix. Question: At what point do we report to COGS the breadth and depth of the PMEJC and its subgroups, other than through the submission and discussion of resolutions on the debate list?

b. Decisions Made and Work Assignments for the Next Meeting: In addition to the specific decisions and work plans of sub-groups and staff, plenary decided by consensus:

- i. The Chairs' Advisory Group will seek a new person to represent the Anglican Church of Canada on the Anglican Peace and Justice Network when the primate is next invited to send someone, likely in 2009 or 2010. The co-chairs and committee thank Cynthia Patterson for doing this since 2001;
- ii. Henriette Thompson will plan to attend the Synod of the diocese of the Arctic, May 26 to June 6, 2008 with one other committee person. Their visit will profile the work and resources of PMEJ as well as Iola Metuq's work on PMEJ, and serve as pilot project for a *Come and See* exchange program;
- iii. Decision about location of October 2008 meeting referred to the Chair's Advisory Committee, based on staff calculations of the costs of meeting in Geneva Park, Orillia, and The Victoria Inn, Brandon, plus the various working groups (Justice Camp, Indigenous Round Table meeting, Anti-Racism Implementation Group) and conference calls.
- iv. Members and staff will send comments about Brandon exposure experience to Andrea for collection and disbursement to members, for information and future planning..
- v. Maylanne to send a memo to PWRDF asking for information on tracking food and justice issues, and ways of contributing to it.

3. Partner Reflections:

- a. Jonathon Schmidt.
 - i. "Really like hanging out with Anglicans. The cultures of our churches are similar, and in my role as partner, I can say a lot more at this table. It continues to be a pleasure to serve."
 - ii. It is important to ask the question What is mission? as there is a crisis in the church today in defining mission. There is also crisis in defining justice. Our understanding of justice is being watered down by overuse of the word, and by confusing good feelings with justice

served. We may feel good, but we've not necessarily served justice. PMEJ has an important role in defining mission and justice for conversation and learning within the church.

- iii. Florence's presentation was an emotional time with many in tears. It is difficult but tears can convey feelings for injustice – observed or experienced. Why would we not feel tears walking into this place of affluence and wealth, weep at our comfort with this, since it is based on exploitative trade? We cannot have what we have without the majority world suffering as Florence's people are suffering.
- iv. Christian tourism, short term "mission work for justice" and even the meetings of this committee and their resulting carbon emissions...do the positive outcomes balance the negative impacts?
- v. Greening of the work of General Synod committees is a great suggestion: what is the human and environmental impact of how we meet? It is easy to fly, to use hotels in Canada. There is a reason and a cost for this, which by and large, we don't pay. I took the train, and suggest this and alternate travel possibilities. We speak about visiting remote northern communities. Travel by train brings us into contact with people and communities inaccessible and unnoticed when we travel by air.

b. Florence Ayban:

- i. "He said it all".
- ii. Thank you for inviting me to this committee. Good to listen to each of you. Your presence with us in the Philippines, talking or not, is solidarity.
- iii. When we go from place to place as a committee, being with people is a big thing. Gives the encouragement 'we care for you and with you'.
- iv. Highly appreciate the motivation, work and courage of each committee member and staff, and the motivation of the committee as a whole. I personally grow as an individual, and as a minister when I'm with you.
- v. Reminded to worship the Creator, not creation. PMEJ is working hard to bring church back to worshipping God. This will lead to reconciliation, justice, peace. Worship God wherever, whenever we gather. This will lead community to transformation. We have been given so much by God. Do we say thank you to God enough?
- vi. Can we meet in places where there isn't so much food, where tap water is served with dinner, where towels are not washed every day? It starts with us.

4. Evaluation of Meeting:

- a. In negotiating with hotels and centres, state our committee's preference for moderate meal portions, for tap water, and for reusing towels in effort to green our meetings in small ways.
- b. We learned the importance of integrating the perspective of the agricultural world into committee's anti-poverty work. In Huron, family members are the

ones who live in poverty, as in many other parts of rural southern Ontario. (If meeting in Huron, PMEJ should visit farms there, especially port farms).

- c. Rural life in Canada – fishing, forestry, internal rural-urban migration – is a critical aspect of ecojustice, with important implications for differing needs and expectations for ministry.
- d. This meeting was a good opportunity to learn more about Partners in Mission but we haven't had enough time with Ecojustice material.
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- f. Some of us felt our energy dissipate into many directions. Next time the agenda should focus on particular items and issues towards resolutions for COGS/GS. We have no resolutions at the end of this meeting. What does this say about our work over the past 3 days? (Comment: Resolutions generally come later in triennium, closer to General Synod).
- g. I was excited to come to Brandon for personal reasons. The reactions we've heard to bottled water and large meal portions are not a surprise. Brandon is not that different from many other Canadian cities and towns. We need to own our privilege, and our consumption.
- h. The merger of Partners in Mission and Ecojustice feels pretty good. The conviction that brought us together is solidified. The issues we face are global; administration and integration is principled. Let us give some thought to process and agenda: Story telling, deep policy exploration, considerable reflection on what we want to accomplish and how we will measure it. Let's be intentional with this.

5. Thanks and Congratulations:

- a. Congratulations to Bill Mous, on his graduation (Master of Divinity), Trinity College and Ordination on May 11th, 2008, 4:00pm. Christ Church Cathedral, Hamilton.
- b. Congratulations in advance to Bill and his fiancé Courtney, on their wedding, July 12th, 2008 in Hamilton.
- c. Elizabeth made a presentation of moccasins to Henriette, in Cree, with translation by Caroline: *On behalf of this committee, we welcome you with this gift of moccasins. As you journey with us, and God, in you work, may you walk with courage and faith in these moccasins made with gifts from the land. May you tread softly on our mother earth.*
- d. Thanks to Margaret Cornish for producing the Worship Booklet for the meeting.
- e. Thanks to Nigel Packwood for his grace and generosity and good humour as host, Diocese of Brandon.
- f. Thanks to Lydia for all her work in scheduling and organizing the meetings' logistics.

6. Adjourn Business Meeting

7. Exposure to Diocese of Brandon:
 - a. Visit to the 101st Royal Manitoba Winter Fair.
 - b. The Rt. Rev. James and Bernadette Njegovan hosted PMEJ to wine and cheese reception at St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon. Bishop Jim provided an orientation to the diocese's jurisdiction, relations between indigenous and non-indigenous communities and parishes, and realities of contemporary rural communities and family farming in Manitoba. Members visited the Cathedral sanctuary, which includes a columbarium, labyrinth, chapel and regimental flags.
8. Farewell Thanksgiving Dinner for Dr. Ellie Johnson, retiring Partnerships Director, Victoria Inn, Brandon.

Day 4: Sunday, 6th April

1. Worship with communities of St. Matthew's Cathedral and St. George's Anglican Church, Brandon. The Ven. Peter John Hobbs preached at the Cathedral. Opportunity was given to those members attending St. Georges to speak about the PMEJ Committee and its work.
2. Depart Brandon via bus for Winnipeg International Airport, and departure for home.

(Sent by email to PMEJ Members on Friday 16th May, 2008)