

DIRECTOR UPDATE – PARTNERS IN MISSION AND ECOJUSTICE COMMITTEE
October 2009 to February 2010

Below are highlights of the work of the Director since the PMEJ Committee meeting in October 2009.

Management and leadership

- Coordinating Partnerships 2010 planning process in the context of staff and program budget reductions – September 2009 – February 2010
- Working in consultation with PMEJC co-chairs and members for input into Vision 2019 in December; working with co-chairs to obtain input into Feb 11, 12 conference call agenda
- Coordinating Partnerships consultation with global and Canadian partners for 2010 – currently developing scope, methodology, and outcomes for this consultation
- Performance reviews of staff – January, February
- Working on the Performance Management Review Working Group of General Synod to design, train, and implement new process and tools in 2010 for performance management in the House
- Attended Council of General Synod meetings in November
- Liaising with General Synod Planning Team re. Partnerships participation in GS 2010
- Working with Program Coordinators and consultant to improve Partnerships communications to networks, all Anglicans, and other publics
- Attended National Gathering on Theological Education in early January; in discussion with Eileen Scully, Interim Director of Faith, Worship and Ministry re. areas of collaboration
- Updates with +Mark Macdonald re. areas of collaboration between Indigenous Ministries and Partnerships and the emerging new Indigenous church entities, and with Cheryl Curtis re. shared areas between PWRDF and Partnerships

Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations

- coordination of Internal Group on Residential Schools work with 12 General Synod staff; meetings are every 4 to 6 weeks
- monthly meetings of Ecumenical Working Group on Residential Schools. Currently preparing ecumenical participation and support for the first TRC National Consultation in Winnipeg, June 15-19; ongoing work on Settlement Agreement
- meeting with TRC Executive Director and two Commissioners in December
- interim responsibility for Anglican role in All Parties' Agreement while General Secretary is on leave; coordinating TRC document production with the Rev. Jim Boyles while national Archivist Nancy Hurn is on medical leave – January to March
- convenor of two initial meetings of the Leadership Table on Indigenous-non Indigenous relations directions (3-5 years) -- ongoing
- Anti-Racism Working Group meeting with Jayne Oasin (The Episcopal Church), with Canadian Ecumenical Anti-Racism Network in November
- facilitating Indigenous partner presence at General Synod -- current

Ecumenical Relations

- as Anglican representative on the Board of KAIROS and convenor of the Strategic Planning Working Group, I have helped mobilize Anglican support for KAIROS in coordination with PWRDF Executive Director and chair of the Board, Cheryl Curtis, following the decision by CIDA to refuse funding to KAIROS after December 1, 2009
- 2010 Interfaith Partnership, convened by the Canadian Council of Churches. I am on the Steering Committee that is coordinating the work of various working groups to mobilize interfaith communities on poverty, peace, and care for the earth in advance of the G8/G20 Summit in Canada, June 25-28. I coordinate Partnerships and PWRDF engagement in this initiative. Also, the Steering Committee is planning the 2010 Interfaith Leaders' Summit in Winnipeg, June 21-23. Archbishop Fred Hiltz will lead the Canadian delegation of interfaith leaders and I provide information and coordination between General Synod and the Diocese of Rupert's Land/Bishop Don Phillips.

Global Relations (internal, ecumenical, Anglican Communion)

- Quarterly briefings of General Secretary and Primate on global and national work of Partnerships; most recent meeting was December 16
- With PWRDF's Cheryl Curtis, coordinating ACC input into the Global Relief and Development Alliance (of the Communion) survey on relief and development in February
- Working closely with Andrea Mann on the Middle East particularly in light of sensitive interfaith relations in Canada (KAIROS and unfounded accusations of anti-Semitism) and strengthening relations with the Diocese of Jerusalem – December onward
- Working closely with Andrea on response to Haiti – provided initial assistance to internal coordination between Finance, Partnerships and PWRDF – January 12 - 31
- Participated in The Episcopal Church/Anglican Church of Canada conference call in January on strengthening coordination around work with African partners

These are my priorities for the next six months:

- Overseeing staff and PMEJC efforts to prepare for the March meeting of CoGS and the June meeting of General Synod
- Overseeing design and implementation of Partnerships consultation with national and global partners
- Supporting and providing coordination to various initiatives – internal and ecumenical – to prepare for the first National Consultation of the TRC in June
- Overseeing Anglican participation in the CCC 2010 Interfaith Partnership culminating in June
- Actively engaging in Leadership Circle and Management Team to plan for 2011 and for the next triennium
- Continuing to support the development of a restructured and sustainable KAIROS.