

**Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee, 2007 – 2010 Triennium
Staff discussion -- June 2009**

PMEJ Committee Mandate

We, as the Church, are mandated to be signs and instruments of God's reconciling love in the world. We have a responsibility to incarnate our response to Jesus' summary of the law, 'to love God and our neighbour as self', to Jesus' example of being in right relationships, and to the question posed by the prophet Micah (6:8): "And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God?"

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- challenging attitudes and structures in church and society that cause injustice,
- building relationships among people and provinces within and beyond the Anglican Communion,
- modeling respectful inclusion and hospitality,
- fostering commitment to the integrity of God's creation.
- Ensuring that this mission is handed from generation to generation.

The Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee shall:

- a) Engage itself and the wider church in biblical, theological and ethical reflection, listening for the Spirit and discerning God's mission for the church and the world.
- b) Create an ethos of ecojustice in our church life. *Question what this really means and whose job this is*
- c) Engage and nurture global relationships with Anglican and ecumenical partners.
- d) Oversee policies governing mission personnel programs and financial grants to partner organizations.
- e) Facilitate networks and build capacity for mission and justice throughout the church. *Do committee members really intend to do this?*
- f) Journey with Indigenous peoples as we seek healing and reconciliation, and stand with them in their struggle to protect their land and rights, including the right to self-determination. *What is the meaning of "journey with" and "stand with"?*
- g) Receive, prioritize, and respond to social, environmental and ethical issues within Canada and globally, based on established church policy.
- h) Report to the Council of General Synod and recommend new policies and actions.
- i) Participate in national and international councils of Churches, such as the World Council of Churches, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Canadian Council of Churches, and in partner organizations such as KAIROS, Project Ploughshares, the Churches' Forum for Global Ministries, the Women's Inter Church Council, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections. *[participation in these groups is by staff or volunteers, not committee members]*
- j) Educate, inform, and engage Canadian Anglicans to participate in mission and justice making. Do committee members work at this?
- k) Communicate with other standing committees, boards and councils of General Synod, with the PWRDF, and with the House of Bishops. *[this is a staff function and not one for the committee now that the coordination group has disbanded]*
- l) Coordinate initiatives of the Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee with other standing committees of General Synod, such as the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee, with the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, the board of PWRDF, the House of Bishops. *[this also seems to be a staff, not a committee function] [more important coordination and collaboration goes on with the departments of Philanthropy (catalogue), the Anglican Appeal (advent and lent calendars and updates), the internal and ecumenical working groups on the residential schools and TRC]*

Suggested Alternate PMEJ MANDATE – M. Maybee
June 3, 2009

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b) Equip Canadian Anglicans to live out their baptismal promise to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

c) Equip Canadian Anglicans to build and strengthen relationships with Anglican and ecumenical partners.

d) Oversee policies governing mission personnel programs and financial grants to partner organizations.

e) Help to form and participate in networks for mission and justice throughout the church.

f) Engage in teaching and learning about Indigenous peoples in Canada and globally, identify ways that Canadian Anglicans can move toward healing and reconciliation, and participate in advocacy and solidarity initiatives in the struggle of Indigenous peoples in Canada to protect their land and rights, including the right to self-determination.

g) Monitor events, become familiar with established church policy, and recommend priorities for responding as the Anglican Church of Canada to social, environmental and ethical issues within Canada and globally.

h) Report to the Council of General Synod and recommend new policies and actions.

i) Monitor and support the involvement of the Anglican Church of Canada in the World Council of Churches, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Canadian Council of Churches, and in partner organizations such as KAIROS, Project Ploughshares, the Churches' Forum for Global Ministries, the Church Council on Justice and Corrections.

j) Help to raise awareness among Canadian Anglicans at regional, diocesan, and parish level of how the Anglican Church of Canada is involved in mission and justice making.