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Resolutions 14.26 – 14. 31 – Anglican Peace and Justice Network (APJN)

Resolution 14.26: Middle East (from APJN)

Resolved, 09.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council meeting in Kingston, Jamaica between May 2-12, 2009, in response to the challenge in a sermon on May 3, 2009, of the Archbishop of Canterbury to be a people of hope to those in need of justice, forgiveness and reconciliation,

- a. deplores violence wherever it is used in conflict in the land of Israel/Palestine and affirms its desire that a robust peace process in the Palestinian/Israeli conflict leading to a two state solution should be pursued by all parties without delay
- b. expresses its deep concern about recent and continuing events in Gaza, and supports and draws attention to the 'Statement on the situation in Gaza' issued by the February 2009 Primates meeting.
- c. laments the fact that current Israeli policies in relation to the West Bank, in contravention of UN Security Council resolutions, have created severe hardship for many Palestinians and have been experienced as a physical form of apartheid.
- d. noting that a just peace must guarantee the security and territorial integrity of both Israel and the future state of Palestine so that all the people of the area can live in peace and prosperity, applauds President Barack Obama for his commitment to work for a just peace for both Palestinians and Israelis, and calls on him and all governments of the Middle East to work in co-operation with the United Nations for the creation of a Palestinian state alongside the State of Israel as defined by UN Security Council Resolutions,
- e. welcomes the Arab League statements which indicate a readiness to make peace with the state of Israel, the resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the normalization of relations, and calls on the Israeli government to respond favourably to the Arab proposal in an effort to end all forms of belligerence on the basis of international law.
- f. calls on Israel to
 - i. end its occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip
 - ii. freeze immediately all settlement building with the intention to abandon its settlement policy in preparation for a Palestinian state
 - iii. remove the separation barrier (wall) where it violates Palestinian land beyond the Green Line
 - iv. end home demolitions, and
 - v. close checkpoints in the Palestinian territories

- g. recognising that the city of Jerusalem is holy to Christianity, Islam and Judaism and is not therefore the monopoly of any one religion, upholds the view that members of all three faith groups should have free access to their holy sites.
- h. calls on all people of faith and good will to pray and work for peace so that justice and reconciliation may be achieved for all the people of Palestine and Israel.

Resolution 14.27: Peace-making Dialogues (from APJN)

Resolved, 05.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. urges Anglicans everywhere to be bold in preaching reconciliation and facilitating peace-making dialogues in every situation of war and conflict;
- b. supports the concept of healing through the processes of truth-telling, repentance, and restorative justice;
- c. urges all in provincial leadership positions, especially those in theological education, to implement programmes of conflict-resolution skills training as a contribution to developing effective and bold prophetic voices for God's justice in all societies;
- d. commends to the Provinces of the Anglican Communion the educational resources on conflict transformation and reconciliation identified and promoted by the Anglican Peace and Justice Network on the ACO website.

Resolution 14.28: Post-Conflict Resolution (from APJN)

Resolved, 05.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. welcomes with appreciation the report of the Anglican Peace and Justice Network entitled "Community Transformation: Violence and the Church's Response," and thanks the provinces of Rwanda and Burundi for hosting the APJN in September and October 2007
- b. celebrates the leadership exercised by the Provinces of Burundi and Rwanda, as well as Congo, Sudan, and Melanesia, in establishing post-conflict programs of reconciliation and healing, as highlighted in the report
- c. calls for increased solidarity from member Churches of the Anglican Communion with the Provinces in the Great Lakes Region, and recommends the establishment of partner relationships, where common witness and support may help in the prevention or resolution of conflicts in the region and communities may be more immediately rebuilt.

Resolution 14.29: Sudan (from APJN)

Resolved, 05.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. draws the attention of member Churches to the Statement on Sudan issued by the Primates at their meeting in Alexandria in February 2009;
- b. asks its member Churches to urge the African Union, the United Nations, and their own governments to be more assertive in seeking a commitment from the Government of Sudan to implement the Comprehensive Peace Agreement without further delay;
- c. urges its members to offer continued prayers and advocacy for a cessation of violence in Darfur, for resumption of peace talks with the Lord's Resistance Army and the disarming of other marauding groups, for safe passage for aid organizations, and for the protection of civilian populations throughout the country;
- d. appeals to those Anglican leaders who are in dialogue with Muslim leaders around the world to share from their experience, insights and wisdom on how best the interreligious dimensions of the conflict in Sudan can be reduced.

Resolution 14.30: Towards Effective Anglican Mission (from APJN)

Resolved, 11.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council expresses appreciation for the Towards Effective Anglican Mission (TEAM) Gathering in Boksburg, South Africa in March 2007 and commends the TEAM report to the Provinces as a resource in addressing the Millennium Development Goals and the alleviation of poverty in its many forms.

Resolution 14.31: Anglican Refugee and Migrant Network

Resolved, 05.05.09

The Anglican Consultative Council

- a. welcomes the re-establishment of the Anglican Refugees and Migrant Network as an official Network of the Anglican Communion,
- b. thanks the Province of Hong Kong for hosting the Network, and
- c. commends the objectives of the Network to the Provinces.