

Draft Resolution
PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

This General Synod:

... in thanksgiving for the long time partnership of the Anglican Church of Canada with the Episcopal diocese of Jerusalem, continues to support them in their efforts toward peace with justice in Israel/Palestine, and commits the Anglican Church of Canada to:

- a. **Pray for peace**
 - call on Canadian Anglicans to regularly pray for peace for all people in Israel/Palestine
 - designate one Sunday a year for prayers (according to Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Jerusalem is particularly remembered on Palm Sunday)
- b. **Educate for peace**
 - encourage Canadian Anglicans to study history and current events in the region
 - post web links to Kairos, Anglican Communion, diocese of Jerusalem
 - invite dioceses/parishes to host/participate in at least one event a year to discuss and learn about situation, if possible, in partnership with ELCIC events
 - encourage distribution of products and services from OPT??
 - encourage participation in multi-faith dialogues (refer to Faith/Worship/Ministry?)
- c. **Strengthen relationships for peace**
 - commend and encourage support for programs of Diocese of Jerusalem including healthcare and education ministries, raising funds for medical equipment
 - strengthen connection with St. George's College, affirming TSIP exchanges, companionship with diocese of Ottawa, VIM opportunities
 - form a Canadian chapter of Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (modeled after that of The Episcopal Church)
 - promote Canadian Anglican group visits to Land of the Holy One in cooperation with the diocese of Jerusalem and Christian tour guides
 - encourage a resource for Canadian Anglican pilgrims to the region
- d. **Advocate for peace – in consultation with bishop/diocese of Jerusalem**

Request the General Secretary to write to the Prime Minister of Canada, reiterating ACC's established policy of support for/recognition of

 - a comprehensive, just and lasting peace
 - the need for each side to recognize legitimate aspiration, rights and needs of the other
 - the condemnation of violence against civilians
 - the implementation of UN resolutions – 242 (1967), 338 (1973), 194 (1948)
 - the fact that Israel is an occupying power with an obligation to respect 4th Geneva Convention
 - measures needed to reduce poverty and unemployment and to improve services to Palestinians
 - the need for Palestinian access to Canadian markets.

Rationale: *to be drafted.*