

**Subject: Mandate of new Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee**

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Seconded By: Mr. Bill Mous, Diocese of Niagara

Note: The mover and the seconder must be members of the General Synod and be present in the House when the resolution is before the synod for debate.

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That this General Synod approve the following mandate for the new Partners in Mission & EcoJustice Committee, effective at the beginning of the 2007 – 2010 Triennium.

***Mandate***

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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- j) Educate, inform, and engage Canadian Anglicans to participate in mission and justice-making.
- k) Communicate with other standing committees, boards and councils of General Synod, with the PWRDF, and with the House of Bishops.
- 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.

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

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?”

The work of the Partners in Mission & Ecojustice Committee is to help the Anglican Church of Canada understand and participate in God’s mission in the world by:

- 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.

A rationale for the proposed mandate is attached to the resolution to merge the Partners in Mission and the Ecojustice Committees.

**Source: PIM & ECJ Committees**

**Submitted by: Council of General Synod**

**A) Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X\_\_\_\_\_

**B) If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications?**

Yes \_\_\_\_\_