

Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns Public (Unofficial) Minutes Dec 5 to 8, 2007 House of the Redeemer, NYC, NY

Present:

The Very Rev. Jose Luis Mendoza Barahona (Honduras, 2012)
The Rev. Dr. Lee Alison Crawford (VT, 2009 Executive Council Liaison)
The Very Rev. Allen W. Farabee (Western NY, 2009)
The Right Rev. James L. Jelinek, Chair (Minnesota, 2009)
Dr. K. Tyler Miller, Secretary (Newark, 2009)
Mrs. Guadalupe Moriel-Guillen (Los Angeles, 2009) — arrived Thursday Dec. 6
The Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Pinder (Central Florida, Liaison for the President of the House of Deputies)
Mr. Joseph Ernest Smith (Central Florida, 2012)
Ms. Michèle K. Spike (Churches in Europe, 2009)

Staff:

The Rev. Canon Brian Grieves (Director, Peace and Justice Ministries)
Mr. Alex Baumgarten (International Policy Analyst, Office of Government Relations)
The Rec. Canon Tony Jewiss (Deputy Executive Officer)

Interpreter: Dinora Judd

Excused:

The Right Rev. Carol Joy Gallagher (Newark, 2009)
Mr. Matthew N. Gobush (Washington, D.C., 2012) – joined by teleconference on Thursday afternoon Dec. 6
The Rev. Michael Kinman, Co-Chair (Missouri, 2009)
Ms. Jane Macarthy (Ohio, 2012)

Wednesday December 5, 2007

Bishop Jelinek convened the meeting at 7 PM with a prayer

Bishop Jelinek handed out copies of the expense report, reminding us that it is available on TEC website. The Rev. Canon Jewiss told us that those who travel by air must submit a receipt from the airline; the pink receipt from MTS Travel is not sufficient.

We are meeting at 815 Second Ave. on Thursday afternoon Dec. 7 where arrangements have been made to connect with Mr. Gobush via teleconference for our just war and Haiti discussions. Canon Jewiss announced his retirement, inviting us to his retirement party from 4to 6PM.

Holy Eucharist will be in the Redeemer chapel at 8 AM Thursday morning.

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Thursday Morning

Housekeeping (minutes)

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8:45 AM State of the church

Water

Immigration

Justice report

Thursday afternoon – 2nd floor conference room at 815 Second Ave.

1:30 PM Haiti 30 to 45 minutes

2:15 to 4:30 PM with 15 minute break Just War

Thursday night

7PM Human trafficking and gang presentation

8:15 PM Malawi presentation

Friday morning

8:30 to 9 AM Malawi discussion

9 AM Philippines

What does Alex Bring, What does Brian bring, Misc.

Friday afternoon

1:30 PM Israel/Palestine

Friday evening – dinner on our own

Saturday morning

Status report on resolutions

Travel Planning & Budget

Report to Structure Commission

Bishop Jelinek asked Canon Jewiss to find out what offices in other denominations are working on the issue of international gangs.

The session adjourned at 9 PM.

Thursday December 6, 2007

Bishop Jelinek called the session to order at 8:40 AM with prayer.

The Rev. Canon Grieves joins us, will meet with us Friday morning and early afternoon.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the public minutes for the SCAIPJC meeting held at the Chicago O'Hare Marriot from November 15 to November 18, 2006. Mrs. Spike seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MDG contribution: 7% of our budget will go towards works for the MDGs. In 2007, our budget is \$18,000, 7% is \$126. Our 2008 budget is \$17,000, leaving \$119 for MDGs. The Rev. Dr. Pinder moves that we give our MDG contribution to the Inspiration Fund (administered by Episcopal Relief and Development). Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Rev. Dr. Pinder moved and Dr. Miller seconded a motion that our 2008 MDG contribution go towards the Inspiration Fund. This motion passed unanimously.

Water – Mr. Smith and Dr. Miller presented a list of 19 items of concern relating to global water supply (distributed by e-mail in mid-November). A 20th item was added on reusing water. Mr. Smith will contact government relations, Dr. Miller will contact Martha Gardner (economic justice working group for the National Council of Churches), and the Very Rev. Farabee will contact the Lutherans. Mr. Smith and Dr. Miller will continue to work on this, drafting a resolution for our Blue Book report including political concerns of water and scarcity. Mr. Baumgarten will supply them with materials. Mr. Smith and Dr. Miller will have a draft to be ready in two months.

State of the Church Memo – The Rev. Drs. Crawford and Pinder The Rev. Dr. Straub's memo released earlier this week on the state of the Church was distributed and discussed. Our discussion focused on

overall decrease in membership in TEC, who is the audience of TEC, Lutherans could make same report, churches in Honduras experiencing declines in memberships, and effect of individual churches leaving TEC.

Immigration – The Very Rev. Farabee reminded us that GC 2006 adopted [resolution A017](#) on comprehensive immigration reform. There is policy in place for Government Relations to continue to lobby Congress to pass immigration reform legislation. The immigration situation is very fluid, and political parties have internal conflicts on immigration reform. We will continue to monitor immigration issues.

Justice – The Very Rev. Farabee discussed his paper on justice that was distributed to the Commission by e-mail earlier this week, emphasizing that this paper is for our use only and not for publication. A general discussion period ensued on the intersection of justice, law and God.

Bp. Jelinek closed the session with prayer at 11:55 AM. We will reconvene in the 2nd floor conference room at 815 Second Ave. at 1:30 PM.

Bp. Jelinek opened the afternoon session with prayer at 1:40 PM. Mr. Gobush joined us by conference call. Mr. Baumgarten joined us. The Rev. Canon Juan Marquez (Latin American and Caribbean Office, Anglican and Global Relations) joined us for our discussion on Haiti.

Haiti – Mr. Gobush reported that Bishop Duracin has invited Commission to visit Haiti. Canon Marquez and Mr. Baumgarten spoke to importance of this trip. Focus of trip could be education (brought up by Bp. Duracin), immigration policy, water, and health.

Canon Marquez provided the Commission with information on Dioceses in Companion Relationships with Haiti.

We hope to be able to send a delegation to Haiti: Mr. Gobus, the Rev. Dr. Pinder, the Very Rev. Barahona, the Rev. Dr. Crawford, and Mr. Baumgarten are interested in going. We will push as extra budgetary.

Just War – Mrs. Spike and Mr. Gobush had written excellent papers where each articulated their point of view on the just war debate. A lively dialogue ensued with an underlying agreement that we respected differing points of view on just war. The House of Bishops' theology committee is working on just war; Mr. Gobush will contact them. Mrs. Spike will follow through with Gary Cummins of EPF. A piece by William Danner — or go to <http://www.elca.org/jle/print.asp?k=7> to download a copy — was distributed and we will read this and a piece by Michael Battle that Mr. Baumgarten will get for us. Mr. Baumgarten will reach out to seminary professors who work in ethics, he will also follow through with the Presiding Bishop on having an evening session on just war at the 2009 General Convention. We will continue studying and reflecting on just war with particular attention to preemptive strikes as noted in [resolution D053-GC06](#).

Books to read: *The End of Memory* by Miroslav Volf, *Who Speaks for the Church* by Paul Ramsey (written 40 years ago and still relevant).

Bp. Jelinek closed this afternoon's session with prayer at 4 PM. We went to the retirement party for the Rev. Canon Tony Jewiss.

Malawi – Dr. Miller presented her slides on water and sanitation from her personal trip to Malawi in June 2007. Discussion will continue on Friday morning Dec. 7.

International Gangs and Human Trafficking – The Very Rev. Barahona and Mr. Smith. The Very Rev. Barahona gave a disturbing account of massive human rights violations in Honduras and the tie into international gangs and human. Two reports are of interest, a report by NPR, <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=4539688> and Despues de las Guerras, <http://www.afterthewars.org/personnel.php> by We will continue to monitor the situation.

Bp. Jelinek closed today's session with prayer at 9:10 PM

Friday December 7, 2007

Bp. Jelinek opened today's session with prayer at 8:40 PM.

Malawi discussion – Dr. Miller continued where we left off the night before, continuing the discussion on the need for a clean and safe water supply in Malawi. There is enough policy in place to cover these concerns. Commission agreed that she will contact ERD to discuss concerns raised from her and report back to the Commission.

Philippines — The Rev. Canon Grieves gave us an update on the situation in the Philippines. The Churches in the Philippines see the covenant with TEC as being a covenant forever. He may go to an upcoming Service of Thanksgiving in the Philippines. We will wait for an update on the Philippines at our next meeting. The PB continues to be interested in the Philippines. There is enough policy; we will continue to monitor.

Other issues raised by The Rev. Canon Grieves: (1) a report on the Anglican Peace and Justice Network meeting in Rwanda, (2) The PB is going to a reunification conference in Korea, this made possible by the Commission's work in 2002.

Sudan -- Mr. Baumgarten gave an update on the ongoing turmoil in Sudan, focusing on the conflict between northern and southern Sudan. Sudanese have a large presence in northern Uganda. Most refugees from southern Sudan are staying in Africa.

Northern Uganda: We will wait for updates.

Human trafficking and immigration policy in Honduras: The Very Rev. Farabee (immigration lawyer) will begin to gather data to help frame the issues, and will work with the Very Rev. Barahona on this. Mrs. Spike volunteered to work with them.

Palestine/Israel – Mrs. Spike provided an update on the situation, incorporating issues currently being discussed in Annapolis. Mrs. Spike reported that it would be miraculous if the Bush administration succeeded in achieving peace between Israel/Palestine by the end of 2008. To support success of the Annapolis negotiations, educating people about facts on the ground within our congregations and between our congregations and neighboring synagogues and mosques should be encouraged. The Commission will continue to monitor the situation. Mrs. Spike will draft a resolution (see appendix) to be sent to Executive Council.

Bp. Jelinek distributed Sept. 12, 2007 letter from Gregory Straub asking for our priorities for the next triennium. We agreed that face-to-face meetings are important early in the triennium but webcam meetings could work later in the triennium.

The Rev. Canon Tony Jewiss is retiring at the end of December. The new Deputy Executive Officer is Casper Van Helden.

We will have some one- or two-hours meetings in 2008 via webcam. If you need a webcam please let Bp. Jelinek and Dr. Miller know.

The Commission agreed that we want to save as much money as possible for a trip to Haiti. Bp. Jelinek is going to look into moving funds around so we can do this.

Bp. Jelinek is going to ask the GCO to make Dinorah Judd (interpreter) a part of this Commission as available.

Bp. Jelinek closed the session with prayer at 4:25 PM.

Saturday Dec. 8, 2007

Resolution on Joint Understanding reached at Annapolis conference to Executive Council: Moved by Mrs. Spike and seconded by the Rev. Dr. Pinder, passed unanimously (see appendix).

We reviewed and summarized actions to be taken on areas of concerns (already noted in minutes).

G. Straub letter of Sept. 12, 2007: There are no untouchables. As for sacred cows, we don't comment on other countries unless we have traveled to the country because personal experience from being in country is important. We strongly recommend that the continuation budget has inflation built in. Helpful to have the following represented in next triennium: lawyers, Province 9, ability to speak multiple languages, reporter/journalist, lesbian/gay, voice of science, Asian representation or staff.

Mini-conference in Haiti: The Very Rev. Barahona is going to work with his Bishop (Bp. Lloyd Allen) and Bishop Jelinek to invite the Commission to a mini-conference about international gangs and human trafficking at the Diocesan Conference Center in Honduras. Bp. Jelinek lead a discussion on securing our safety prior to committing to a trip. Bp. Jelinek hopes to talk with Bp. Allen to get Bp. Allen to invite us to a conference, making this a provincial matter. He will also work with the Rev. Dr. Straub and the Rev. Canon Jewiss on costs.

Tracking resolutions: The GCO requested a report from all CCABs due January 2008 on the status of referred resolutions: *A031*, trying to do; *A112*, just worked on; and *A159*, we are doing this; *A104*, this is happening. Two resolutions were referred to us only: *B002* (on global warming), we are living this and talking about it; and *D022* (MDGs), the Rev. Kinman, director of Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation was unable to join us. Bp. Jelinek will reach out to the Rev. Kinman to discuss progress.

Our next in-person meeting will be in early January 2009 to work on our Blue Book report. Bp. Jelinek is going to try arranging for this meeting at the House of the Redeemer in NYC.

We closed with prayer at 11:45 AM

Respectfully Submitted
Dr. K. Tyler Miller, Secretary

APPENDIX

Final Resolution of the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns to Executive Council enacted December 8, 2007

RE: Joint Understanding reached at Annapolis Conference

The Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns meeting at the House of the Redeemer in New York City, December 5-8, 2007, urges the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church to adopt the following or a similar resolution at its upcoming meeting in February 2008:

Resolved, That the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church encourage and urge all bishops, priests, deacons and diocesan and parish educators to pursue a prayerful dialogue within their congregations and among the synagogues and Jewish organizations and the mosques and Islamic organizations within their communities to exchange information, to share concerns, and to raise awareness about the issues to be discussed by the state of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization concerning Gaza, Jerusalem, the Golan Heights, the Separation Wall/Barrier, the settlements, the settler highways, the return of refugees and the “terrorism and incitement to violence, whether committed by Palestinians or Israelis”;

Resolved, That the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church express its support and encouragement to the government of the state of Israel, the Palestinian Liberation Organization, and the government of the United States of America to pursue the Joint Understanding reached at the Annapolis Conference “to end the bloodshed, suffering and decades of conflict between their peoples; to usher in a new era of peace, based on freedom, security, justice, dignity, respect and mutual recognition; to propagate a culture of peace and nonviolence; to confront terrorism and incitement, whether committed by Palestinians or Israelis”;

Resolved, That the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church urge the government of the United States to honor the commitment it made at the Annapolis Conference to ongoing obligations contained in the Joint Understanding and in United Nations resolutions, to monitor the fulfillment of the commitments made by both sides and to assist in the implementation of the future peace treaty ;

Resolved, That the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church encourage and urge all bishops, priests and deacons of the church and their congregations to pray for the success of the negotiators’ in achieving a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank.