

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON PROVINCIAL COMPANIONSHIP (JCPC) WITH THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Minutes of the JCPC meeting on May 9th 2019

Present: Diane Bruce, David Copley, Robert Fitzpatrick, Louis Glosson, Bruce Woodcock.

Absent: Moki Hino (with cause).

The meeting opened with prayer following JCPC member introductions. The Chair then guided the committee through the agenda items posted on the GCO extranet website, as follows:

Clergy Immersion and exchange programs: Bishop Training & Diocesan Clergy Retreats

+Robert Fitzpatrick (RF) recounted his work with the ECP HOB last November, since 5 of the 7 bishops are new – and have not attended Lambeth. TEC may want to recommend at the next JCPC meeting that we do more exchange programs and plan more training opportunities. Another example shared was the “Beautiful Authority” ECP clergy women retreat program held last year in Guam with retired EDNY Bishop Cathy Roskam. RF noted that he did something similar with IFI clergy women in Manila (at the invitation of the IFI/OM). For ECP clergy training program participation in the US the most difficult issue is always getting visas, even to visit Guam. So that has made ECP-TEC clergy training exchanges more difficult.

+Diane Bruce (DB): Clergy exchanges, not something done as yet with the EDLA but would love to get some folks from ECP to attend IONA ‘train the trainer’ program. The ECP Prime Bishop also asked for someone to teach more about spirituality. As such she has been looking at programs in TEC, and the EDLA, to train the trainers on this topic in the Philippines.

RF: Focus has been on financial sustainability and internal organization in recent years. Now the ECP seem to be looking more at spiritual formation and basic Christian formation.

DB: in 2008 the ECP started the 10% solution to increase congregation sizes and stewardship. In assessing the impact of this effort there has been significant increases, but they had not focused on basic spirituality and felt they could have grown more if they had this aspect of teaching in their programs.

RF: They seem to have bishops that are good on the finance side of their ministry oversight. RF noted that at his talk on preaching, the ECP women were engaged and excited, however some of the men were hanging back. Discussion ensued about whether or not a preacher should be insisting congregants give 10% at every sermon (not recommended by RF). There was a sense from those who spoke that this has been part of the ECP preaching narrative in church.

Bruce Woodcock (BW): Episcopal mentoring might be offered and further relationship building with TEC partners is still needed.

DB: Hope to go to the Philippines while on another visit to the region – perhaps after a visit to Korea and Japan, and/or after the February 22, 2020 consecration and installation in Taiwan.

Pacific Rim Disaster Resilience and Risk Reduction.

BW: There was a great deal of interest in this issue in 2017 and 2018 given recent storm and earthquake events that have happened in the region, especially in the Philippines. However, the motive to participate as a way to seek funding made some provincial staff step back a little. While program participation should not necessarily be based on money, provinces like the ECP need to be good at resilience. ERD has a role in this and are on top of this work.

RF: When a natural disaster strike HI can often raise more money for the Philippines than Haiti, the cultural difference is that the ECP also send TEC money when we have issues, in a very mutual ministry partnership effort.

Resource sharing: How is this Jesus Movement scholarships going?

BW: The ECP started with 3 JMSP scholarships in 2017 and now support 5 in 2018-2019 (see the posted ECP JMSP status report). The ECP are hoping TEC/DFMS will cover 2 of these with Australian Board of Mission (ABM) covering 2 and ECP covering 1. TEC has \$5,000 USD committed by Global Partnership program development funding for 2019, and another 10,000 is needed to fulfill our commitment, if the program is to continue. The hope had been to increase the number of students to 8 by inviting more to come from the CPM (Myanmar) but the ECP may suspend the program due to lack of partnership funding.

The importance of this program, which the JCPC should consider, is that the JMSP often brings in students from regions where TEC has impaired church to church relationships because of theological differences, so this program gives them a broader theological look at our Churches.

Now the ECP has sent a report (posted) that if they do not have sufficient funds they will have to close this program. Global Partnerships have pledged \$5,000, and the ECP is working with ABM Australia to seek another \$5,000+. So, we are looking to the TEC/JCPC panel members to help identify what connections we may have can find additional money (note GC mandate in 2018 B022 for the JMSP resolution – also posted).

RF: What is needed for the balance?

BW: Another \$15,000 would keep the program going as is. \$24,000 for the 8 new/continuing students. At present we are still looking for at least another \$10,000. While conversations between the ECP and Trinity Wall Street will take place in June 2019, participation in the Trinity Global Leadership Institute may or may not affect the ECP JMSP fundraising required for 2019-2020 academic year.

Louis Glosson (LG) We could potentially ask for more money for JMSP at Exec Council. Is there more money in the pot? If they [Executive Council Committee members] hear about a good program, with a sound reasons to allocate support, then money can often be found.

DB: Fr. Brent Quinones (EDLA) could look to see if the EAM/Fili convocation wants to take this on as a project? [NB: EAM/Filicon will meet at the EDLA Retreat Center August 30-31 2019.]

BW: While we are not necessarily looking for an answer during this Zoom meeting, we hope the members will call on their networks to seek sources of support to make a commitment so that the ECP can make a decision about whether or not to invite students to continue/start in Aug.

RF: I am looking at the current year and the short term. Perhaps EAM and SE Asia convocation might be able to help as well? We are talking not just about the Philippines but students coming from the whole region so maybe we could look to asking a broader community to ask for funds.

DB: The whole EAM convocation might be able to help.

RF: \$5,000 is doable, so we can offer to do that to match the Global Partnership commitment. Another \$10,000 to 15,000 USD will be sought with the help of the JCPC TEC panel members.

Trinity Global Leadership Institute

RF: Speaking of Trinity, what is the ECP conversation going to be about [*after the upcoming SATS commencement address by the Rector*] and how does JCPC fit in?

BW: Upcoming meetings with ECP may cover what the leadership institute may try to do. Trinity staff are now hosting a series of retreats around the Communion. The Asia Primates retreat is next week in Korea, and the ECP Prime bishop will be attending along with 5 others. There is no agenda, as they are there for a retreat and relationship building.

BW: The JCPC relationship with Trinity may or may not involve funding requests for JMSP – as that might depend on ongoing relationship building and consultation with the ECP. However, we should at least seek to inform and complement each other's efforts on TEC-ECP province to province and parish partnership planning for leadership training and capacity building.

[NB: Trinity is engaged in a 5-10-year neighborhood, leadership and capacity building development effort with the Trinity Global Leadership Institute. Questions were raised if JCPC and support for the JMSP might fit into this effort, which will be shared with Trinity by the ECP.]

Next JCPC In Person Meeting

RF: Do we do it pre-Lambeth or post Lambeth? If pre-Lambeth then we can help prepare the bishops for Lambeth. How about around 25th-26th of March? [*RF will follow up on meeting planning with the ECP Prime Bishop and JCPC panel*].

DB: How about planning travel to the Philippines after the 2/22/2020 Taiwan Consecration? Bringing interested PVIII Bishops along to meet with the ECP between February 24-28 2020?

RF: There being no other agenda items, the JCPC members are thanked for their participation, and the meeting is adjourned.

[NB: Following the Zoom meeting, Louis Glosson offered to visit the ECP and also attend EAM/Fili convocation meetings in 2019, to prepare for the next JCPC meeting in 2020.]