

IAWN Resolutions for ACC 14

IAWN, noting the previous ACC and Lambeth resolutions about women and issues that affect women, propose the following resolutions for adoption by the 14th meeting of the ACC.

The Anglican Consultative Council:

- a. receives the IAWN report, commends IAWN for its work and commitment, and encourages it to continue to raise and promote women's concerns in church and society.
- b. urges full implementation of resolution ACC 13-31 across the Communion and encourages Provinces, through the IAWN Provincial Links, to report on further progress made to ACC-15.
- c. unequivocally supports the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, including trafficking, and encourages all Churches to commit to participating in programs and events that promote the rights and welfare of women, particularly as expressed in the Beijing Platform for Action and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.
- d. recognizes the importance of appropriate allocation of financial resources to fulfill the gospel imperative in our communities and therefore recommends implementation of the principles of gender budgeting throughout the Communion, and to report on progress made to ACC-15.

Explanation and rationale

Part a:

- i. Note the work of the 2006-2009 Steering Group and thank them for their efforts and commitment.
- ii. Welcome the 2009-2012 Steering Group and encourage them to continue to raise the issues facing the women of the Anglican Communion with their respective Primates and the ACC through its Joint Standing Committee and ACC 15.
- iii. Note the information provided in this report on the activities undertaken by the Steering Groups, Provincial Links, other women's organizations and women of the Communion and commend them for their dedication.
- iv. Note that some Primates have not yet nominated a Provincial Link and encourage them to appoint an appropriate Provincial Link as soon as practicable.

Part b:

Remember their commitment in ACC 13-31 and recommit to enabling the equal participation of women in all decision making bodies of the Church at all levels and to encourage the collection of sex disaggregated data to enable reporting back on implementation of this resolution at Communion, Provincial and Diocesan levels.

Part c:

Take particular note of the similarity of issues raised by the PLs in their reports. In particular, over 80% noted societal violence in all its many forms, leading the PLs at their February 2009 meeting to unanimously select "Elimination of all forms of violence against women and children, including trafficking" as its most important issue. The other four key issues they selected all refer to the Beijing Platform for Action and the Millennium Development Goals.

Part d:

Note that gender budgeting is an important way of making sure that the needs and rights of women, men and children are all treated fairly. It does not mean separate budgets for women, but that general budgets are planned, approved, executed, monitored, and audited in a gender-sensitive way. The current global crisis provides us with a window of opportunity to set up sustainable economies based on the principles of advancement and equality of women.