

STANDING COMMISSION ON ANGLICAN AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE WITH JUSTICE CONCERNS - PUBLIC MINUTES MARCH 2004

Membership

The Rev. Randolph K. Dales, <i>Chairman</i>	New Hampshire, 2006
The Rev. Theodora N. Brooks	New York, 2006
The Very Rev. Allen W. Farabee	Western New York, 2009
The Rt. Rev. Carol Joy Gallagher	Southern Virginia, 2009
The Rt. Rev. J. Gary Gloster	North Carolina, 2006
The Rt. Rev. James L. Jelinek	Minnesota, 2009
The Rev. Michael Kinman	Missouri, 2009
The Rt. Rev. John Lipscomb	Southwest Florida, 2006
Ms. Mary H. Miller, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Maryland, 2006
Mr. Dennis Case	Southwestern Virginia, 2006
Dr. K. Tyler Miller	Newark, 2009
Mrs. Guadalupe Moriel-Guillen	Los Angeles, 2009
Ms. Michele K. Spike	Churches in Europe, 2009
Ms. Jacqueline B. Scott, <i>Secretary</i>	Colorado, 2006, secretary
The Rev. Edward E. Godden, <i>Executive Council Liaison</i>	— Delaware
Absent: The Rt. Rev. Carol Joy Gallagher and the Rev. Edward Godden	

RESOURCES FROM THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CENTER STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Brian Grieves, Director, Peace and Justice Ministries
Maureen Shea, Director of Government Relations
Richard Parkins, Director of Episcopal Migration Ministries
John Denaro, Episcopal Migration Ministries

INTRODUCTIONS, OVERVIEW OF COMMISSION

Randy Dales reviewed the duties and history of the standing commission and church policies recommended by the standing commission that were approved by Executive Council or General Conventions.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMISSION OFFICERS

Randy Dales was nominated and approved by acclamation as chairman.
Mary Miller was nominated and approved by acclamation as vice chairman.
Jacqueline B. Scott was nominated and approved by acclamation as secretary.

CHAPLAIN APPOINTED

Randy Dales appointed Gary Gloster as chaplain for the Standing Commission

PRIORITIES : ISSUES AND/OR AREAS

The Standing Commission prioritized topics and areas of concern to be examined:

- Water/environment
- Israel/Palestine
- Reconciliation
- HIV/AIDS plus malaria and other diseases
- Educating the church
- Concerns about present and past US policies

Other suggestions for the Standing Commission:

Look forward to Lambeth in 2008.

Consider principles of Just War if the House of Bishops theology committee does not take it up.

Subgroups met and discussed:

Palestine, Pacific Rim, Africa, the Caribbean, Iraq/Afghanistan and South America

Subgroups are to email statements of which topics are evidenced in the possible areas of visitation.

OTHER TRAVEL BY MEMBERS

- Jerusalem/Palestine, April 12-24, 2004-Mary and Brian
- East Africa, April 2004-John Lipscomb
- Ghana, June-July 2004-Mike Kinman
- Jerusalem, May 6-14, Gary Gloster
- Stuttgart, May 8, Ecumenical Europe, Michele Spike

REVIEW OF REFERRED RESOLUTIONS

Resolution A010: Anti-Racism/Discrimination: Continue Anti-Racism Mandate:

All members of standing commissions to have anti-racism training or agree to have training within a year.

The standing commission agreed that at the next meeting there will be anti-racism training.

Resolution D011: Anglican Communion: Appending “Anglican Communion” to materials.

Resolution D006: International Relations: Supporting International Relief and Development (Millennium Development Goals and 0.7% giving)

The standing commission to present a full report to the 75th General Convention of participation of all dioceses in the call to contribute.

Michael Kinman will help track information and spearhead the standing commission’s report. Millennium Development Goals will be included in themes as the standing commission reviews sites and topics.

Resolution D020: Human rights: Opposition to Sharia Law.

Attention to rights of religious minorities, women and those seeking to change their faith in the reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan, peace negotiations in Sudan, discussions with Nigeria and Indonesia

Resolution D023: International Relations: US support for the People of Liberia.

Maureen to check with Richard Parkins on the status of Liberian refugees and temporary protected status for Liberians residing temporarily in the U.S.

Resolution D054: HIV/AIDS: Keeping America’s Promise to Africa

Global Fund. Is underfunded. It is being monitored.

Resolution D066: Environment: Declaration on Sustainable Development

Environmental care is on the standing commission’s agenda,
Research Global Anglican Congress of the Stewardship of Creation.

BRIEFS & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

OVERVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

BRIAN GRIEVES, DIRECTOR, PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Previous topics needing monitoring:

- U.N. Millennium Development Goals .
- HIV/AIDS in Africa

Future areas to think about: The world post 9/11 issues, East Africa, Cuba, Israel/Palestine, Guantanamo Bay and Patriot Act, Christian/Muslim relations, Sudan as it moves toward a peace agreement, Great Lakes area: inflicts and peace overtures.

Also, training in reconciliation and rebuilding after conflict. For example, Sudan asked for help, proposed \$2 million for training in reconciliation and outreach to the world. It went to ERD, but there wasn’t the capacity to fund the request.

Then there are intractable issues that are worked on over and over again, such as Cuba and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

MAUREEN SHEA, DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Maureen Shea said **Government Relations has been working on::**

- Africa: Liberia, Sudan, visiting bishops
- Cuba: travel restrictions.
- Middle East: She serves on Churches of the Middle East
- Iraq: strengthen/support religious freedom in Iraq.
- Millennium Development Goals: expand and support the education process and grassroots support.

Maureen encouraged examination of peace and justice based on:

1-Water: There is a need for policies on global water. Privatization of water is a big global problem, she said. Clean water and health are related. Water tables are changing. Water also is political, It is tied to Israeli/Palestinian states.

2-Globalization: Movement of people is a political, health and economic issue. Globalization, she said, displaces people and must be dealt with.

RICHARD PARKINS, DIRECTOR OF EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES

Refugees/Immigrations &

**JOHN DENARO, EPISCOPAL MIGRATION MINISTRIES STAFF OFFICER
FOR CHURCH RELATIONS AND OUTREACH**

Refugees and immigrants: Episcopal Migration Ministries reports a crisis affecting refugees and immigrants. In past 10 years, US admissions of refugees decreased from 132,000 to 23,000. EMM asks support for as high a ceiling as possible, or at least accepting the current ceiling of 70,000.

Asylum: There are 20,000 asylum-seekers in U.S. detention centers. Asylum-seekers formerly were paroled into communities until their requests could be heard. The Immigration Reform Act of 1996 seriously impacted people coming to the U.S. asking for asylum, no longer allowing parole, John Denaro said. The current practice is to place asylum-seeker in detention, sometimes for years, often without legal assistance. Or they are immediately deported. According to John Denaro, the US policy is to “warehouse” asylum-seekers with their civil rights being denied.

He suggested that the peace/justice standing commission:

- Promote visitations to detention centers.
- The church should be an advocacy for asylum-seekers.
- End criminalization of asylum-seekers.
- Appoint a joint subcommittee of Peace with Justice Concerns and National Concerns to consider church policy recommendations.
- Lobby that the admissions ceiling be generous and fully used.

EPISCOPALIANS FOR GLOBAL RECONCILIATION

Michael Kinman supplied information about Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation’s campaign for dioceses and congregations to affirm and embrace the Millennium Development Goals and 0.7% giving. He provided a draft resolution and background information.

STANDING COMMISSION ON WORLD MISSION

Dennis Case presented the Standing Commission on World Mission’s vision statement: “Companions in Transformation: The Episcopal Church’s World Mission in a New Century.”

Adjourned March 3, 2004.

The next meeting will be Oct. 18-21 in Baltimore at the Maritime Institute.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Secretary Jacqueline B. Scott*