

**Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace
with Justice Concerns Public Minutes April 19 to 22, 2007
Maritime Institute of Technology, Baltimore MD**

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) – arrived Thursday April 20
Mr. Matthew N. Gobush (Washington, D.C., 2012) – arrived Thursday April 20
The Right Rev. James L. Jelinek, Chair (Minnesota, 2009)
The Rev. Michael Kinman, Co–Chair (Missouri, 2009)
Ms. Jane Macarthy (Ohio, 2012)
Dr. K. Tyler Miller, Secretary (Newark, 2009)
Mrs. Guadalupe Moriel–Guillen (Los Angeles, 2009)
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)
Ms. Maureen Shea (Director, Office of Government Relations)
Mr. Alex Baumgarten (International Policy Analyst, Office of Government Relations)

Excused: The Right Rev. Carol Joy Gallagher (Newark, 2009)

Absent: The Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Pinder (Central Florida, Liaison for the President of the House of Deputies)

Thursday April 19, 2007

Bishop Jelinek convened the meeting at 7:30 PM with devotions for early evening.

Ms. Dinorah Judd, TEC supplied translator, translated for the Very Rev. Barahona.
Mrs. Spike 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. Moriel-Guillen seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The members thanked the Secretary for doing the minutes.

Agenda for duration of meeting

After reviewing some of the major areas we discussed on Saturday, November 18 and referring back to Bp. Jelinek’s memo of 19 March 2007, we discussed the need to narrow down the scope of what we will be doing this triennium and how this might be accomplished. Bp. Jelinek reminded us that we have a tight budget; we discussed ways to economize while at the same time accomplishing our tasks. Friday, April 20: bus to Washington D.C. for meeting at Methodist Church Center (next door to Office of Government Relations). Maureen Shea will join us for the morning session. Saturday, April 21: back at Maritime Institute

Resolutions referred to SCAIPJC since November 2006

Bp. Jelinek introduced these referred resolutions, copies to be distributed on Fri., April 20:

- GC2006-D-053 Pre-emptive Military Strikes.
- A-112 Structure. We have to respond to questions, submit to GC office between 1/1/08 and 7/1/08.
- NAC-009 completes GC2006-A168 Full Protection for Homosexual Persons.

Other Matters discussed

- Strategize on ways to reach out to Province 9 Bishops, Anglican Church Region in Central America (IARCA) and Mexican Bishops to find out we can help our brothers and sisters in Central America and Mexico.
- Discussion of Kyoto, emphasizing the fact that there is worldwide damage because the U.S. has not ratified the Kyoto protocol. Bp. Jelinek and The Rev. Kinman reported on discussions at TEAM conference on how the U.S. is perceived globally because of bad national policies, including failure to ratify Kyoto.
- Bp. Jelinek reported that the key word out of the TEAM conference is “partnerships.”

This session closed with Compline at 9 PM

Friday, April 20

Bp. Jelinek opened this session with devotions at 10:30 AM.

The Rev. Canon Grieves joins us, discussion of referred resolution NAC-009. EC Resolutions INC-016, NAC-019, NAC-020 referred to us for our information, probably no need to act on. Brief discussion by the Rev. Canon Grieves on his trip to the Philippines last Dec, there is the option for this Commission to act because of human rights violations.

Corrine Wittlach, Executive Director, Churches for Middle East Peace (CMEP)

Ms. Wittlach introduced the work of CMEP [<http://www.cmep.org/>] — a coalition of 22 faith groups including TEC— that works on Capital Hill and in the Middle East for peace in Palestine/Israel, and Iraq. Works with Arab and Jewish organizations. Extensive discussion period followed. Importance of Jimmy Carter’s book on Palestine, CMEP letter to Administration expressing alarm at talk of war with Iran.

Judah Ariel for Rep. Earl Blumenauer’s office D, OR on Water for the Poor

Mr. Ariel apologized for only having twenty minutes to spend with us. Rep. Blumenauer has a longtime interest in the provision of clean and safe water. Rep Blumenauer introduced the *Water for Poor Act of 2005* Mr. Ariel discussed the provisions of the act emphasizing that money was authorized but not appropriated. There was a brief questions and answer period. URL for act:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:HR01973:@@D&summ2=m&>

Further Discussion of Water Issues

- Mr. Baumgarten spoke briefly on water issues including: religious working group on water issues, high cost of water in third world countries, water and MDGs, lift up water within global poverty issues.
- Other points: look at water in every place we visit, aquifers in western US tapped beyond repair, American's are not *thirsty*, need for adequate safe water supplies in third world.

Ms. Tyler Edgar, Associate Director for National Council of Churches Interfaith Climate and Energy Campaign on Climate Change

She spoke on the following topics: what is climate change, impacts in US and globally, what these impacts mean for the faith community, what is NCC doing, what TEC is doing, Kyoto protocol, and what the U.S. is doing. A discussion period followed.

Saturday, April 21

The Very Rev. Farabee lead us in morning prayers at 9 AM.

Framework for our resolutions and reporting

- What we urge others to do, Government agencies, nongovernmental agencies, ACC.
- What we urge TEC and Dioceses to do.
- What we urge ourselves to do in terms of personal behavior.
- What are the common ministries opportunities: Anglican communion, participating Dioceses and Provinces, inside TEC, ecumenical (beyond the USA) and interfaith.
- Stay international peace and justice.

Philippines: The Rev. Canon Brian Grieves

He added on to his previously scheduled trip to the Philippines to meet with the Philippines National Council on Churches (NCC) over the rising tide of various human rights violations including the murder of a Church official in his home. We will need to see whether the violence in the Philippines is reduced because of an increased international spotlight on human rights violations in the Philippines. The Commissions work will focus on (A) Study group to formulate recommendations to the EC, and (B) Develop as focus area for our work this triennium.

Northern Uganda: Alex Baumgarten

He reported on the situation in northern Uganda, calling it “humanities worse conflict”, severe human rights violations, children as soldiers in the Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA). The Uganda government is also culpable. There is an ongoing debate over effectiveness of International Criminal Court (ICC) indictments for human rights violations. Sudan doesn’t want ICC charges lest they go after them next.

Bp. Jelinek handed out the expense report that commission members need to complete.

Central America: The Very Rev. Jose Luis Mendoza Barahona

He gave a comprehensive report on the many areas of concern in Central America. We are focusing on issues directly relating to peace with justice: poverty, corruption, education,

healthcare, and destruction to environment and infrastructure from natural disasters. Bp. Jelinek is on sabbatical next year and will write the Bishops of the Province of Mexico, the IX Province and IRACA asking if he can attend their meetings — they meet separately — to learn how our brothers and sisters are being affected and asking how we can help.

Next meeting: tentatively scheduled for either the House of the Redeemer in NYC or Preachers College in D.C. We will arrive on Wed. evening Dec. 5, with our first meeting on Dec. 6 at 9AM. We will close at midday on Sat. Dec. 8.

Small Group Study Areas, will report back at our next meeting in December 2007

- Justice and human rights: Spike, Farabee, Smith, Barahona
- Just war/preemptive strike: Gobush, Macarthy, Spike, Farabee
- Philippines: Smith, Macarthy, Moriel–Guillen
- Malawi: Miller (reporting on her personal trip of June 2007)
- N. Uganda: Kinman, Macarthy, Miller, Barahona
- Water: Smith, Miller
- Climate Change: Kinman

The session closed with prayers lead by the Very Rev. Farabee at 4:30 PM

Sunday, April 22

The Very Rev. Farabee presided at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Reading assignments: Jimmy Carter's *Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid* along with various reports that the sub groups will submit to Commission members before November 15, 2007. The Rev. Dr. Crawford suggested tht we read *Baghdad Burning* by Riverbend (NY: Feminist Press, 2005 and 2006). URL: <http://www.riverbendblog.blogspot.com>.

Wrapping things up

- The Very Rev. Barahona reported on his time in his U.S., including a visit with one of Gandhi's grandsons. They agreed to meet sometime in the future to discuss guerilla forces in Nepal.
- The situation in Iraq is very fluid; there is no way to have current and timely resolutions.
- Bp. Jelinek reported on the TEAM conference, hosted by Archbishop Ngudane, and held in Johannesburg in early March: U.S. may have been over represented but most needed to hear what was being said, MDGs provided the framework, presenters engaged in action, what we did at TEAM conference very important, partnerships have to come out of TEAM.
- Bp. Jelinek will write a letter to the EC to say that we agree that the best way to proceed is to inform the Anglican Communion about NAC-009 (Full Protection for Homosexual Persons)

Closing prayers and meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully Submitted Dr. K. Tyler Miller, Commission Secretary