

INC Minutes  
13-15 June 2008, Hyatt Regency  
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Present: Sandi McPhee, chair, Rosalie Ballentine, Ian Douglas, Mark Harris, Julio Holguín, Petero Sabune, and Timothy Kimbrough

Excused: Lee Alison Crawford (a parishioner died in her home parish)

Staff: Toni Daniels, Rob Radtke, Margaret Rose, Elizabeth Beach-Hacking, Brian Grieves, David Copley

Guests: Michael Ingham

Translators: Giovanna Serrano, Dinorah Padro

The meeting came to order on Friday, June 13, 2008 at 8:15am. The agenda was accepted by consensus.

Minutes from the 11-14 February 2008 meeting in Quito, Ecuador were approved upon the motion of Sabune (seconded by Ballentine). The motion passed unanimously.

Consent calendar:

The chair inquired as to whether INC was prepared to place resolutions INC 040-044 on the consent calendar. Douglas and Ballentine offered that INC has previously recommended that resolutions commending missionaries and companion diocesan relationships before the whole of Council. All agreed and proceeded to take up the resolutions one by one.

INC 040, appointments made of out-going missionaries, was approved upon the motion of Douglas (seconded by McPhee). The motion passed unanimously.

INC 041, young adult returning from the mission field, was approved upon the motion of Sabune (seconded by Douglas). The motion passed unanimously.

INC 042 was approved upon the motion of Ballentine (seconded by Sabune). The motion passed unanimously.

INC 043, on a New Companion Diocese Relationship between the Diocese of Botswana and the Diocese of North Carolina, passed on the motion of Kimbrough (seconded by Sabune). The motion passed unanimously.

INC 044, on a New Companion Diocese Relationship between the Diocese of Puerto Rico, the Diocese of Central Ecuador, and the Diocese of Litoral (Ecuador), passed on the motion of Sabune (seconded by Harris). The motion passed unanimously.

### Budget Priorities 2009-2012

Douglas helped to facilitate a discussion of budget priorities. Each member of the INC named three priorities that s/he thought was important to be addressed in the coming Triennium. An initial quick overview showed the committee members sharing the following priorities:

1. Missionary personnel  
Mission Center: Mission leadership  
Seek input from: SCWM, EPGM, GEM, Companion Dioceses, Host Dioceses, Staff, returned missionaries, current missionaries, Presiding Bishop, ERD,
2. Anglican Communion funding  
Mission Center: Partnerships  
Seek input from: TEC members of the ACC, ACO in London, UN Anglican Observer's office, Provincial Secretaries who receive funding, Anglican Communion networks, Presiding Bishop, Companion Dioceses, Lambeth Palace, staff
3. Overseas Dioceses  
Mission Center: Partnerships  
Seek input from: Bishops, GC deputies, staff, Conventions of the Overseas Dioceses
4. Covenant Partnership  
Mission Center: Partnerships  
Seek input from: Partnership liaison, Provincial Primates and Diocesan Bishops, Joint Covenant committees, staff, coordinator of Provincial secretaries
5. Peace, Int'l Affairs, and Migration  
Mission Center: Advocacy  
Seek input from: Anglican Peace and Justice network, Episcopal Peace Fellowship, UTO & ERD, staff, bi-lateral projects (advocacy) as identified by staff, EPPN, SRI committee

At 10:30am, Bonnie Anderson, visited the INC meeting to talk about the Conference on the Anglican Churches of the Americas. She delivered her report and provided the committee with handouts. A conference *On Mutual Responsibility and Mission* has been planned for February 22-28, 2009 in San Jose, Costa Rica. Six individuals including Provincial Secretaries and Primates from each Province have been asked to attend. Considerable conversation followed around the composition of delegations.

*The afternoon session began at 4pm.*

INC received a report by David Copley on pensions, medical benefits, and compensation for missionaries. Overall he had a sense that the deployment of missionaries would continue to decrease unless there was some further address of missionary compensation and the rapidly increasing costs of medical benefits and pension.

During the course of conversation Julio Holguín suggested that every church designate an offering (World Mission Sunday) for the world mission work of the Episcopal Church. The offering might then be brought to GC and presented at one of the GC Eucharists. This fund would then be used to support the work of our missionaries.

After further discussion, a consensus emerged suggesting that the funding of missionaries for 2008 was a small part of a much larger picture requiring address by INC and the Executive Council. The chair appointed a drafting committee to work on resolutions (Douglas, Holguín, Ballentine, Harris, and Copley) that address the concerns of increasing costs for world mission activities and decreasing available funding.

A possible format for the resolution(s) to be drafted:

- 1<sup>st</sup> resolve, mandating a working group for David Copley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> resolve, revisit *Companions in Transformation*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> resolve, long term vision for the funding

INC received a report from Margaret Rose on *A Statement to the Executive Council from the Episcopal Church Delegation to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women*.

INC received a report (hard copy was included in the pre-meeting packet mailed to Council) from Toni Daniels regarding building International relationships to accomplish God's mission in the world. Regarding Covenants and Grants she is working on a form for narrative reporting.

INC received a report (hard copy was included in the pre-meeting packet mailed to Council) from Rod Radtke regarding the MDG Inspiration Fund. ERD has been rolling out the new logo for the organization including the vision statement "*Healing a hurting world*".

INC received a report from Brian Grieves regarding the proposed resolution seeking to have the Episcopal Church stand in opposition to "cluster bombs". Douglas/Sabune moved the accompanying resolution. Kimbrough/Sabune moved amendment shortening the amendment. Approved. Kimbrough/Ballentine "including the government of the United States of America." Approved. The perfected motion passed.

INC045

*"RESOLVED*, that the Executive Council, meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 13-15, condemns the use of cluster bombs and calls upon all governments, including the

government of the United States of America, to negotiate and sign an international treaty prohibiting their production, transfer, stockpiling, and use.”

Holguín noted that Crawford was going to provide a written report on the *Everyone Everywhere* conference. About 350 people were present. The three speakers were engaging and appreciated by those who gathered. Unfortunately the translation services provided were incomplete and did not allow for Bishop Holguín to present all 18 pages of the text that he had prepared! Staff members present at the INC meeting all expressed great enthusiasm for the quality of the conference and the enthusiasm of those present and participating.

INC received a report from the chair on the EPGM meeting, which took place concurrently with the *Everyone Everywhere* conference. She reported that steering committee members will now serve for three years (in an institutional by-law change).

### **Saturday morning, June 14**

*The morning session began at 9am*

INC received a report from Elizabeth Beach-Hacking on the state of the United Thank Offering. She stressed the desire the UTO would remain “out front” of the Church in its long tradition of service. Despite its extraordinary work at home and abroad and despite its unique position to ground its work theological the last decade has seen a steady decline in giving to the UTO. The 2008 grant award total is \$2,401,906.70 vs. \$7,923,979.05 in askings. The initial ingathering for 2008 has yielded \$529,000. Additionally, internal controls to follow grants to their effectiveness and to audit international/domestic balance in granting are not well established.

Special challenges before the UTO looking ahead: Beach-Hacking reports that the Presiding Bishop has recommended that the UTO become a 501c3 organization or that it come under direction of the Executive Council. The UTO executive committee has pushed back on this suggestion.

In response to this report INC passed the following resolution, INC046:

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Albuquerque from June 13-15, 2008 commend the appointment of the Presiding Bishop’s advisory group on the United Thank Offering, recognizing the need for the clarification of the relationship between the United Thank Offering committee and the Episcopal Church. The Executive Council anticipates a status report from the advisory group at its next meeting in Helena, Montana.

Explanation: The International Concerns committee of the Executive Council acknowledges the need for clarification of status, role, and accountability driven both by missiological and legal concerns.

INC received a report from Toni Daniels on the coordination of concerns regarding diocese of Episcopal Church outside the United States, as well as partner churches of the Anglican Communion. Her memo references the initiation of periodic meetings and lists those invited to the meeting. The meetings would have a self-identifying convener, a self-identifying agenda that focuses on defining and coordinating the work of global ministries, and shared information regarding what is occurring in the ministries of each of these stakeholders to encourage collaboration and avoid duplication.

Ian Douglas presented a resolution on World Mission Sunday and a report on the support of missionaries.

INC 047, World Mission Sunday 2009, was approved on the motion of Sabune (seconded by Ballentine). The motion passed unanimously.

INC received a report from Ballentine including an update on the Anglican Covenant process.

INC received a report from Douglas on planning for the upcoming Lambeth Conference. During the course of his report he re-emphasized that an up/down vote on the proposed “Anglican Covenant” is not scheduled for the upcoming Lambeth Conference. Instead Lambeth will continue to receive data and the Covenant Design Group will meet shortly after Lambeth (in August). All churches in the Anglican Communion will be asked to respond to the St. Andrews draft of the draft Covenant. Sometime in early 2009 an “Anglican Covenant 3.0” will be disseminated to the churches for further discussion and reflection. If the Anglican Consultative Council receives the report it could direct member churches to consider its adoption.

INC received a written report from Pat Coller (Church Pension Group) on the proposed benefit enhancements affecting Province IX, Haiti, the Virgin Islands, and overseas dioceses.

INC received a written report from Alex Baumgarten on his recent visit to the Sudan as the principal TEC staffer for the joint Episcopal-Lutheran delegation of bishops to Sudan in late April 2008.

INC received an oral report from Harris regarding the recent Asian Partnership meeting in the Philippines celebrating the recent financial autonomy of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. During that celebration Mark Harris and Lyn Johnson were awarded honorary doctorates from Trinity University.