



During each week-day of the meeting, members of the Standing Committee participated in Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and the Eucharist in St Andrew's Chapel.

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

Bishop James Tengatenga, in the chair, opened the meeting. He noted that Archbishop Deng had not been able to obtain a visa; Archbishop Bernard Ntahoturi will be present as his alternate. He welcomed Bishop Samuel Azariah who had been unable to attend the previous meeting. He thanked Dato' Stanley Isaacs who will not be able to attend the ACC-15 meeting and thus is attending for the last time.

### **2. Minutes of the last Meeting 26 to 30 March 2011**

The minutes had been circulated to members of the Standing Committee. After corrections the minutes were approved.

#### **Resolution 1: Minutes of the last Standing Committee meeting**

*That the Standing Committee adopts the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held 26 to 31 March 2011 and authorises the Chair to sign the minutes on behalf of the Standing Committee.*

Business arising:

### **Resolution 2: The Primates' Meeting**

*That the Standing Committee continues to be saddened by absences at the Primates' Meeting 2011, which diminishes our common life, and urges all Primates to continue to work for reconciliation within the Communion.*

### **3. Archbishop of Canterbury**

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) includes one Primate elected by the Standing Committee. The Secretary General explained the process which had taken place to choose this person. The Most Revd Dr Barry Morgan was elected through an email ballot. It was observed that nominating and voting by email was not a very satisfactory process. It would have been better to have had the opportunity to talk about who would be the best representative. It was proposed that after the next Archbishop is appointed the Standing Committee elect a continuing member to serve as required by the CNC.

It was agreed to recommend this to the Standing Committee meeting following ACC-15, and that an alternate should also be elected.

### **4. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement SC/2012/04/1**

A memorandum of Understanding & Agreement between the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary General was presented.

It was noted that this business was following up the Handford Report which had been discussed at an earlier Standing Committee meeting.

Clarification of the term 'executive' was sought by the members from the United States, as it has some difference of meaning there than in Britain.

It was agreed that this Memorandum would be passed to the new Archbishop and be part of the job mandate for the next Secretary General.

### **Resolution 3: Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement**

*That the Standing Committee notes the Memorandum of Understanding & Agreement between the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary General.*

On a related matter, the Secretary General sought permission to have a meeting of the Standing Committee in association with the installation of the next Archbishop of Canterbury, the date of which is not known. If this service were to be held before the financial statements are available, they would have to be considered by e-mail afterwards. The Standing Committee agreed to this procedure.

### **5. Secretary General's Report**

The Secretary General reported:

- Overall the Anglican Communion Office has had a very successful year with most of the areas of programmatic work achieving progress, goals and targets. There is also an awareness that a number of programmes (Continuing Indaba and Theological Education especially) are funded on a 3 year cycle, and that cycle is coming to an end, and this has been difficult for some.
- The Anglican Alliance has settled (began in January 2011) in well and is proving to be a significant force for change in the Communion.

- Ecumenical conversations – especially with the Orthodox family of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church – are progressing and addressing some very major issues which face us all. It is noticeable that missional issues and issues surrounding co-ordination and co-operation are taking over from doctrinal issues in several other conversations.
- Finances continue to be under pressure, reflecting the pressure many Provinces themselves are under.
- The Provincial Secretaries meeting in Mexico in August last year provided a very useful opportunity for communicating what was happening in the Communion to key players in the Provinces, and included presentations on Communications, the Alliance, and Gender Based Violence.
- The Secretary General had undertaken a Provincial visit to Tanzania in December when he attended and addressed the Provincial Synod under the overall theme of ‘Leadership in the Church of God’. He also visited the Theological College in Dodoma and preached in the Cathedral.
- In February he visited the Anglican Church in Doha, Qatar and spent some days with the priest there. What is happening there is truly amazing, with a huge Anglican Complex being built for a substantial Anglican congregation, which will also host worship and meeting places for vast numbers of other Church communities.
- He followed that with a visit to Kuching in Malaysia for the installation of Bishop Bolly Lapok as Primate of South East Asia, and spent some days visiting some thriving parishes in the diocese.

Members asked:

- how indigenous the church in the Middle East is.
- about the process for reception of ecumenical agreements
- what role there might be for the Secretary General in the context of the challenges of the Communion.

**Resolution 4: The Secretary General’s Report**

*The Standing Committee receives the Secretary General’s report.*

**6. Co-options to ACC by Standing Committee**

“The Standing Committee may appoint up to six additional members in order to achieve balanced representation and to assist with the work of the Council in achieving its objects.”  
 The last Standing Committee meeting decided to invite the Church of Ceylon to nominate a lay woman for co-option to ACC. The Church has nominated the Rt Revd Dhiloraj Canagasabey. The Secretary General has written twice to the Church pointing out the difficulty with this and has also spoken to the bishop concerned, but no fresh nomination has been received.

The Standing Committee expressed considerable unease about this and after lengthy discussions passed the following:

**Resolution 5: Co-options to ACC by Standing Committee: Ceylon**

*That the Standing Committee co-opt the Rt Revd Dhiloraj Canagasabey of the Anglican Church of Ceylon for the meeting of ACC-15 only.*

This was carried with 3 against.

The Standing Committee had asked the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary General to consider names from the ‘Europe’ region, and they are proposing the Revd Canon Dr Ulla Monberg.

**Resolution 6: Co-options to ACC by Standing Committee: Europe**

*That the Standing Committee co-opt the Revd Canon Dr Ulla Monberg as a co-opted member of the ACC.*

This was carried with 2 abstentions.

**7. Provincial Representation at ACC**

The Resolution addressing numbers of Provincial representatives had been approved by the Primates, with one negative.

**8. Representation of the Anglican Church of Canada**

A letter was received by the Secretary General shortly after the last meeting stating that the calculation of members in the Anglican Church of Canada was incorrect, and a more recent letter has been received detailing that members in the Church exceed 1,000,000, the number required to have 3 representatives at ACC.

**Resolution 7: Representation of the Anglican Church of Canada**

*That the Standing Committee agree that, according to further information received, the Anglican Church of Canada be entitled to send three representatives to the Anglican Consultative Council.*

**9. Lease of St Andrew's House**

The resolution passed at the last Standing Committee meeting (Ref. SC/2011/01/2, Resolution 16) concerning the lease in St Andrew's House, including the request to consider extending the lease, was sent to the Trustees of the St Andrew's Trust. No formal response has been received, but informally it is understood that the Trustees feel the request was 'too soon'. This matter will need to remain as an active item on the agenda.

**10. Canterbury Cathedral Council**

On the matter of representation of the Standing Committee on the Canterbury Cathedral Council the following resolution was passed:

**Resolution 8: Representation on the Canterbury Cathedral Council**

*That the Standing Committee agree that it is desirable that the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the ACC be a member of the Canterbury Cathedral Council, following discussion with the Standing Committee, and that it is suggested the Vice-Chair attend for the remainder of the present term.*

**11. Standing Committee members as Trustees of ACC**

Members of the Standing Committee serve as trustee-members of the ACC. Our auditors have pointed out that the trustees are the persons elected to the Standing Committee as members, and that alternates (as in the case of Primates), while they may attend meetings, may not vote as trustees.

**Resolution 9: Standing Committee members as Trustees of ACC**

*That the Standing Committee take note of the fact that the trustees of the ACC are the persons elected to the Standing Committee as members, and that alternates (as in the case of Primates), while they may attend meetings, may not vote as trustees.*

## **12. Anglican Communion Covenant**

The proposed Anglican Communion Covenant is being considered for adoption or otherwise by the Provinces of the Anglican Communion. The Covenant states “The Covenant becomes active for a Church when that Church adopts the Covenant through the procedures of its own Constitution and Canons.” (4.1.6.).

Section 4.2.8. states, “Participation in the decision making of the Standing Committee or of the Instruments of Communion in respect to section 4.2 shall be limited to those members of the Instruments of Communion who are representatives of those churches who have adopted the Covenant, or who are still in the process of adoption.”

Section 4.2.7. of the Covenant refers to the role of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee was invited to consider the following issues that might arise, if the Standing Committee were to be engaged with questions about the meaning of the Covenant, or the compatibility of an action by a covenanting church (under Article 4.2.3.):

1. What criteria might be applied by the Standing Committee to determine that the Covenant had achieved sufficient support around the Communion to enable the Covenant to become operative?
2. How should the Archbishop of Canterbury’s role as President of the Anglican Consultative Council be understood in relation to questions referred to the Standing Committee under Article 4.2., in the event that the Church of England makes a final decision not to adopt the Covenant?
3. If at such a point, the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the ACC were individuals originally serving as representatives of the Church of England, how should the Standing Committee approach their participation in matters referred to it under Article 4.2.?

The basic question is when the Standing Committee might discern that the Covenant becomes operable for the Communion (as opposed to when it becomes operable for a church which has adopted it, which is at the point of adoption). At what point does the Standing Committee’s responsibility for the maintenance of the Covenant begin?

The Standing Committee will further address the matter of how to deal with the Covenant at ACC-15 when it considers the agenda of ACC-15 on Thursday.

### **Resolution 10: Anglican Communion Covenant**

*The Standing Committee agreed that the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Chair and Vice-Chair do not serve on the Standing Committee as representatives of their churches, so that their participation in decision-making about the Covenant is not precluded if their churches choose not to adopt the Covenant.*

## **13. Finance & Administration**

Chair: Canon Elizabeth Paver

The Chair welcomed Mr Trimble, Director for Finance and Administration, to his first meeting. She also expressed appreciation for the work of Mr Robert Fordham, Consultant to IAFAC, who had to return home early due to family illness, and had not attended the IAFAC meeting.

Mr Trimble reported that the Auditors were pleased with the written content of the Annual Report.

1. Report & Financial Statement for the Period Ended 31 December 2011 (SC/2012/05/1)

Mr Trimble introduced the Report & Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2011. The Accounts are for a 17-month period ending 31 December 2011 not the usual 12-month period. This was because the new company was established in July 2010 and was dormant until the end of 2010. The assets of the Charity were transferred to the new company on 1 January 2011 so the accounts reflect transactions for the usual 12-month accounting period. Mr Trimble referred to the set of standard information about Trustees (p3), structure, governance and management (p5), public benefit statement (p6), the ACO Reports on the functions of the office (P7), Office of the UN Observer (p11), the narrative description of the finances (p13) and the investment policy of the two main funds (p14). One of the investments is the endowment funds for the Office of the UN Observer, and the other the Personal Emergencies Fund (PEF). Mr Trimble drew the Committee's attention to the last paragraph under Reserves Policy noting the target balance for General Funds is based on 3 months operating costs. He said this would be a useful target for a discussion. He pointed out that the balance of reserves was below target and the intention is to increase reserves in future years. The section on Trustees' responsibilities should be noted by the Committee.

The Committee felt it would be useful to distribute the Annual Report and Financial to people in the pews. The Chair said this could be circulated around provinces/dioceses. The Secretary General said it contains similar information to the Annual Review booklet that would be made available on the web.

The Chair invited questions on the narratives. A question was raised as to the terminology of the Instruments of Communion with regard to structures, and the relationship with governance. The technical use of the term 'governance' was discussed.

Mr Trimble further referred to p16 of the auditors' report on the account, which was prepared in accordance with Companies' Act. It was signed on 10 April following an email vote and the signed accounts were then filed at Companies House on 11 April 2012, a day prior to the deadline. Next year we will be able to revert to the normal cycle of filing the accounts by September of the year following that of the accounting year end. The figures on p17 illustrated the financial activities; £2.4million income, which was closely matched by expenditure and so very close to breakeven. The management accounts give more detail. The Balance Sheet and Reserves are on p18. Fixed assets totalling £1.8 million consist mainly of leasehold property and a small amount of office equipment.

Mr Trimble drew the Committee's attention to the Pension column in the Balance Sheet which he said was a liability for the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme and even though closed to new members there is still a liability for existing members. The causes of this deficit include the poor performance of the stock market and pensioners living longer than previously expected. A formal valuation is done every 3 years, the last valuation showed a deficit of £291,273, shown in the accounts as a liability. The ACO had negotiated a payment of around £29,000 per year for the next 10 years to pay this down.

The Committee questioned the intention to hold a Designated Reserve of £300,000 including the St Andrew's Fund based on approximately 3 months turnover. The Committee also shared concern as to the pension's valuation and commented that the figure could change at the next valuation which may reduce the deficit. It is understood that the figure can be challenged. Mr Trimble explained the investment pension scheme process and the liability involved, and suggested that the ACO wait for other larger organisations (or dioceses) to challenge it, which would be a matter of wait and see.

Mr Trimble also referred to the accounting policies on income and expenditure (p19), which were noted under the headings of the main activities of the office. The Audit fees, other fees and depreciation were noted on p22. The Fixed assets and Investments (p23) and amounts receivable and creditors (p24) were noted. On p25 was an outline of cash flow movements, and p27 the various funds for the separate activities or projects. On p28 the pension commitments are also noted.

Mr Trimble referred to the pie charts in the booklet on the Annual Review for 2011 as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> pie chart Unrestricted Income was £1.4 million in 2011. 85% was from Inter Anglican Budget Contributions.

2<sup>nd</sup> chart – total income of £2.42 million which included Continuing Indaba, Anglican Alliance and Theological Education.

3<sup>rd</sup> chart – showed income received in the years 2005 to 2011.

Bishop Douglas stated that the Budget Contributions are flat and discouraging, leaving other funders to determine what we can or can't do. An alternative source of funding would be that of a significant endowment. He asked when we were going to ask the question about some kind of common endowment for a sustainable future. Dr Isaacs pointed out that before taking such action the ACC would need to seek the unity of the Communion.

The Chair thanked Mr Trimble for the Report.

**Resolution 11: ACC Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2011**  
*That the Standing Committee noted that it*

*(a) Had approved the Report and Financial Statements for the 17 month period to 31 December 2011 and authorised the Vice Chair of IAFAC to sign the Report on behalf of the Trustees in an email vote on 30 March 2012, and*

*(b) Had approved the letter of representation and authorised the Vice Chair of IAFAC to sign it on behalf of the Trustees" also by email , and*

*- That the signed accounts were submitted to the Companies' Office on 11 April 2011.*

2. Audit Completion Report period ended 31 December 2011

Mr Trimble introduced the Audit Completion Report for the period ended 31 December 2011. The auditors had issued an unqualified report without modification. He referred to the significant risk areas noted on p7 investigated by the auditors. The auditors had looked in detail at these risks and felt the approach was appropriate. Mr Trimble said the auditors looked in detail at the Pension Fund (Audit findings (8.2)) and were satisfied with the way the ACO had presented it. The issues noted under 8.3 were raised in last year's management letter, and the auditors were happy with the



appropriate changes that had been made. They were also happy with internal controls noted as item 9. On p9 it was noted that no major differences were discovered although the auditors did identify some minor bookkeeping issues. Mr Trimble asked the Committee to note item 11.6 on Conflicts of Interest, which needed to be taken seriously. He said the auditors produced a standard policy for this but Canon John Rees said the Constitution dealt with this very adequately and the Standing Committee need not take any further action. The note on p12 was as a result of a change in legislation that people should be fit and proper persons to be trustees. Mr Trimble pointed out that the best way to deal with this was to provide a Trustee Declaration form, which he circulated for each Trustee to sign.

The Chair thanked Mr Trimble for the report.

**Resolution 12: Auditors' Report**

*That the Standing Committee*

*(a) Note the Auditors' Report, and*

*(b) Request all Trustees to complete the Trustee Declaration*

3. Appointment of Auditors

The Chair explained the process which took place last year for the appointment of auditors at which Mazars was appointed.

**Resolution 13: Appointment of Auditors**

*That the Standing Committee appoint, Mazars, as auditors for the year ended 31 December 2012.*

4. Inter Anglican Budget Contributions

4(a) Provincial Contributions 2011

Mr Trimble presented a paper on the Inter-Anglican Budget Contributions for the year ended 31 December 2011. Contributions received total £1,168,478 for 2011 compared to £1,165,659 in 2010, a small increase on the previous year.

The Chair thanked the Secretary General and Mr Andrew Franklin for sending encouraging letters to the provinces resulting in this increase in contributions.

4(b) Provincial Contributions 2012

Mr Trimble introduced a paper on planned Provincial Contributions: budgeted and requested. The total request for 2012 was £1.6 million. Estimated contributions that may reach £1.2 million were already coming in, though a little below the budget. But he was pleased that a good percentage of the year's budget contributions had already been received.

**Resolution 14: Inter- Anglican Budget Contributions**

*That the Standing Committee note*

*(a) The contributions outcome for 2011, and*

*(b) The forecast of contributions for 2012.*

## 5. Financial Forecast 2012

Mr Trimble introduced the Financial Forecast 2012 that included a report on the three-month period to March 2012 and a narrative report for the first few months. The three-month results showed a surplus of £25,935 against budget leaving the General Fund at £123,215 against £97,280 at end of 2011 and above the target of approximately £100,000. The expenditure was close to what was expected. The Deficit on Primates' meetings and the UN Observer will be cleared this year. The Anglican Alliance continued to be in deficit because the funds are received in arrears.

The core budget for 2012 stood at £1,376,100 against a total income in the first three months of £333,270 equating to 24% of budget. Expenditure stood at £232,085 against the total budget of £1,013,485 for 2012 equating to the 23% of the total budget. Employment costs stood at £178,265, the biggest item on the budget. The transfer of Designated Funds of £301,000 will include the UN Observer at £32,000 and a grant of £30,000 for Lambeth Conference.

### **Resolution 15: Financial Forecast 2012**

*That the Standing Committee note the updated financial forecast for the year ended 31 December 2012*

## 6. Lambeth Conference Company

The Chair introduced the report. She said that it was the intention for the £48,000 debt remaining to be cleared by the end of the year. The £30,000 agreed amount to be put aside for the next Lambeth Conference on an annual basis will be drawn down if and when a Lambeth Conference was decided upon.

Canon Kearon reported that the changes in the Articles of Association of the Company had taken effect since the last meeting and Professor Michael Wright was appointed a new Director and Chair. A second independent director would be appointed in due course. The Chair expressed that it would be good to address gender balance when appointing the next director. Canon Kearon also informed the Committee that a meeting was scheduled to take place later this year to review the 2008 Lambeth Conference, and to lay down some suggestions and proposals for the next Lambeth Conference.

### **Resolution 16: Lambeth Conference Company**

*That the Standing Committee note*

*It is anticipated the debt remaining from the 2008 Lambeth Conference will be eliminated by autumn 2012 other than the cost of a planned review of the 2008 Conference.*

*Request the Trustees of the Lambeth Conference Company to note the need for greater gender balance in its composition.*

*That the Inter-Anglican Budget continue to designate £30,000 within its budget to be held as a designated fund and to be made available to the Lambeth Conference Company on request.*

## **14. Action Against Gender Based Violence**

The Women's Desk Officer at the ACO, the Revd Terrie Robinson, has taken a leading role in highlighting Gender Based Violence as an issue for the Communion to address. As part of this, she has become involved in, and now takes a significant role in, the "We will speak out" Coalition. She presented information about this project and sought Standing Committee support for this involvement on behalf of the Communion.

Members observed:

- given the support for this work from the Primates' Meeting, discussion at the last Standing Committee, and its presence on the agenda of the ACC, this is absolutely where the church needs to be.
- witness for healing and stability by the Communion is essential, and not just in Africa. It will be important to maintain the voice of the church and not let the work of healing be taken over by the UN
- at some point it will be important to address underlying systemic issues as well as to assist victims.
- immigration into the Middle East has increased the violence there and the church needs to pay attention to this area as well
- the bravery of the churches in Africa in addressing this should be communicated to other Provinces. There could be a focus at ACC-15 so that there are resources to take away
- treatment for perpetrators is also important.
- sexual violence should not be identified only with post-conflict situations. Pornography and sexual slavery are rampant in the West and we must not let this become a 'we-them' issue
- gender based violence also comes from cultural attitudes; are there resources which can assist the churches in education to prevent sexual violence? The matter is also linked to HIV-AIDS and the sexual exploitation of younger women and girls.

Churches of the Anglican Communion to use existing Bible studies, the 16 days programme which runs from November 25 to December 11, and the White Ribbon Campaign. Women theologians are going to be producing theological resources.

**Resolution 17: Action against Gender Based Violence**

*The Standing Committee endorsed the membership of the Anglican Communion in the We Will Speak Out Coalition and affirmed the work of the Women's Desk Officer in this area. The Standing Committee would appreciate regular reports on the work as it develops.*

The Chair of ACC, Bishop James Tengatenga, welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury to the meeting.

**15. Anglican Alliance** (SC/2012/15/3)

The Anglican Alliance was set up by resolution of ACC-14, and began work in January 2011. It has been deemed appropriate to have a review of its Governance structures to enable it to continue in the long term as a permanent stable structure. Independent consultants have been engaged to undertake this, and their report and proposals were presented by Alliance Director Sally Keeble. (This report was also discussed by the Finance and Administration Committee.) Sally began by presenting a video on the Alliance's regional consultation process

At the moment the Standing Committee is the body to which the Alliance and its Director report, with the Secretary General as the overseer between meetings. There is an advisory board but the decisions that have to be taken come very fast and need proper accountability, especially for funding. There is funding for three years, but it is dependent on one donor. The proposals in the paper are next steps in providing the governance that is needed. Financial provision for this is in the Alliance's budget.

**Resolution 18: Anglican Alliance as a Subsidiary Company**

*That the Standing Committee resolve in principle that the Anglican Alliance be established as a subsidiary company broadly along the lines of the paper SC/2012/15/3*

**Resolution 19: Anglican Alliance Objectives**

*That the Standing Committee request the Secretary General to draft charitable objects and activities for approval by the Standing Committee that will enable the Anglican Alliance to be registered as a subsidiary charitable company .*

**Resolution 20: Anglican Alliance Board Nominations**

*That the Standing Committee request the Secretary General to make arrangements for board members to be nominated by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary General for appointment by the Standing Committee for an initial period.*

*All this work is to be presented to the Standing Committee at its October 2012 meeting.*

**16. ACC Agenda** (SC/2012/20/1 and SC/2012/20/2)

The ACC Chair, Bishop Tenganega welcomed Stephen Lyon who presented the agenda for ACC-15. He began with an introduction to the venue. He then gave an overview of the agenda. The context will make the meeting distinctive. The Bible studies will provide a theme, that of 'transforming communities' that will be picked up in the worship. The way that the business is actually handled will also be different. There do not appear at this point to be large scale decisions to be made, although there are a number of topics on which the mind of ACC needs to be found and expressed. That may or may not be done by resolution. It is hoped that there will be deep conversation about Anglican ecclesiology, sparked by discussion of the Covenant and a paper on the Instruments of Communion being brought by IASCUFO.

An update on matters relating to resolutions of ACC-14 should be given. By and large the resolutions of ACC-14 have taken up in programmatic work, and the work reports will cover most of that.

Resolutions Committee: the Chair and Vice-chair proposed that the Resolution Committee be chaired by Philippa Amable. The following resolution was passed:

**Resolution 21: the Resolutions Committee**

*That the Resolutions Committee at ACC-15 be chaired by Philippa Amable, and that Josephine Hicks, John Stuart and Garth Blake be members.*

The Secretary General presented the budget for the ACC meeting. The budget figure is £390,000 and we are currently forecasting £8500 over budget.

The Committee expressed its gratitude to Stephen for the work he has been doing.

**17. Board of St George's College**

Canon Janet Trisk attended the Executive and Foundation meetings of St George's College, Jerusalem at the request of the Standing Committee. She spoke to her report SC/2012/03/1. She said that the Board was grateful for the participation by a member of the Standing Committee but noted that she will be finishing her term this year, while the term of the Board is for 5 years.

**Resolution 22: Board of St George's College, Jerusalem**

*The Standing Committee agreed that Janet Trisk continue as the member for one more meeting in December 2012; Standing Committee will name her successor.*

## **18. ACC-16 Meeting**

The Secretary General has received a letter from the Province of Central Africa offering to host ACC-16 in 3 years time.

### **Resolution 23: ACC-16**

*The Standing Committee accepted the invitation of the Province of Central Africa to host ACC-16 in 3 years time.*

## **19. Provincial Matters**

### **a. Guidelines for the Creation of New Provinces and Dioceses**

The Secretary General presented his revision of these guidelines SC/2012/04/1.

After some discussion the Secretary General agreed to revise the document and bring it back later in the meeting.

### **b. The Church of Ceylon**

The Archbishop of Canterbury has received a letter from the Church of Ceylon SC/2012/04/3

The request is that the church be created as a Province, or to be granted observer status on the Instruments of Communion.

### **Resolution 24: Church of Ceylon**

*It was agreed that the Secretary General, would continue the conversation with the Church of Ceylon, referring to the revised guidelines on the creation of new provinces, in consultation with their Metropolitan.*

### **c. Southern Cone**

A press release on the proposed division of the Province has been issued SC/2012/04/4. There is a proposal to split the Province into two, each with four dioceses. It was agreed that the Secretary General would not respond until there is a formal request.

## **20. IASCUFO**

The Standing Commission and the Anglican-Orthodox members have given consideration to a document 'Expectations for Anglican Participants in Ecumenical Dialogues' (SC/2012/11/1), and request the Standing Committee's consent to its adoption for all Anglican participation in Ecumenical Dialogues.

The Director for Unity Faith and Order, Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan presented the document and requested that the Standing Committee to adopt the guidelines.

A request was made to have the document translated into Spanish; it was agreed that this could be done after it had been adopted.

### **Resolution 25: Expectations for Anglican Participants in Ecumenical Dialogues**

*The Standing Committee accepted the document 'Expectations for Anglican Participants in Ecumenical Dialogues' as outlining its expectations for participation in ecumenical dialogues.*

There was some discussion about where these dialogues have led to. What contribution have they made? Members observed:

- the establishment of the International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission would not have happened without the theological dialogue having laid the basis for mutual recognition of each other
- cooperation between Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops in Sudan is exemplary
- ARCIC has produced a coherent theology on significant matters which is a sound basis for theological education around the Communion
- the goal of these dialogues and the ecumenical movement is that they may all be one. That has not been achieved, but they have eased the tensions between the churches that existed before they took place
- the documents are very useful resources for theological education and should be made more widely available and in more languages
- the Lutheran and Methodist dialogues have produced a theological framework in which full communion regional agreements can take place.
- there is an increased attention to the participation of people from the south, and this has an impact on the nature and methodology of the dialogues
- IASCUFO is addressing the question of reception of ecumenical documents, and also the question of transitivity – how do regional agreements affect each other and how can they learn from one another?

## **21. Name Change for the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative**

A proposal from the Evangelism & Church Growth Initiative for a change of name to 'Anglican Witness' has been received. Standing Committee approval is sought.

### **Resolution 26: Name Change for the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative**

*The Standing Committee suggested that the Secretary General propose to the Evangelism and Church Growth Initiative that it consider being renamed 'Anglican Witness: Evangelism and Church Growth'.*

## **22. Environmental Network**

A letter from the Environmental Network has been received. SC/2012/18/1

It requested that the Communion fund a desk which will coordinate the international ecological and environmental justice issues that the Network addresses within the Communion.

Such a desk would have a mandate to:

1. work in cooperation with other ecumenical and inter faith agencies
2. support grass roots environmental initiatives throughout the Communion
3. gather and disseminate data and information on environmental issues
4. assist the leadership of the Church in its prophetic and advocacy role within the Church and within the public, business, and private sectors
5. contribute to educational programmes for use in the training of Christian leaders.

### **Resolution 27: Environmental Network**

*The Standing Committee agreed to the proposal in principle and requested that the Secretary General write to the Environmental Network encouraging them to seek appropriate funding for the work.*

### **23. The Creation of new Provinces and Dioceses**

The Secretary General tabled a revised version of the guidelines for the creation of new Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

There was discussion of the placing of the term 'the Standing Committee'. It should not give the impression that the Standing Committee is a parallel Instrument to the ACC and the Primates Meeting.

#### **Resolution 28: Guidelines for the Creation of new Provinces and Dioceses**

*The Standing Committee agreed to adopt the amended guidelines 'The Creation of New Provinces of the Anglican Communion'*

The Vice Chair, Canon Elizabeth Paver, welcomed Bishop Michael Doe and invited him to introduce his report on the United Nations Office.

### **24. Anglican Communion Representation at the United Nations SC/2012/16/1**

The last Standing Committee meeting requested the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Secretary General to organise a review of the Anglican Communion representation at the United Nations. Bishop Michael Doe (recently retired General Secretary of USPG) agreed to undertake this task and he introduced his report, 'The Anglican Communion and the United Nations'. He outlined a number of options and made a proposal for a way forward.

The proposal is that, if funding can be secured, Option One be pursued, with two Anglican Communion Representatives, one in New York and one in Geneva. He suggested that the next steps would be to draw up

- (1) an estimate of costs and possible sources of income
- (2) a flow chart showing how the work will be agreed and carried out, through Policy-making (Standing Committee / Policy Reference Group), Line Management (ACO), and Staff Synergy (the two Representatives, and the wider Mission Cluster).

The Secretary General tabled a draft resolution which was adopted after considerable discussion and amendment.

#### **Resolution 29: The Anglican Communion and the United Nations**

The Standing Committee:

- i. welcomes Bishop Michael Doe's report on 'The Anglican Communion and the United Nations', and thanks Bishop Doe warmly for the time and effort he has put into it, and for the final report;*
- ii. accepts in principle the recommendations in Section 4 that if funding can be secured Option One be pursued, with two Anglican Communion representatives, one in New York and one in Geneva, and requests the Secretary General to pursue this;*
- iii. recommends that in this process priority to be given to a full time UN appointment in Geneva;*
- iv. recommends that until funding is available, the existing staff and office structure in New York remain in place;*
- v. notes the exceptional financial, practical and pastoral support which the Advisory Council has offered to successive Observers over the years, and asks the Secretary General to convey this appreciation to the members;*

- vi. *accepts the recommendation in 4.5 that the current need is for a body 'whose sole responsibility is fundraising' and asks the Secretary General to implement this. It further suggests that any such funding body should be lay led.*

Canon Paver, offered thanks again to Stanley Isaacs who is attending his last meeting, to Archbsihop Bernard Ntatohuri for attending as an alternate for the Primate of Sudan. She offered, on behalf of the Standing Committee, thanks to all the staff who assisted in the meeting.

**25. Dates of Next Meeting**

25-26 October 2012      (*prior to ACC*)