



The Anglican Church of Canada

RESOLUTIONS RE ISRAEL/PALESTINE

Source Acronyms:

CGS - Council of General Synod – meets between triennial meetings of the General Synod

GS – General Synod – meets triennially –

HB – House of Bishops – meets semi-annually

Source: **CGS / 2005 November 17-20 / Resolution 22-11-05**

ECOJUSTICE COMMITTEE RESOLUTION #005-04-05-11 : SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT

Moved by: Bishop Sue Moxley

Seconded by: Ms. Catherine Torraville

TEXT: That the Council of General Synod commend the following to the Eco-Justice Committee for action, implementation, and report back to the Council at its May 2006 meeting:

- i) Eco-Justice request KAIROS to research the activities of companies believed to be contributing to ongoing violence in Israel and Paelstine, as well as companies contributing to ongoing peace and economic stability in the region;
- ii) That, in light of KAIROS findings, Eco-Justice, with the FMD Investment Sub-committee, continue to explore a range of socially responsible investment strategies, including corporate engagement and positive investment or divestment;
- iii) That suggested strategies be recommended to the Council of General Synod, the Pensions Committee, the Board of PWRDF, and the Directors of the Anglican Foundation, for consideration and any appropriate action. **CARRIED #22-11-05**

Source: CGS / 2002 November 8-10 / Resolution 34-11-02

Affirmation of Resolutions of the 12th Anglican Consultative Council Relating to Conflict in the Middle East

Moved by: Mr. Matthew Kett

Seconded by: Rev. Canon Dr. Bill Prentice

TEXT: That this Council of General Synod:

Affirm the following resolutions of the 12th Anglican Consultative Council relating to conflict in the Middle East, numbered F1, F2, and F3 below:

F.1. Israel/Palestine.

This Anglican Consultative Council notes with increasing concern the continuing instability and violence in Israel/Palestine and the resulting economic and social disadvantage in vulnerable groups and communities, as well as the widespread destruction, fear, injury and loss of life in the area;

- a) believes that the best way to achieve longer-term security and a lasting basis for peace is for each side to recognize the legitimate aspirations, rights and needs of the other;
- b) condemns all violence against civilians;
- c) while recognising the legitimate right to its own defence, believes that the present conduct of the State of Israel has raised the level of threat to Palestinians and thus escalated the violence, with its consequent threat to the security of all families and individuals within the State of Israel;
- d) calls upon the Israeli Government and the Palestinian Authority, as well as individual politicians, religious groups and community leaders, to find a way of breaking the spiral of revenge violence by entering into a new joint formal process of negotiation, based on international, religious and humane values of truth, forgiveness and reconciliation, in order to move towards genuine peace, justice and stability in the area;
- e) calls upon the Israeli Government to implement UN resolutions 242, 338 and 194; and supports resolution V.20 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference;
- f) urges the member churches of the Anglican Communion and associated agencies to find new ways of supporting collaborative projects between Israeli and Palestinian, Jewish, Muslim and Christian individuals and groups;
- g) assures the people of Israel/Palestine of its prayers for peace; that its prayers will be offered in the name of God who calls us all to a greater love for each other, our neighbours, those who are strangers to us and our enemies.

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 39-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

Prologue: (Report #009-08A-01-03 -- Note renumbering)

TEXT: 5. Further request the Government of Canada to urge the Government of Israel to acknowledge the return of refugees as a basic human right, reflected in UN Charters and Resolutions and in international law, and to negotiate in good faith ways by which this right may be accorded to Palestinian refugees. CARRIED #39-03-01

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 07-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

Prologue: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh presented the report of the Partners in Mission Committee and read the eight items presented for action. As all dealt with the Middle East, they were presented as one motion. It was the consensus of the meeting that this very complex motion be separated.

(Items one to five were voted on initially. Items six to eight were referred, rewritten, renumbered and voted on later in the meeting. All are recorded below.)

TEXT: That this Council of General Synod:

1. Affirm the work of the Middle East Working Group (MEWG) of Inter Church Action for

Development, Relief and Justice (ICA) and further encourage the MEWG to continue to standing in solidarity with Palestinian people and to speak prophetically for justice in the Middle East. CARRIED #07-03-01

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 10-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

TEXT: That this Council of General Synod:

3. Call on the Government of Canada to implore the Government of Israel to recognize its accountability under the 4th Geneva Convention as an occupying power over Gaza and the West Bank and to heed the required restraint that it must exercise in these areas. CARRIED #10-03-01

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 11-03-01 Resolution 12-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Mrs. Dorothy Davies-Flindall

Seconded by: Dean Peter Elliott

Prologue: Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

That this Council of General Synod

4. Further request the Government of Canada to call the Government of Israel to recognize, as the occupying power, that it has a primary obligation to take responsibility for de-escalating the violence, and that it can do this through the following steps: by withdrawing forces from the West Bank and Gaza, by ending the containment of Palestinian villages and communities, by ceasing destruction of olive groves and other means of punishment of the Palestinian population, and by ending the economic strangulation of the Palestinian people.

Motion to amend:

TEXT: That the words from "and that it can Palestinian people" be deleted from the motion. CARRIED #11-03-01

(Notes: Vote on main motion as amended.)

4. Further request the Government of Canada to call the Government of Israel to recognize, as the occupying power, that it has a primary obligation to take responsibility for de-escalating the violence. CARRIED #12-03-01)

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 13-03-01 Resolution 14-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Canon Grant Hyslop

Seconded by: Ms. Marguerite Denman

Prologue: Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

That this Council of General Synod:

5. Communicate to Middle East partners and to the Government of Canada the conviction that true peace will only be achievable through the implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions, specifically 242 (1967), 338 (1973), recently reaffirmed by Security Council Resolution 1322, and UN General Assembly Resolution 194 (1948); and that these resolutions require the implementation of the right of return of Palestinian refugees and the withdrawal of Israel from the West Bank and Gaza including settlements. DEFEATED #13-03-01

Motion to Refer

TEXT: That Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the Partners in Mission motion be referred to the committee to be rewritten and returned later in the meeting. CARRIED #14-03-01

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 39-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

Prologue: (Report #009-08A-01-03 -- Note renumbering)

TEXT: 5. Further request the Government of Canada to urge the Government of Israel to acknowledge the return of refugees as a basic human right, reflected in UN Charters and Resolutions and in international law, and to negotiate in good faith ways by which this right may be accorded to Palestinian refugees. CARRIED #39-03-01

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 40-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

TEXT: That this Council of General Synod

6. Direct the Partners in Mission Committee and the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee, to the extent that their budgets allow, to gather or produce for Anglican dioceses and parishes, resources for prayer, study and action that underline the biblical, theological, interfaith, historical and political contexts of the Middle East and that help facilitate dialogue with Christian, Jewish and Muslim neighbours. CARRIED #40-03-01

Source: CGS / 2001 March 15-18 / Resolution 41-03-01

Partners in Mission Report (#009-08-01-03)

Moved by: Rev. Jagdutt Singh

Seconded by: Archbishop Thomas Morgan

TEXT: That this Council of General Synod

Encourage Anglicans throughout the Church to remain in dialogue with Jewish and Muslim communities and make every effort to be in solidarity with justice seeking groups within those faith communities. CARRIED #41-03-01