

Standing Commission on World Mission

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Summary of Work

Mandate

“A Standing Commission on World Mission, whose members shall include persons broadly representative of jurisdictions outside the United States of America, as well as persons having direct engagement with and experience in world mission. It shall be the duty of the Commission, to review and evaluate policies, priorities, and strategies for global mission, and to make recommendations regarding global mission to General Convention.” [Canon I.1.2(n)(11)]

The Standing Commission on World Mission, rooted in prayer and guided by the principles of Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence (MRI), gave priority to the following areas during the recent triennium:

- Networking
- Covenant/Bilateral Committees
- Companion Diocese Network
- Mission Sending

The Commission met three times: 2009 in Chicago, Illinois, 2010 in Quito, Ecuador and in 2011 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Members of the committee also met in small groups to address the work set before the commission. At its first meeting the Commission established group norms, observed hourly prayer during the meetings, and visited/learned about mission opportunities at each meeting.

Networking

At the invitation of the Standing Commission on World Mission, a meeting was held in Lexington, Kentucky, in October of 2010. The Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission and the Global Episcopal Mission Network were invited to send representatives to attend that meeting to discuss ways in which the three groups could work collaboratively to further the cause of world mission within The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

Five representatives of the Commission, three representatives of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission (EPGM), and three representatives of the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) attended together with representatives of the Episcopal Church Center and a consultant. A portion of the discussion revolved around the history of the relationship between EPGM and GEMN and the similarities and differences in the missions of the two organizations. There were opportunities for old misunderstandings to be aired and plans were made for increased communication in the future.

Following the meeting in Lexington, the boards of EPGM and GEMN met separately by phone or in person to share the results of the meeting. There is no interest in combining GEMN and EPGM to create one global mission network. At its annual meeting held in October of 2011, EPGM decided that the purposes for which it had been organized were no

longer being fulfilled and that the time had come for the organization to disband. This decision was made with prayer and a sprit of discernment that the furtherance of missionary cooperation within The Episcopal Church could best be served by GEMN's revitalized structure.

Resolution A108 Episcopal Partnerships for Global Mission

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church recognizes and commends the work of the Episcopal Partnership for Global Mission as a gathering for disparate theological views on mission to come together for dialogue, as a network for sharing a wide variety of perspectives on world mission, for its work in establishing standards for sending and receiving missionaries and as a forum for theological reflection on mission. As EPGM disbands and turns its work over to future mission networks, The Episcopal Church commends its significant contribution to the life of the Church.

Covenant/Bilateral Committees

The Commission appoints one member to each of The Episcopal Church's five bilateral or covenant relationship committees, and monitors these relationships. During this past triennium, each of the committees met, and summaries of these meetings are reported below.

In reviewing the work of these committees, the Commission noted the need of a protocol for the committees (training for committee members, expectations and accountability), and will make this a priority of its work in the next triennium.

Funding for these relationships remains a concern of the Commission, and a resolution about this funding and its priority for The Episcopal Church follows.

Resolution A109 Covenant Relationship Funding

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in honoring its financial and other commitments undertaken as part of its covenant and bilateral agreements with other provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Communion, will not reduce those financial commitments in any general, percentage-based reduction of the budget of the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that if these covenant and bilateral agreements permit, and if financial exigencies require a reduction in funding by the General Convention or Executive Council, consultation and notice of any reductions will be made immediately to our covenant or bilateral partners, as well as the members of the covenant or bilateral committees; and be it further

Resolved, that the policy of The Episcopal Church is to honor fully our financial commitments under our covenant or bilateral agreements.

Explanation

Until the past triennium, The Episcopal Church has always fully honored its financial commitments as stated in its covenant and bilateral agreements with other provinces and dioceses of the Anglican Communion (Liberia, IARCA, Brazil, Philippines and Mexico.) In several instances, our mission partners were not informed of reductions and were surprised by unilateral actions of The Episcopal Church. Such actions, without consultation and in apparent violation of some of the agreements, may damage our relationships with our mission partners.

This resolution reaffirms our commitments, and makes clear that our policy is to meet our financial commitments fully, and, in those extraordinary circumstances when a reduction may be required, that we will consult and inform our partners about such actions.

Resolution A110 Covenant Committee Gathering

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church endorse an event hosted by the Standing Commission on World Mission for all Covenant Committees and the Bi-Lateral Committee to be held early in 2013; and be it further

Resolved, That representatives of Episcopal Church agencies and other resource people including the Treasurer, attend to provide services and information to the Covenant Committee partners, assisting the committees in redeveloping their covenants and financial plans; and be it further

Resolved, funding in the amount of \$30,000 be set aside to host this conference. Recognizing that additional outside funding also be required to help offset the cost.

Explanation

Historically, the first consultation on autonomy was hosted by the Standing Commission on World Mission. (We note this because it is not unprecedented to hold this type of event.) This event allows dioceses/provinces the resources they need to work towards autonomy and breaks down some of the paternal ties. During this triennium, representatives of the committees met with the Standing Commission on World Mission and found this time together to be fruitful. Therefore, this gathering will continue the work of the Standing Commission on World Mission and the committees into the next triennium. This meeting was approved at the last General Convention, but was not funded and therefore was not held. The Commission continues to believe that this meeting would continue to develop our relationships and further support the development and autonomy of our Covenant Partners and has sought out additional financial support to match the funds from the budget to hold this conference.

Resolution A111 Update Covenant Committee Term Limits

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct that its representation on covenant committees consist of one bishop appointed by the Presiding Bishop and one priest, deacon, or layperson appointed by the President of the House of Deputies; that terms for these members shall be nine years, rotated so that one of the two shall be appointed at the start of the triennium; that there also be one member from the Standing Commission on World Mission and one liaison from the Executive Council selected from those bodies for three-year terms with an additional three years while he/she is serving on that body to the committees; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention prohibit any person from serving as a representative of The Episcopal Church to a covenant committee for more than nine consecutive years; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention direct its covenant committee representatives to prepare a report after each of their meetings which will include the minutes of the meeting, provide an update on the use of any funds of The Episcopal Church, outline any future projects that were planned, and describe any policy recommendations that were raised by members of the delegation; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention direct its covenant committee representatives to file their report with the Standing Commission on World Mission, the Executive Council Standing Committee on World Mission, and the Mission Partnerships Center at the Episcopal Church Center within sixty days of the adjournment of each meeting; and be it further

Resolved, That the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church direct the Standing Commission on World Mission to include in its future triennial

reports an update on covenant committee work, along with any resolutions related to covenant committee work.

Explanation

The Episcopal Church is involved in several covenant relationships with Anglican provinces and dioceses overseas. In 2006 this resolution was proposed to create term limits and rotations for The Episcopal Church representatives on Covenant Committees. Having lived through the cycle of rotations and with the input of our Covenant partners, the Standing Commission on World Mission finds that these rotations do not allow for the deep relationships to be nurtured which are necessary in the Covenant and Bi-lateral Committee work. This resolution allows for representatives of the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies to remain on the Covenant Committee while the two members rotate off. This change also allows members of Executive Council and the Standing Commission on World Mission to serve for six years or for the duration of their time on those bodies, whichever comes first. This shift would honor the need for rotation while also honoring the Church's need for deeper relationships. Additionally, this resolution reflects the proper reporting structure due to DFMS staff changes.

Brazil Bilateral Committee

In accordance with Resolution 2009-A130 of the 76th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, the Brazil Bilateral Standing Committee met in Porto Alegre, Brazil in April 2011 to further the churches' "commitment to be companions in Christ." Representing The Episcopal Church were Bishop Marc Andrus, Michael Barlowe of the Standing Commission on World Mission, and Marianne Sorge Ell. The Rev. Floyd Gamarra of Executive Council was unable to attend. Also attending from the Church was Glenda McQueen, Staff Officer for Latin America & the Caribbean.

Representing Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil were César Alves of the Diocese de Sao Paulo, Sandra Andrade of the Diocese de Brasilia, Roger Bird of the Diocese de Sao Paulo, and Jerry Andrei dos Santos of the Diocese Meridional. Also attending were Arthur Cavalcante, Provincial Secretary; Francisco de Assis da Silva, Past Provincial Secretary and current Bishop in Santa Maria; and Silvia Fernandez, of the Provincial Staff.

The meeting included site visits in four Brazilian dioceses, and gave members a deeper understanding of the context of our partner's mission, especially among children, with the landless peoples, and in new mission areas.

The following priorities for the Bilateral Relationship of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil and The Episcopal Church were adopted:

1. Enhance and multiply opportunities for companionship between the churches
2. Share experiences and resources for theological education, especially for the laity
3. Help to create a Missionary Fund for the new missionary district of Brazil
4. Work mutually for social justice and climate justice

IARCA (Province of Central America) Covenant Committee

IARCA is composed of five dioceses located in five different countries with different historical experiences and cultural backgrounds and yet they speak the same language and are all Episcopalians.

During the meeting of the IARCA and the Covenant Committee of The Episcopal Church during this triennium, the tone of the conversation was divisive and provocative. The relationship between The Episcopal Church and IARCA is in need of attention. Representatives from IARCA came to the Episcopal Church Center in September 2011 to discuss ways of redeveloping the bonds of affection that first began the Covenant relationship with IARCA. The work for the IARCA Covenant Committee moving forward is to redefine the relationship, root it in Christian fellowship and commitments that extend beyond a financial agreement. This covenanted relationship should be about our common purpose and heritage, our history and our common bond. As some of the IARCA bishops put, "We are The Episcopal Church's children. She is our mother. We cannot forget that. We owe our existence to The Episcopal Church. We must find a way to mend our differences and relearn to live together."

The IARCA-Episcopal Church Covenant Committee met in Costa Rica in January 2012, which was an opportunity to renew and reaffirm friendships, as well as to address the goals of the relationship between the two provinces as we move forward into a future with limited financial resources and a common goal to seek and serve Christ.

Liberia Covenant Committee

The history of the relationship between The Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Church of Liberia is a rich one beginning with the sending of missionaries from The Episcopal Church to Liberia in 1836. In 2009, the Church created a new covenant to support our mutual ministry and responsibility to one another. This covenant continues to be life-

giving to our relationship and the report which follows shares the progress of the Episcopal Church of Liberia as they, and the country of Liberia, continue to develop and grow.

The Liberia Covenant Committee met in Liberia from February 21-27, 2011, in Monrovia to hear reports from the various boards and committees of the Episcopal Church of Liberia on their progress since 2009 and their hopes for the years to come. The Committee was very impressed with the bishop, clergy and lay leaders of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, and their dedication to the development of their church and country. The Committee heard reports from many of the committees which are overseeing the work of the church and aiding in its development. The Board of Planning and Development shared that they are currently vetting a Development Officer for the Diocese, which should be a great asset to the continued growth of the church. The Episcopal Church of Liberia continues to support 28 schools, and of them 27 offer comprehensive education to 12th grade.

In terms of financial growth, the Committee was extremely impressed with the hard work and dedication of the leadership of the Episcopal Church of Liberia. In 2008, we heard the desire to have transparent financial documents, better accountability and a clear structure of management. In 2009, we saw the early and hard work of achieving these goals. Now we see financial accountability and practices in the church which are transparent, clear and a testament to the work and dedication of the leadership of the church, and an example to others. In the past year, the Episcopal Church of Liberia experienced the unexpected loss of income from the Covenant Grant that was agreed upon in 2009. It was a disappointment to the members of the Covenant Committee from The Episcopal Church, and a painful shock to the Liberian members that the agreement made in 2009 was broken.

We want to share some of the goals which we heard for the Episcopal Church in Liberia. It is their hope to construct suitable housing for clergy in rural areas, as many are living with a local family in small quarters. We commend the bishop for offering agricultural training for the clergy in growing their own food to help with their living expenses as well as teaching their people agricultural methods. The bishop also hopes to get more motorcycles for the rural clergy so they can better attend to their multiple churches many miles apart. They hope to assess and secure the properties of the church, and have sought out grants from many organizations to support the work of the church and they have contributed to their endowment. The bishop is encouraging congregations which were previously independent but are now aided, to work towards autonomy, and he is working to increase the number of people ordained each year. The goal of better supporting education through a Secretariat is vital to the further development of the schools, and we support the desire to better organize and structure Christian education, youth ministry and Confirmation formation. There is also a desire to increase the salaries of teachers and the hope to develop a scholarship program for seminarians to attend Cuttington for their Master's theological training instead of going to the United States for education. The church also hopes to increase their medical offerings within Liberia in the years to come as Liberia has the lowest ratio of doctors to people in the world.

We also heard of the desire to create a second diocese in Liberia in the years to come. We will continue to hold the Episcopal Church of Liberia in our prayers during this time of growth and discernment regarding the Loboni Diocese.

Since 2008, in the strategic planning and hard work of the leadership of the Episcopal Church of Liberia, we have seen the resurrection of Christ visibly expressed out of the death and destruction experienced during the 18 years of the violent crisis.

Mexico Covenant Committee

Members of the Mexico Covenant Committee are:

The Rt. Rev. James Ottley, Church Pension Fund; the Rev. Glenda McQueen, DFMS staff; the Rt. Rev. Carlos Touché Porter, Bishop of the Diocese of Mexico (Diócesis de México) and Primate of la Iglesia Anglicana de México; the Very Rev. Mark Pendleton, Dean of Hartford Cathedral; the Rt. Rev. Benito Juárez, Bishop of Southeast Mexico (Diócesis del Sureste), Ms. Anne Mayagoitia, Diócesis del Sureste, the Rev. Habacuc Ramos, General Secretary of la Iglesia Anglicana de México; Ms. Sarai Osnaya Jimenez, Diocese of Mexico D.F. (Diócesis de México), the Rev. Victor Zúñiga, Diocese of North Mexico (Diócesis del Norte); the Rev. Bruce Woodcock, Church Pension Fund; Ms. Sirenia González Lopez, Diocese of Cuernavaca (Diócesis de Cuernavaca), Mr. Edgar Gómez, Diocesan Treasurer for la Iglesia Anglicana de México; the Rev. María Ochoa, Diocese of West Mexico (Diócesis del Occidente); Mr. Bert Jones, Standing Commission on World Mission.

The committee met several times during the triennium to ensure that the relationship between la Iglesia Anglicana de México and The Episcopal Church is strong. In addition to assessing how each of the five dioceses of Mexico are doing, we offer training and support to enhance the spiritual growth and sustainability. At the last meeting in Mexico, held in September of 2010, the following was accomplished:

- Review of the covenant agreement that determined the Spanish version needed to be tweaked.
- Reviewed and determined communication between the two churches needs to be improved.
- A better understanding of the financial commitment from The Episcopal Church to la Iglesia Anglicana de México needs to be implemented.

As we reviewed all of our covenant agreements it was determined that The Episcopal Church needs to honor its financial responsibilities in order for our covenant partners to thrive and reach sustainability.

Philippines Covenant Committee

On April 6, 2011 the Joint Committee on Provincial Companionship, formerly known as the Joint Committee on the Philippine Covenant, met in Baguio City, Philippines. The primary purpose of the joint meeting was to draft a Charter between the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and The Episcopal Church. As the financial autonomy of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines is fully realized, we embrace a renewed common commitment to full companionship in mission as equal, interdependent and autonomous partners.

The relationship between the two provinces is defined in the new charter. The Charter addresses the culture and social context in which the two provinces lives and ministers. Both provinces will be to the other a resource for program and mission. The partners will capture occasions for shared learning in the following areas: Liturgy, Catechism, Music & Song, Governance, Mission Priorities, Theological Perspectives and Synodical Councils Actions. A joint committee comprised of four persons appointed by the two provinces will facilitate and promote the relationship. This committee will periodically review the charter to ensure its effectiveness. Once approved, the Charter is effective for six years.

During this meeting the Episcopal Church in the Philippines gave an update on Vision 2018. All congregations are striving to become full fledged parishes by 2018, the number one goal. We visited two of those parishes while in Baguio City. Today, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines now numbers over 121,000 baptized members in over 400 parishes. There are almost 200 priests working in six dioceses. The Episcopal Church is committed to the continued exploration of opportunities with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to maintain our commitment to partnership.

Resolution A112 Joint Committee on Provincial Companionship Agreement

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church receive news of the ever-deepening relationship between this Church and the Episcopal Church of the Philippines with joy, recommits this Church to our partnership with our brothers and sisters in the Philippines as a tangible expression of the baptismal relationship of mutuality and mission, and affirms the action of the Executive Council in renewing the relationship between the two churches as described in “A Charter Between the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) and The Episcopal Church (TEC)” and approved by the Executive Council during its meeting at Linthicum Heights, Maryland, June 15–17, 2011.

Explanation

The Joint Committee on the Philippines Covenant (JCPC) met in Baguio, Philippines on April 5–8, 2011. The Episcopal Church was represented by JoAnn Roberts Armstead, Florence Munoz, the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, and the Rt. Rev. Stacy Sauls (chair). The Episcopal Church of the Philippines was represented by the Rev. Louis Yacuan, Mary Bacwaden, and the Rt. Rev. Renato Abibico (chair), with Timothy Moiket absent. The covenant between the two churches was renegotiated and the relationship between the two churches was renewed. To better reflect the mutual character of the relationship, the name of JCPC was changed to Joint Committee on Provincial Companionship.

The renewed covenant was submitted to the General Convention of the Philippines, which approved it on May 5th, 2011. Since our General Convention was not scheduled to meet until 2012, and desiring to lose not time in committing ourselves to this continued relationship, the covenant was submitted to the Executive Council meeting in Linthicum Heights, Maryland, which approved it on June 17th, 2011. Though the covenant is already in effect, it is the desire of JCPC that it be endorsed by this General Convention just as it has by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

Mission Sending

The Commission has worked closely with the Mission Personnel Office and has reviewed practices and procedures for mission sending. The Commission has provided advice and counsel to the Mission Personnel Office for the continued building of bonds of affection and mutual respect in relationships through the exchange of personnel around the Anglican Communion.

Resolution A113 Commend Work of Missionaries

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church commends the work of its missionaries around the world that are sent and supported by parishes, dioceses and organizations within the Episcopal Church as well as by the Mission Personnel office of the Episcopal Church; and be it further

Resolved, that The Episcopal Church continues to encourage parishes, dioceses and organizations to participate in diverse methods of sending missionaries from 3–12 month renewable assignments as well as the traditional longer term assignments.

Resolution A114 Increase Mission Funding

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, That the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church increase the budget for the Mission Personnel Office by \$100,000 for 2013, \$150,000 for 2014, and \$175,000 for 2015, above and beyond the General Convention approved budget figures for the triennium 2009–2012, to cover the increased cost of sending missionaries from The Episcopal Church.

Explanation

Over the past five years there have been significant increases in the Mission Personnel Office program costs. These include the addition of a lay pension scheme and increases in costs of health insurance premiums, clergy pension and travel costs. Health insurance premiums have increased almost 50% in the past 6 years and the total bill for 2011 is approximately \$390,000 for 55 missionaries. It was approximately \$418,000 for 82 missionaries in 2006. Lay pension costs have added approximately \$70,000 a year to the cost of the program.

Missionary orientation is now being provided through the Canadian Churches Forum for Global Ministries. This is an ecumenical training which includes the ELCA, Reformed Church of America, as well as denominations in Canada. The course provides a wide range and depth of training in an ecumenical setting in Toronto which we see as being mutually enriching while at the same time freeing up staff time to provide more pastoral support. The cost of this training however is higher than previous models and now costs \$2,700 Canadian plus the cost of transportation.

The cost of annual regional retreats which has proved invaluable for missionary support in the past is a program we want to provide on a regular basis at a cost of approximately \$35,000 which is higher than the \$12,000 that is currently budgeted.

With a relatively flat budget over this same time period we have seen a gradual reduction of missionaries from 82 in 2006 to 55 in November 2011. There are an increasing number of mission possibilities that we are unable to follow up on or appoint due to lack of available funds. This resolution would allow The Episcopal Church to continue to support our missionaries appropriately in spite of increased costs.

Companion Diocese Work Group

The Companion Diocese Work Group recognizes that there are many formal and informal companion relationships within The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. There is a need to create a working database of those relationships to show where we are engaged in mission around the Anglican Communion. There is also a need to provide updated appropriate sample guidelines and protocols for the establishing, maintaining, and resolving of relationships within the Anglican Communion. Those guidelines should correlate to the agreements currently in place in the ACC (MISAG-II) document regarding companion relationships in the Anglican Communion.

Resolution A115 Province IX Funding

Resolved, the House of _____ concurring, that the 77th General Convention of The Episcopal Church, in honoring its financial and other commitments undertaken as part of its agreements with the dioceses of Province IX, will

not reduce those financial commitments in any general, percentage-based reduction of the budget of the General Convention; and be it further

Resolved, that if financial exigencies require a reduction in funding by the General Convention or Executive Council, consultation and notice of any reductions will be made immediately to the bishops of Province IX and be it further

Resolved, that the policy of The Episcopal Church is to honor fully our financial commitments to Province IX of The Episcopal Church.

Explanation

Until the past triennium, The Episcopal Church has always fully honored its financial commitments to Province IX. In several instances, our mission partners were not informed of reductions and were surprised by unilateral actions of The Episcopal Church. Such actions, without consultation may damage our relationships with our mission partners.

This resolution reaffirms our commitments, and makes clear that our policy is to meet our financial commitments fully, and, in those extraordinary circumstances when a reduction may be required, that we will consult and inform our partners about such actions.

Priorities for the 2013–2015 Triennium

Covenant Committees/Bi-lateral Committee:

- Continue the commitments that we have made and to develop those relationships.
- Continue to negotiate and monitor the financial Covenants: we cannot arbitrarily cut the funding of the Covenants without mutual agreement, because cutting the funds without speaking with the committees breaks relationships and causes difficulty with our brothers and sisters around the world.
- Create a protocol for the American members of the Covenant/Bi-lateral committees: protocol is to include accountability and reporting information (as well as dissemination to the wider church), dissemination of information to new members who rotate onto committees, set expectations for staff liaisons, profile of country/countries involved in the relationship, as well as clear expectations around behavior while attending committee meetings.

Mission Sending

- Recognizing that global mission is being undertaken by parishes, diocese and organizations of the Episcopal Church the focus of the next triennium will be to encourage greater collaboration and networking of groups who are sending missionaries to other parts of the Anglican Communion.
- We also see one of the priorities of the next triennium in this global society to continue to lift up the importance of global mission as a priority within the church to build up our relationships across geographical and cultural boundaries.

Companion Diocese

- The Companion Diocese Work Group will provide advice and counsel for the Global Partnerships team's efforts to serve as a resource for dioceses and parishes of The Episcopal Church seeking relationships around the Anglican Communion.
- Form a collaborative network of experienced individuals who are willing to share their stories with the Church to facilitate the development of new relationships.
- Review and revise the protocols and guidelines for the formulation of Companion Dioceses relationships to ensure that they correlate with ACC guidelines.

Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence

Monitor and evaluate the following areas/ programs:

- Mission education
- Young Adult Service Corps
- Maintaining funding of mission partners' provincial offices
- Companion Dioceses, honoring relationships and examining funding
- Structural review of the various relationships among the Commission, the Executive Council, and DFMS staff, to ensure mutual responsibility for implementing and overseeing General Convention mandates

- Work with dioceses on their commitment to mission education, sending, receiving, and action in order to develop a World Mission Network to better share information and resources

Addressing Discrimination and/or Racism

- In keeping with Canon 1.1.2(n)(11), at least one member of the SCWM should be from outside of the United States
- The Commission must meet once in one of the countries in which they are doing ministry, preferably before the midpoint of the triennium
- If needed, translators must be provided to ensure the full participation of all members
- Affirm the Church in its decision to have diversity represented in CCABs in accordance with General Convention Resolution 2006-A092.

Budget Report

The Standing Committee on World Mission will meet at least four times during the triennium, including one meeting outside the United States. To meet its programmatic and policy-making responsibilities, the Commission requests funding of \$30,000 for 2013, \$40,000 for 2014, and \$25,000 for 2015, for a total budget of \$95,000 for the triennium.