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Resolution 15.01: Anglican Communion Environmental Network

1. thanks the Anglican Communion Environmental Network for its Report, Lima Statement and Action Plan, 'Crisis and Commitment', following the meeting of ACEN provincial representatives in the Diocese of Peru in August 2011;
2. commends the Report, 'Lima Statement and Action Plan' to the Provinces for study and engagement; and
3. in light of alarming ecological trends observed worldwide and to which ACEN's provincial representatives bear witness in their Report, requests that the Provinces take the following actions in three principal areas of environmental concern:
 - a. to celebrate, support, and encourage ongoing and new ministries in sustainable food/agriculture, freshwater conservation, and renewable energy, giving them high priority;
 - b. to consider the inclusion of a season of Creation in the liturgical calendar;
 - c. to commend for study *Sabbath Reflections*;
 - d. to commend and participate in:
 - i. efforts by our Anglican colleges, universities, theology schools and seminaries to promote programs in

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Requests the Secretary General to explore, and with the approval of the Standing Committee, implement as appropriate, a capital campaign to provide endowment income for programmes of the Anglican Communion.

Resolution 15.32: Land of Promise?

expresses its appreciation for NIFCONS report *Land of Promise?: an Anglican exploration of Christian attitudes to the Holy Land*, with special reference to Christian Zionism and requests that it be made available as a resource for the Provinces to study.

Resolution 15.33: Rites Relating to Marriage

Welcomes the Canterbury Statement of the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation 'Rites Relating to Marriage' and commends it to the Provinces for study.

Resolution 15.34: Sixth Mark of Mission

revises the Fourth Mark of Mission so that it reads as follows:

'To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation'

Resolution 15.35: Peace in African Countries

1. expresses its concern, compassion and prayers for African regions affected by armed conflicts, including Sudan; the Great Lakes Region, particularly the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo; Nigeria; Somalia and Mali;
2. with thanksgiving to God, expresses its appreciation for the growing peace between Sudan and South Sudan and encourages them to resolve all outstanding issues peacefully;
3. expresses its empathy for the African countries emerging from violent conflicts, namely Ivory Coast, Tunisia, Egypt and Libya;
4. strongly condemns all those who are responsible for the violation of human rights, including the right to religious liberty, calls upon them to cease those violations immediately, and requests the appropriate authorities to bring them to justice;
5. urges prayer for all the victims of those atrocities, and calls upon the people and governments involved in those situations to work together for lasting peace, harmony and sustainable development of their nations;
6. calls upon the concerned governments, UN and non-governmental organizations to protect and provide needed support to the victims;
7. supports all initiatives undertaken for the restoration of peace and for improving the conditions of life of affected peoples;
8. asks all governments who hold national elections to ensure that the elections are free, fair and peaceful; and
9. supports the processes of reconciliation in African countries.

Note

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Resolution 15.36: Lay Participation in the Work of the ACC

requests the Secretary General and the Standing Committee to ensure the increased participation of lay people in all of the Anglican Consultative Council's commissions, councils, committees, working groups and other bodies.

Resolution 15.37: Practical Strategies for Implementing the Marks of Mission

recognizing in particular the fourth Mark of Mission: to seek to transform unjust structures, to challenge violence of every kind, and to pursue peace and reconciliation,

requests the Secretary General to identify practical strategies to provide support for Provinces across the Communion whose people are suffering with respect to the following issues:

1. land disputes and conflicts between agricultural and pastoral communities;
2. the trade in small arms, their diffusion and misuse;
3. border disputes;
4. narcotics and alcohol abuse;
5. youth unemployment and crime;
6. trafficking, abduction and abuse of children and women for rituals, forced labour and forced marriage;

and to communicate these strategies to the Provinces as soon as they are identified.

Resolution 15.38: ACC Written Statement to the 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57)

1. welcomes and looks forward to the participation of the delegation of Anglican women nominated by their Provinces in the forthcoming 57th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57), 4 to 15 March 2013, where the priority theme will be 'Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls';
2. thanks the Anglican Office at the UN in New York for facilitating the delegation; and
3. adopts the following text as the written statement of the Anglican Consultative Council to CSW57:

Anglican Consultative Council Statement to the 57th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) representing 85 million Anglican Christians in more than 165 countries has been in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council since 1985. The ACC is committed to seeking relief for all women and girls from the harsh and disproportionate consequences of conflict, poverty, violence, discrimination and the trauma of natural disasters on their lives and well-being. In view of the high priority given to this