

## Joint Assembly Session #1

Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

### Opening Eucharist

#### **Joint Report—ACC Primate and ELCIC National Bishop**

Archbishop Fred Hiltz of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) and National Bishop Susan Johnson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) gave a joint report on the two churches' full communion relationship including the various initiatives/programs shared by the two churches. The report included the challenges, hopes, and common journey that brings ACC and ELCIC "Together for the love of the world."

**Community Building** led by Rev. Joel Crouse and the Venerable Dr. P.J. Hobbs.

### Announcements

### Closing Prayer

## Joint Assembly Session #2

Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

### Opening Prayer

An update on registration numbers was given to the Joint Assembly.

#### ELCIC:

Lay delegates	129
Rostered delegates	128
Total number of voting delegates	270

#### ACC:

Bishops	41
Clergy	110
Lay	133
Total	284

### **Introduction of special guests**

- The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Director of Unity Faith, and Order, the Anglican Communion
- The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General, Anglican Communion
- Rev. Martin Junge, General Secretary, The Lutheran World Federation
- Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church
- Dr. Patrick Fletcher, Theological Advisor to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
- The Rev. Elizabeth Jones, United Church of Canada member of the Anglican United Church Dialogue
- The Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, General Secretary, Canadian Council of Churches
- Jennifer Henry, Executive Director, KAIROS

### **Presentation on the Truth Reconciliation Commission (TRC)**

Presented by Rev. Jamie Scott, United Church member of the Ecumenical Working Group on Residential Schools

### **Keynote Presentation: *Birthing a People for the Love of the World: The Pentecost Paradigm for an Inside-Out Church***

Presented by the Rev. Dr. Christopher Duraisingh, Faculty emeritus, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA

### **Presentation on Homelessness and Affordable Housing**

Presented by Rev. Laurette Glasgow, Special Advisor for Government Relations, ACC and Matthew Brown, Youth Missioner for the Diocese of Ottawa

### **Announcements**

### **Night Prayer**

### **Joint Assembly Session #3**

Thursday, July 4, 2013, 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Morning Devotions** led by Bishop Mark Hanson, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and the Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.

### **Greetings—The Anglican Communion**

The Rev. Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Director of Unity Faith, and Order and the Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General gave their greetings to the Joint Assembly.

### **Greetings—The Lutheran World Federation**

The Rev. Martin Junge, General Secretary of The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) gave his greetings to the Joint Assembly.

### **Report—Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission**

Action—next steps in our Full Communion Relationship

Using the original commitments in *The Waterloo Declaration* as our foundation, the commission commits, in our future work, to:

- **Support and strengthen** our work together in advocacy, social justice, and government relations.
- **Continue to find ways** to share resources—local offices, joint staff ventures, shared print material.
- **Encourage and strengthen** the joint work already being done by Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) and the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF).
- **Support and encourage** the continued collaborative relationship as lived out in the National Worship Conference and the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering.
- **Support** both churches in restructuring and reallocation of resources through the best ways of working together, knowing that together we are stronger than apart, and acknowledging our common affirmation of the Lund Principle.
- **Encourage** the ongoing work in both churches (particularly through the Conference of Bishops and the House of Bishops; through Faith, Worship and Ministry and the Programme Committee for Worship) in further developing our understanding of the ministry of all the baptized.
- **Continue** the work being done towards a common understanding of diaconal ministry.
- **Strengthen** our significant relationship with the Lutheran Episcopal Coordinating Committee of the USA, and **support** the important continuing relationship between the four heads of churches.
- **Maintain and strengthen** the *Waterloo Directory*, ensuring that it is a current and comprehensive resource for our church.
- **Encourage** our churches, at all levels, to embrace the new “norm” which calls us to work together with our partners in every way possible.
- **Support** the deepening friendship and close working relationship between the National Bishop and the Primate and encourage this as a model for regional and local leadership.
- **Encourage and develop** joint pastoral letters, study materials, and reflections for use in both (indeed in all four) churches.

- **Encourage and advocate** for another Joint Meeting of the Council of General Synod and the National Church Council during the coming triennium and to look ahead for another full Joint Assembly as soon as can be made possible within our different frequency of national gatherings.
- **Acknowledge and encourage** deep understanding that our full-communion relationship is but one facet of Christian unity and that we need to model this in our relationships with other faith communities as well.
- **Encourage** and provide resources for the development of meaningful relationships between local parishes and congregations.

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**M/S Resolution for Joint Assembly:** That this assembly confirm and support the work of the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission and affirm its continued work, with both the size and membership to be determined by each church. **CARRIED.**

In favour: 98 per cent  
Opposed: 2 per cent  
(Out of 598)

### **Presentation on Responsible Resource Extraction**

Presented by KAIROS's Jennifer Henry, Executive Director and Sara Stratton, Education and Campaigns Program Coordinator

### **Greetings—Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church and Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts-Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and Mark Hanson, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gave their greetings to the Joint Assembly.

### **Announcements**

### **Closing Prayer**

**Joint Assembly Session #4**  
**Friday, July 5, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

### **Morning Devotions**

### **Greetings—World Council of Churches**

The Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches gave his greetings to the Joint Assembly.

**Report from Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) and Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)**

Robert Granke, Executive Director of CLWR and Adele Finney, Executive Director of PWRDF, gave their report to the Joint Assembly.

**Greetings from Indigenous Groups—Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Celebration of Inuktitut Bible Translation**

Terry Audla, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami gave his greetings to the Joint Assembly. Dean Jonas Allooloo of Iqaluit gave his greetings to the Joint Assembly and shared about the creation of the first Inuktitut Bible.

**Joint Assembly Declaration on Homelessness and Affordable Housing and Responsible Resource Extraction**

**JOINT ASSEMBLY DECLARATION**

*In the beginning... God created the heavens and the earth... Genesis 1:1*

As Anglicans and Lutherans, gathered *together for the love of the world*, we stand in awe and wonder at God’s great creation, at the diversity of beings, and at the intricate balance of relationships that sustains life. We recognize that everything in this world is an integral part of the web of life.

We recognize the need and basic human right for each person to have a place to which to belong. Responsible and sustainable relationships to water, land, home, and each other are part of realizing our full humanity.

From our history we know that in using earth’s resources we have the potential to achieve great good or to cause tremendous harm. As people of faith we recognize that we are called to be wise stewards of these precious resources for the life of the world.

*Together, for the love of the world*, we seek

- to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation
- to respond to human need by loving service
- to seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation, and
- to be in mission for others.

In this Joint Assembly we have focused our attention on:

- Homelessness and Affordable Housing
- Responsible Resource Extraction

As Churches in Full Communion we hereby agree that in our shared work concerning these issues we undertake to learn more and to raise greater public awareness, to discern where and how we can make a difference, to act where we can, and to advocate for equitable and innovative approaches to the challenges that we share, and to pray for all affected by these issues and those who bear responsibility in addressing them.

## Homelessness and Affordable Housing

*Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.* Luke 9.58

As we look across Canada, we are disturbed by the reality that around 400,000 people<sup>1</sup> are without a healthy place to live and that homelessness has continued to increase despite years of unprecedented economic growth and prosperity in our country. The costs in terms of human suffering are staggering, as are the additional burdens for health care and social services. Many in our society, notably the working poor, are unable to find affordable housing while others who are amongst the most vulnerable in our society lack a place called “home”. Similarly, the number of forcibly displaced persons worldwide has grown to close to 43 million<sup>2</sup>, more than the population of our own country.

Our local churches are amongst those who are providing a broad range of services and support for these individuals and families. While our efforts help them day by day we firmly believe that a comprehensive, collaborative, and coordinated initiative among all levels of government and stakeholders is required to address the underlying causes of homelessness and the alarming statistics concerning substandard housing; and that an effective and accountable implementation process is required to meet our obligation “to respect, protect and fulfill the right to adequate housing”, a motion that passed unanimously in our Parliament.

Therefore, we commit

- to **learn** about the issues that contribute to poverty, homelessness, and substandard housing and to **raise awareness** within our communities of the challenges and the potential engagement in supporting initiatives to address these challenges
- to **act** by nurturing and supporting our own networks of agencies and programs with and for the homeless, the under housed, and refugees
- to **act** by exploring new models and working with partners, on innovative approaches to address poverty and homelessness
- to **advocate** for renewed Federal funding, an integrated national collaborative strategy, and greater accountability on the part of provinces and municipalities in addressing underlying causes of homelessness and in providing opportunities for affordable housing

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<sup>1</sup>“Defining and Enumerating Homelessness in Canada,” Library of Parliament Research Publications. <http://www.parl.gc.ca/Content/LOP/ResearchPublications/prb0830-e.htm> February 17, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> UN High Commissioner for Refugees, “2011 in Review,” <http://www.unhcr.org/4fd6f87f9.html> February 17, 2013.

- to **pray** for safe, affordable and adequate housing for all.

## Responsible Resource Extraction

*I brought you into a plentiful land...but you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. Jeremiah 2.7*

At home and abroad, Canadian companies are major players in mining, various forms of resource extraction, and energy production and related development projects. They generate wealth for our societies but they also give rise to serious and complex environmental, socio-economic, and human rights issues.

We are concerned that recent Canadian legislation [NB: bills C-38 and C-45] has made changes to environmental legislation and assessment processes that potentially threaten the ecological integrity of areas under proposed development.

In Canada and overseas, resource extraction and development projects often cross the traditional territories of Indigenous peoples without their Free, Prior and Informed Consent, a right enshrined in the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to which Canada is a signatory nation.

Many of our global church partners, and members of our own churches, have called on us to address these issues as Canadian churches. We bear a moral responsibility to address these issues and concerns in partnership with others.

We commit

- to **learn** about issues of resource extraction and the effects on environment, health, Indigenous peoples, communities, and economies and to **raise awareness** within our communities and with policy shapers and decision makers
- to **act** in support of our partners in defining their own development goals, including supporting Indigenous communities in Canada and overseas in exercising their right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent; and to act to embed enforceable legal obligations based on FPIC in Canadian policies and practices with respect to resource extraction
- to **advocate** for responsible and ethical investment and actions by individuals, faith communities, corporations, and governments both in Canada and around the world
- to **pray** for the humility and discipline to use Earth's resources wisely and responsibly.

## Conclusion

We recognize that these are long-term challenges that will require time, patience, persistence, and commitment on our part.

The General Synod Office and the National Office of ELCIC will develop an agreed road map with specific shared activities and a timetable and will report to the Council of General Synod and to the ELCIC National Church Council.

We will challenge each other to show love for the world, and we ask God to help, guide and transform us.

*Do not be conformed to this world,  
but be transformed by the renewing of your minds,  
so that you may discern what is the will of God—  
what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

Romans 12:2

*The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;*

Psalms 24:1

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It was agreed to amend the document by replacing the phrase “in Canada and overseas” with “in Canada and elsewhere”.

**M/S** That this Joint Assembly endorse the Joint Declaration on Homelessness and Affordable Housing and Responsible Resource Extraction, and distribute it widely throughout our churches, and forward copies to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Natural Resources, the Minister of the Environment, the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development, the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, and their provincial and territorial colleagues. **CARRIED.**

In favour: 98%

Opposed: 2%

## **Announcements**

## **Closing Prayer**

**Joint Assembly Session #5**  
**Saturday, July 6, 2013, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Public Witness Event on Parliament Hill—“Right to Water”**

**Joint Assembly Session #6**  
Sunday, July 7, 2013, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

**Reflections from Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Christopher Duraisingh**

**Open Mic—Reflections from Participants**

Led by the JALC co-chairs The Very Rev. Peter Wall and Bishop Michael Pryse

**Closing Worship Service**