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Introductory Material

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Resolution 1: A World Fit for Children

This Anglican Consultative Council, in response to the United Nations Special Session on Children (May 2002) and the International Decade For a Culture of Peace and Non- violence for the Children of the World (2001-2010):

1. calls on churches of the Anglican Communion, ecumenical partners, faith communities, Governments and Non-Government Organizations to support the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child by advocating and, where possible, initiating the following:
 - a. considering of the interests of children in building a world free from war, exploitation, abuse and violence;
 - b. providing affordable and accessible healthcare for all children with a particular emphasis on HIV/AIDS prevention;
 - c. protecting the environment for this and future generations;
 - d. ending the vicious cycle of poverty, including promoting transparency in expenditure and cancellation of the debt that impedes progress for children;
 - e. providing free and quality education that includes education for life including lessons in understanding, human rights, peace, acceptance and active citizenship;
 - f. engendering a real and effective commitment to the principle of children's' rights in all sectors of society, including participation in religious, civic and political structures; and
 - g. promoting active and meaningful participation of children in planning, implementing, monitoring and evaluating all matters affecting the rights of the child.
2. encourages the churches of the Anglican Communion to promote a culture of non-violence that values love, compassion and justice and that rejects violence as a means of solving problems;
3. encourages Anglican churches to work at diocesan and parish levels to provide worship and study resources that relate both to current world conflict situations and to the theological and Biblical questions involved in the development of a culture of peace and non-violence;
4. requests that each member church of the Anglican Consultative Council report action taken to ACC-13.

Resolution 2: HIV/AIDS

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. receives the report on HIV/AIDS and expresses its appreciation for it and the leadership of the Most Revd Njongonkulu Ndungane, who has been tasked to lead the Communion's efforts in this regard;
2. affirms the Primates Statement on HIV/AIDS issued in April 2002, at the meeting of the Primates in Canterbury, and commends its widest possible circulation through the churches of the Anglican Communion;
3. encourages the churches throughout the Communion to make awareness of HIV/AIDS a priority, and to undertake gender-sensitive education and information programmes to alert and protect their respective communities and nations;
4. urges each church of the Anglican Communion to develop and adopt a plan of action in response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic by ACC 13, and report on what has been achieved;
5. applauds the efforts of the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA) to co-ordinate and lead AIDS ministry response across sub-Saharan Africa;
6. recognises and endorses those efforts, both within government and private sector on the continent to Africa, to develop vaccines and make life-saving treatments available to all people living with AIDS;
7. thanks the Compass Rose Society for its pro-active leadership and financial support in launching the All-Africa Anglican Conference on HIV/AIDS in Boksburg, South Africa in 2001, and acknowledges the outstanding leadership of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr George Leonard Carey, for his inspired and courageous leadership in bringing the Anglican Communion to an awareness of this unfolding catastrophe;
8. extends gratitude for the financial and technical resource efforts of the international donor community and faith-based charities in supporting and sustaining HIV/AIDS programme efforts within the Anglican Communion, which educate, build capacity to respond, and alleviate suffering around the world;
9. calls upon the churches of the Communion to support and assist with church resources, human and financial, and provide technical assistance in meeting the challenges of this pandemic to bring about a generation without AIDS;
10. requests that the Secretary General of the ACC establish an ACO-managed Anglican Communion AIDS Fund.

Resolution 3: Patents

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. views with concern the increased levels of exclusion and marginalisation of the world's most vulnerable peoples as a result of the changes in the application of international patent law, in that:
 - a. patents on medications, particularly those related to HIV/AIDS are making antiviral agents inaccessible in parts of the world where their availability is critical; and b. the practice of applying for patents on genetic and biological materials means that the developing nations are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain control over their own genetic and biological resources.
2. recognising that patent rights are intended to protect legitimate commercial needs and interests, invites member churches of the Anglican Communion:
 - a. to engage in advocacy within their jurisdictions and co-operation with each other to ensure that ongoing changes to patent law both at national levels, and at the level of international trade agreements (GATT - General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade / TRIPS - Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights Agreement) protect the needs and interests of vulnerable populations and of developing nations; b. to avail themselves of the resources of the Consultant for Ethics at the Anglican Communion Office to support this work; c. to communicate their activities to the ACC through the office of the Consultant for Ethics.

Resolution 4: World Summit

This Anglican Consultative Council, following the recent World Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa:

1. supports actions in the five key areas identified by the Summit, namely water and sanitation, energy, health, agricultural productivity, and biodiversity and ecosystem management;
2. adds its voice of concern and support to those calling for a renewed and committed international approach to the control of those processes which increase global warming and affect climate change;
3. urges each member church of the Anglican Communion to celebrate the Sunday nearest to 1st June, World Environment Day, as Environment Sunday in order to raise environmental awareness across the Communion.

Resolution 5: Funding for Disease

This Anglican Consultative Council, noting the continuing debt burden faced by African countries and being advised that debt relief could release an estimated US \$10 billion for the provision of desperately-needed medications for the treatment of HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and cholera, calls on nations and institutions to which African countries are indebted to find ways of relieving them of their debt in order that the money so released can be applied to the purchase of medications and treatment of disease on the continent.

Resolution 6: Debt Burden

This Anglican Consultative Council notes with satisfaction that there is movement with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund that may offer some positive relief to the most heavily indebted countries; nevertheless, in view of the fact that the debt burden continues to cripple the economies and aspirations of the developing world, reaffirms its commitment to the campaign for debt relief and for a review of the conditions imposed on debtor nations.

Resolution 7: Racism, Bigotry and Hate Crimes

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. asks member churches to give increased attention to the implications of heightened bigotry and hate crimes against those designated as people of colour, indigenous peoples, and peoples of religions and ethnic origins or races other than one's own who are currently migrating from their own countries, including refugees and asylum seekers;
2. requests the Anglican Peace and Justice Network and the Anglican UN Observer to prepare an overview of international implications of increased hostility and tension directed in many countries towards people of other religions, ethnic origins, colour and nationalities and to report to the Joint Standing Committee of ACC and the Primates;
3. states clearly that there should be no outcasts in our churches.

Resolution 8: L'Arche

That this Council:

1. receives the report concerning the ministry of L'Arche presented by Jean Vanier and the Rt Revd Roger Herft;
2. commends the prophetic ministry in mutual service expressed in L'Arche communities across the world;
3. notes the changing structures of L'Arche;
4. recognises the appointment of Rt Revd Roger Herft, for a period of six years from July 1999, to the International Church Leader's Group as the Anglican Representative, and encourages Bishop Herft to report as appropriate to the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council;
5. encourages Bishops and Provinces within the Anglican Communion to interact with, and be supportive of, L'Arche communities within their regions;
6. gives gracious thanks to God for the faithful obedience of Jean Vanier and expresses its prayerful support to L'Arche as it continues to offer a model of mutual ministry.

Resolution 9: International Anglican Family Network

This Anglican Consultative Council affirms the developing work of the International Anglican Family Network and urges all African Provinces and members to support the pilot consultation on Violence in the Family to be held in Africa early in 2003.

Resolution 10: Refugee and Migration Network

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. receives the report of the Refugee and Migrant Network;
2. notes the current and imminent refugee, displaced peoples and asylum seeker situation; that there are at least 22 million refugees and 50 million displaced persons in the world today;
3. affirms the right of all refugees to return to their country of origin;
4. gives thanks that;
 - a. most provinces have now appointed contact persons for the Network
 - b. nearly half the provinces have appointed an annual Sunday to be observed as Refugee Sunday;
5. notes the burden borne by neighbouring countries and dioceses in areas where unstable conditions prevail;
6. asks the bishops of every province to ensure that programmes of education of their priests and people relating to these matters are made available and to encourage their use;
7. asks the people of every province to pray for those who are refugees, displaced peoples and asylum seekers throughout the world, pray for change for the better in situations which cause such mobility of peoples, and pray for those who work to help them;
8. recognises the enormous potential which exists within the Anglican Communion for effective action for mutual support in prayer, advocacy, material support and education;
9. encourages every diocese in the Communion to take whatever local action is possible in the care of refugees and asylum-seekers and their resettlement;
10. notes the difficulties with communication experienced by the Network;
11. notes that the Network has not met since 1992;
12. encourages the Network to meet during the next eighteen months.

Resolution 11: UN Observer and Environment Network

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. receives the UN Observer's report presented to the Council;
2. adopts the resolutions suggested in the report and letter (Annex IV) as its own, namely:
 - a. asks all churches of the Anglican Communion to place environment care on their agenda; b. asks all Anglicans to make their own personal commitments to care for God's world, respecting all life, for "the Earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:1); c. establishes the Anglican Environmental Network as an official network of the Anglican Communion; and, d. endorses for immediate action, the declarations of the Anglican Congress to the United Nations and to the Anglican Communion.

Resolution 12: Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism

This Anglican Consultative Council Resolves:

1. to receive with thanks the Interim Report 'Travelling Together in God's Mission' from the Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism (IASCOME);
2. to give thanks for the successful Nairobi Consultation for Provincial Mission and Evangelism Co-ordinators 'Encounters on the Road'; to receive the report of that Consultation; to encourage dissemination of its report and to support plans for a follow-up conference, funded outside of the budget of the ACC;
3. to look forward to and pray for the Mission Organisations Conference planned for February 2003;
4. to take note of action taken on matters remitted to the Commission;
5. to note that comments on the Primates Strategic Working Party on Theological Education have been sent direct to that working party;
6. to encourage the Commission to develop its mandate, reflection and work particularly in the areas of:
 - o Leadership Training and Formation for Mission
 - o Islam and Islamisation
 - o Developing Anglicanism: A Communion in Mission
 - o The Journey to Wholeness and Fullness of Life
 - o Justice Making and Peace Building
 - o Evangelism
7. to circulate the interim report to provinces, other Commissions and networks and more widely for comment and discussion.

Resolution 13: Legal Advisors Network

This Anglican Consultative Council welcomes the establishment of a Network of Anglican Legal Advisors which will:

1. produce a statement of principles of Canon Law common within the Communion;
2. examine shared legal problems and possible solutions;
3. provide reports to the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council as the work progresses.

Resolution 14: Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC)

This Anglican Consultative Council recognises The Colleges and Universities of the Anglican Communion (CUAC) as a Network of the Anglican Communion.

Resolution 15: Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Telecommunications

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. endorses resolution 15 of the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council supporting the formation of an Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Telecommunications;
2. expresses its gratitude to Trinity Grants Program, New York for its generous financial support of the new Commission for the initial three year period, with a possibility for renewal for a further two years.

Resolution 16: Inter Anglican Liturgical Consultation

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. awaits a survey by the Inter Anglican Liturgical Consultation of practice in relation to the elements of Holy Communion in the churches of the Anglican Communion, and of the reasons given for any departure from dominical command; and
2. requests that the results of such a survey be presented to the Joint Standing Committee upon completion.

Resolution 17: Francophone Network

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. receives with gratitude the report of the Executive Council of the French Speaking Anglicans around the World;
2. recognises the Executive Council of the French Speaking Anglicans around the World as a Network of the Anglican Communion.

Resolution 18: Interfaith Initiatives

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. welcomes the interfaith initiatives of the Archbishop of Canterbury;
2. endorses the agreements concluded at Al-Azhar Al-Sharif (An Agreement for Dialogue between the Anglican Communion and Al-Azhar Al-Sharif), and Alexandria (The Joint Alexandria Declaration of the Religious Leaders in the Holy Land);
3. calls on the member churches of the Communion to continue to pray for the success of these interfaith dialogues and future initiatives.

Resolution 19: African Union

This Anglican Consultative Council recognises and supports the efforts of the newly created African Union to bring about a cessation of hostilities and a sustaining of peace

on the African continent by enhancing the economic prosperity of the countries of Africa.

Resolution 20: Sudan, Burundi and Congo

This Anglican Consultative Council: 1. a. urges the government of Sudan to return to the peace negotiations in Machakos, Kenya; b. urges the government of Sudan and the SPLM/A to agree on a comprehensive cease fire leading to a just and durable peace in the Sudan; c. urges all churches of the Anglican Communion to note with concern the plight of all involved in the conflict, in particular the Christian community and in general citizens in the Sudan (and those who are refugees outside Sudan) who are suffering from the result of over 20 years of civil war; 2. a. notes with concern that Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo continue to be trouble spots with major loss of life; b. urges the leaders on all sides of these conflicts to sit together to bring about peace; c. calls for all hostilities and bloodshed to stop; d. asks all churches of the Anglican Communion to continue praying for and being in solidarity with, the populations of these countries.

Resolution 21: 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 recognise the legitimate aspirations, rights and needs of the other; b. condemns all violence against civilians; c. whilst 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.

Resolution 22: Korea

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. commends the strong leadership of the Anglican Church of Korea (ACK) within the ecumenical community of Korea for its efforts to seek reconciliation of North and South;
2. notes the visit of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai and the Episcopal Church of the USA to Seoul, prior recommendations from the Peace and Justice Network to the ACC, and resolution 24 of ACC-11;
3. encourages the Secretary General to make an official visitation on behalf of the ACC to the Korean peninsula, to support the work of the ACK towards reunification.

Resolution 23: Iraq

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. welcomes the proposed return of UN Weapons Inspectors to Iraq;
2. calls on the government of Iraq to comply fully with UN resolution 687;
3. believes that, on present evidence, military action against Iraq is not morally justified;
4. calls, subject to reports from UN Weapons Inspectors, for sanctions, except for materials that could be used for weapons of mass destruction, to be lifted.

Resolution 24: Solidarity with ECUSA Position on Iraq

This Anglican Consultative Council affirms its solidarity with the position taken by the Episcopal Church, USA, in June 2002, in opposing unilateral military action against Iraq by the United States, and with the view expressed by the Presiding Bishop in his statement of 6 September 2002, that:

1. war holds the prospect of destabilising the Middle East and we will all be better served to see our national energies and resources expended in resolving the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, such that Israel finds security and peace with its neighbours and Palestinians achieve statehood;
2. military action would surely inflame the passions of millions, particularly in the Arab world, setting in motion cycles of violence and retaliation, further straining tenuous relationships that exist between the United States and other nations;
3. the United States has the opportunity to express leadership in the world by forging a foreign policy that seeks to reconcile and heal the world's divisions and reflect its values and ideals by focussing upon issues of poverty, disease and despair, not only within the US but throughout the global community of which it is a part.

Resolution 25: Death Penalty

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. commends the section entitled "Death Penalty" in the 2001 Anglican Peace and Justice Network Report;
2. endorses in particular the statement that "theologically we believe that the death penalty is immoral and outside of God's chosen realm";
3. urges the member churches and their Primates to maintain pressure for the total abolition of the death penalty, in countries with democratically-elected governments as well as other regimes.

Resolution 26: Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations

This Anglican Consultative Council welcomes the reports of the first two meetings of the Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations and commends the Commission for its comprehensive work to date; and reminds member churches of the role this Commission has to advise and support national and regional ecumenical initiatives, as envisaged by resolution IV of the Lambeth Conference of 1998.

Resolution 27: 75th Anniversary of the Bonn Agreement

This Anglican Consultative Council notes that 2006 will be the 75th anniversary of the Bonn Agreement which established full communion between the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht and the Churches of the Anglican Communion, and encourages the Anglican-Old Catholic Co-ordinating Council and the member churches of the Anglican Communion to seek ways to celebrate this milestone in our ecumenical relations.

Resolution 28: Anglican-Roman Catholic Relations

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. welcomes the statement Communion in Mission and the accompanying action plan resulting from the international meeting of Roman Catholic and Anglican bishops in May 2000 in Mississauga Canada;
2. welcomes also the establishment of the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission which will oversee the preparation of a Common Statement and which will take other steps to further growth towards unity in mission;
3. expresses its gratitude to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Cardinal Edward Cassidy for their efforts in bringing about this new development in Anglican- Roman Catholic relations and encourages member churches to give support to this new stage on the journey to full visible unity between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Communion.

Resolution 29: Anglican-Lutheran International Working Group

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. welcomes the report of the Anglican-Lutheran International Working Group Growing in Communion;
2. commends the report for study and follow-up by the Inter Anglican Standing Commission on Ecumenical Relations at its next meeting;
3. approves the establishment of an Anglican-Lutheran International Commission with membership and mandate as set out in paragraph 170 of Growing in Communion.

Resolution 30: Inter Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. notes with approval the method adopted by the Inter Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission (IATDC) in engaging dioceses, centres of theological education, and individuals in a dialogue concerning the nature and sustaining of communion;
2. endorses the Commission's present plan of work; and
3. encourages members of the ACC to help promote responses to the next phase of the IATDC study within their own Provinces.

Resolution 31: Stipends and Pensions in Developing World

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. is reminded that the churches in the developing world have long relied on the member churches in the developed world for sustenance and support;
2. notes with approval the stated commitment of churches of the developing world to become financially self-supporting within an interdependent Communion;
3. recognises nonetheless that the provision for adequate stipends and pensions for clergy and provincial staff remains a major problem for the churches in the developing world;
4. supports the initiative of African provinces to commence a regional process to address these issues at a meeting to be held in Nigeria in 2004;
5. commits itself to finding ways to provide technical assistance to the churches in the developing world in capacity building and training in investment methods, as well as seeking direct financial support to enhance and develop more stable stipend and pension provisions in these churches and refers this matter for priority attention of the upcoming Mission Agencies Conference.

Resolution 32: Endowment for Anglican Communion

This Anglican Consultative Council meeting reiterates resolution 8 of the meeting of the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the ACC in 2000 and greets with pleasure the intention of the Compass Rose Society to raise funds for an endowment for the work of the ACC in its many and varied aspects and resolves to work with the Compass Rose Society towards that end.

Resolution 33: Anglican Communion Sunday

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. urges each province of the Anglican Communion to identify a day which will be Anglican Communion Sunday, the purpose of which will be to raise awareness of and celebrate the Anglican Communion;
2. invites churches to take a second offering on that day to be made available to the Anglican Communion Office for additional funding for, or special purposes within, the Inter-Anglican Budget.

Resolution 32: Province-wide and Communion-wide consultation

This Anglican Consultative Council, being concerned about a range of matters of faith and order which have arisen since we last met, and having in mind the constant emphasis on mutual responsibility and interdependence in the resolutions of successive Lambeth Conferences, from the call in 1867 for "unity in faith and discipline . by due and canonical subordination of synods" (1867, IV) to the call in 1998 for a "common mind concerning ethical issues where contention threatens to divide ." (1998, IV 5 (c)) calls upon:

1. dioceses and individual bishops not to undertake unilateral actions or adopt policies which would strain our communion with one another without reference to their provincial authorities; and
2. provincial authorities to have in mind the impact of their decisions within the wider Communion; and
3. all members of the Communion, even in our disagreements to have in mind the "need for courtesy, tolerance, mutual respect and prayer for one another" (1998, III.2 (e)).

Resolution 35: Anglican Gathering 2008

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. welcomes the work of the Feasibility Group for an Anglican Congress in 2008;
2. in the light of Resolution 14 of ACC-11, requests the Archbishop of Canterbury to give consideration to ways in which such a Congress might be held "in association with the next Lambeth Conference" in Cape Town in 2008;
3. requests the Feasibility Group to continue until the time of the meeting of the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council in February 2003; and
4. further requests the Inter Anglican Finance Committee to release funds from the interest in the Lambeth Conference Account for any necessary expenses.

Resolution 36: More Synodical Lambeth Conference

This Anglican Consultative Council: Whilst recognising the value of past Lambeth Conferences,

1. encourages the Archbishop of Canterbury to consider the participation of clergy and lay people in future Conferences, and therefore
2. invites the Archbishop of Canterbury in consultation with ACC to appoint a working party to explore the possibility of a more representative gathering.

Resolution 37: Future Alterations to the Schedule of Membership

This Anglican Consultative Council: Resolves to amend the Constitution as follows: In the third line of clause 3 (a) delete the word "Council", and insert the words "Standing Committee".

Resolution 38: Tanzania

This Anglican Consultative Council, noting with pleasure the growth of the Church in Tanzania, resolves, subject to the assent of the Primates, that the Church of Tanzania should be transferred from Category (c) to Category (b) of the Schedule of the Constitution.

Resolution 39: Co-opted Members of the Anglican Consultative Council

This Anglican Consultative Council, noting there will be four vacancies for Co-opted Members for ACC-13, resolves to delegate to its Standing Committee the appointment of Co-opted Members.

Resolution 40: Limitation of Liability

This Anglican Consultative Council welcomes the progress that has been made towards reconstituting the work of the Council within the framework of a limited liability company as directed by ACC 11 Resolution 6 (d); and authorises the Standing Committee to establish such a body in accordance with legal advice and to transfer to such a body all the Council's assets and liabilities in due course.

Resolution 41: ACC Constitution

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. asks that the Standing Committee appoint a committee to review the Constitution and By-Laws of the ACC, and to report to the Standing Committee;
2. asks that the Standing Committee circulate such proposals for amendment to the members of ACC in advance of ACC-13.

Resolution 42: Finance and Budget

This Anglican Consultative Council:

1. receives the report of the Inter Anglican Finance Committee, and
2. adopts the budget for 2003.

Resolution 42: Prayers and Greetings

This Anglican Consultative Council sends its greetings and assurances of prayer to the following: The Bishop of Rome, His Holiness Pope John Paul II, with prayers for his apostolic, evangelical and ecumenical ministry among all Christians, and with thanks for the growth towards Communion in Mission between the Roman Catholic Church and the churches of the Anglican Communion;

The Ecumenical Patriarch, His All Holiness Bartholomeos I, with prayers for the apostolic Church of Constantinople, and with thanks for the long-standing fraternal relationships between the Orthodox churches and the churches of the Anglican Communion;

The General Secretary of the Lutheran World Federation, the Revd Dr Ishmael Noko, with thanks for stimulating and challenging our thinking as a keynote speaker from our sister Communion of Lutheran Churches;

The Most Revd Joris Vercammen, Archbishop of Utrecht, and the Most Revd Dr Philipos Mar Thoma for ensuring the presence of representatives from Churches in Communion, The Revd Dr Harald Rein and Metropolitan Joseph Mar Irenaeus, who have made visible our unity in Christ;

His Eminence Metropolitan Nikitas, Orthodox Archbishop of South East Asia; the Revd Donald Bolen of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity; the Revd Dr David Gill who represented the World Council of Churches; and Ms Mandy Tibbey of the Christian Conference of Asia with thanks for accompanying our meeting and enriching our fellowship as ecumenical partners.

Resolution 44: Resolutions of Thanks

This Anglican Consultative Council thanks God for the ministry of so many whose dedication and service have enabled the Council to do the work of the Church:

For our President, the Most Revd & Rt Hon Dr George Carey, for his Grace's faithful service of eleven years in office, and on this special occasion of his Grace's impending retirement from office in October 2002, to express our heartfelt gratitude for his personal commitment, clear proclamation, pastoral compassion and involvement in the daily life of the Council which constantly inspires the Church, and this Council wishes his Grace and Mrs. Carey a happy and fulfilling retirement.

For the invaluable presence of members of the Primates' Standing Committee the Most Revd Bernard Amos Malango, the Most Revd Michael Peers, the Most Revd Rowan Williams, the Most Revd Peter Kwong and the Most Revd Z. James Terom.

For our Archbishop of Canterbury-designate the Most Revd Rowan Williams, whose presence at the Opening Ceremony was deeply appreciated.

For our Chairman, the Rt Revd Simon Chiwanga, whose wisdom and experience have been a grace and strength to us and we wish him and Mrs Chiwanga a happy and fulfilling retirement after eighteen years of faithful and dedicated service and enormous contributions to the Council.

For our Vice-Chairman, the Most Revd John Paterson, whose steady hand has guided the work of the Council and we continue to look to him for his embracing and wise leadership.

For the Secretary General, the Revd Canon John L. Peterson, whose enthusiastic presence encourages us, and indefatigable efforts in connecting members of the entire Anglican Communion family unites us, as one body in close fellowship in Christ. This Council is deeply grateful for his significant contribution to the Anglican Communion and this ACC-12 says fond farewell to the Secretary General whose term of service as Secretary General will expire by December 2004.

For the Design Group led by the Most Revd John Paterson, assisted by Mr John Rea, Canon Maureen Sithole and Ms Wong Fung-Yi, who enabled us to diligently discharge our responsibility to the theme and the agenda.

For the Inter-Anglican Finance Committee, chaired by the Most Revd Robin Eames, assisted by the Most Revd Peter Akinola, Ms Judith Conley, Mr Ghazi Musharbash and Ms Wong Fung-Yi for their conscientiousness and insights on financial matters.

For the Nomination Committee led by Mr John Rea, assisted by the Most Revd Peter Akinola, Ms Lenore Parker and the Revd Margaret B. Vertue who helped us discern our future leaders.

For the Resolutions Committee, led by the Revd Robert Sessum, assisted by the Revd Canon David Hamid, Mr Bernard Georges, Ms Sylvia Scarf, Mr Bernard Turner and Ms Wong Fung-Yi who helped us express our minds and priorities clearly.

For the Bible Studies in connection with the ministry of NIFCON presented by the Rt Revd Kenneth Fernando, in connection with the ministry of the Family Network by Dr

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Koon, Local Staff Member: Mr Chan Kwok Wai, Mr Frankie Chow, Mr Stephen Chung, Mrs Lindy Ho, Ms Victoria Kwan, Mr Simon Lee, Mr Tsui Kam Tong, Ms Phoebe Wong, Mr Wong Pui Leong.

Hospitality, Meeting and Programme: 50 Opening Eucharist: 60 Closing Service: 60 Welcome Dinner: 50 Musicians: 10 Cultural Night: 50

Local Churches/Schools/Service Units visited: St John's Cathedral, Holy Trinity Church, St Mary's Church, Crown of Thorns Church, Church of the Ascension, HKSKH Ching Shan Primary School, HKSKH Yat Sau Primary School, HKSKH Tung Chung Integrated Services.

Students/Service Users involved: Eucharist: 100 (including Scouts, St. John's Ambulance, etc)

Welcome Dinner: Kindergarten Students: 30 Primary School Students: 100 Secondary School Students: 350 Seniors and Housewives: 50

Cultural Night: Primary School Students: 40

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