

Planning & Evaluation Committee

Members: The Rev. Bavi E. Rivera, *chair*; the Hon. James E. Bradberry, the Rev. David Chee, Ms. Iris E. Harris, Mr. Alfred D. Price, Dr. Warren C. Ramshaw.

The most important work the committee completed this triennium is the development of budget priorities for the discretionary budget for General Convention 2000.

Other major work has included systematic evaluation of the way council works together. During the triennium the committee brought matters to Council for action, but does not propose any resolutions for General Convention.

**REPORTS FROM BODIES CREATED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
REPORTING TO COUNCIL AND THROUGH COUNCIL TO GENERAL
CONVENTION****Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief****Board of Directors**

The Most Rev. Frank Griswold, *Presiding Bishop and Primate*

The Rt. Rev. Robert G. Tharp, *chairman of the board*, Mrs. Josephine Appell (Central Pennsylvania) 2000, the Rev. Dr. George Bedell (Florida) 2001, Mrs. Virginia Berg Chase (Northwest Texas) 1999, Ms. Linda L. Dameron (Colorado) 2000, Mr. Rodney D. Day (New York) 2000, Mr. Gerald W. Harner, CFP (El Camino Real) 2002, the Rt. Rev. Carolyn Tanner Irish (Utah) 2001, the Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby (Eau Claire) 2001, Dr. Bessie Lyman (Massachusetts) 2002, Mrs. Harold B. Nicrosi (Alabama) 2001, the Rev. Diana Luz Parada (Panama) 2001, Mr. George D. Penick (Mississippi) 1999, the Rev. Douglas Ray (Colorado) 2002, the Rev. Joy Edemy Walton (Southern Virginia) 2000, the Rev. Nicholson B. White (Ohio) 1999, Ms. Rita Redfield-Cochrane (Maine), *liaison with Executive Council*; Ms. Sandra Swan (Connecticut), Ms. Patricia C. Mordecai (New York), *ex officio*.

Administrators

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Mission Statement

- The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief is a major response by the Episcopal Church to God's call to serve Christ in all persons, to love our neighbors, and to respect the dignity of every human being.
- The Fund raises, receives, and uses funds for the relief of human suffering.
- The Fund provides emergency relief in times of disaster; it assists in the rehabilitation of lives, property, and organizations; and it joins in partnership with those who identify and address root causes of suffering.

Financial Report

In the last three years, the Fund continued to provide funds for relief in times of disaster, to mount post-disaster development programs, and to award grants that support humanitarian organizations that span the globe. In 1997 the Fund received contributions amounting to \$3,381,129 and disseminated \$3,330,935 for a total of 225 grants.

In 1998 contributions to the Fund increased to a sizable \$6,757,204, largely in response to the numerous natural disasters that year. The Fund made 236 grants distributing \$3,406,546. The nearly \$3 million that was received late in the year, following the devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch in Central America, was disbursed in 1999. The portions designated for Honduras launched a community development project, “Faith, Hope and Joy: A Project for Living,” which is still in progress. Thirty-eight houses have already been constructed.

As of November 9, 1999, the Fund had received more than \$7 million in contributions for the year. Donors to the Fund sent more than \$2 million in contributions designated for Kosovo—an extraordinary response to the conflict there. The Fund is now in the midst of planning an appropriate programmatic response.

New materials were developed to promote the mission and work of the Fund, and staff visited dioceses and parishes to answer questions and solicit feedback. The diocesan volunteers, Diocesan Fund Coordinators, met in each year of the Triennium for training sessions.

Goals and objectives for the coming triennium

The Presiding Bishop’s Fund for World Relief will work to increase its capacity to assist persons around the world who need food, housing, education, and medical attention and hope.

The Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries

Members: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Fairfield (North Dakota), the Rev. Carol Gallagher, Cherokee (Delaware) *vice chair*; Ms. Sherrie LeBeau, Lakota (El Camino Real) *secretary*; the Rt. Rev. Mark L. MacDonald (Alaska), Mr. Robert McGhee, Poarch Band Creek (Central Gulf Coast), Mr. Frank Oberly, Osage/Comanche (Oklahoma) *chair*, *Executive Council Liaison*, The Rt. Rev. Steven T. Plummer, Navajo (Navajoland), The Rt. Rev. Creighton Robertson, Dakota (South Dakota); the Rev. John E. Robertson, Dakota, (on leave from ECIM) *interim staff liaison*

Summary of the Council’s Work

The Episcopal Council of Indian Ministries, an outgrowth of the National Committee on Indian Work (established in 1969), was instituted by Executive Council in 1989 upon recommendation of the Presiding Bishop’s Blue Ribbon Task Force on Indian Affairs. It had been charged with finding better ways to respond to the unique needs of Native Americans, with whom this church has had specialized mission since 1814.

Executive Council voted in 1994 to combine racial/ethnic commissions into a single multi-ethnic advisory committee. However, General Convention, in adopting the triennial budget at the 71st General Convention, accepted the recommendation of the Joint Standing Committee on Program Budget & Finance to designate ECIM as a “discrete identity” with