

EPISCOPAL COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES

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SUMMARY OF WORK

With the passing of *GC Resolution 2003–C008* without provided funding, the members of Episcopal Council of Indigenous Ministries (ECIM) advocated for the fulfillment of the 72nd General Convention’s (1997) designation of the “Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation,” by addressing Executive Council at its February 2004 meeting. Frank Oberly shared an implementation outline with the need for funding. He reminded members of the 1997 call for “unity to each other and God, in Remembrance, Recognition and Reconciliation with a decade commemorative celebration to be held at National Cathedral.” He stated that the Missioner for Native American Ministries “is to coordinate and facilitate this new initiative in the amount of \$450,000 for the triennium with the advice and consul of ECIM.” Council approved the needed funding to fulfill the Covenant, and at a subsequent meeting in June 2005, Council affirmed the Covenant and the implementation outline.

The committee continues its leadership role and advising to ensure that Native Americans can become “full and equal partners in the Church’s Mission and Ministry,” so as to be welcomed into congregational life. ECIM also provides leadership training and evangelism programs for future Native American presence and participation. Also, ECIM through the Jamestown Commitments supports recognition of the many Indigenous Tribes that have been ignored by federal government acknowledgment and ECIM will support recognition initiatives.

In 2004, ECIM met on several occasions with the new Native American Missioner for planning and implementing initiatives of the resolution (C008). A service was held at National Cathedral in September of 2004 for the continued call for unity and recognition of Native concerns. In November 2004 ECIM supported the installation of the new Missioner alongside Presiding Bishop Griswold. An annual National Youth and Young Adult event has been established and been held twice in New York City.

ECIM continues support for Winter Talk, Paths Crossing, Anglican Indigenous Network, and Mountains and Deserts and has maintained its advisory role to the Indigenous Theological Training Institute. As we enter a renewed phase ECIM stands strong in our church’s mission and ministry as we grow to become equal partners in God’s truth.