

International Anglican Women's Network
Addendum to February 10 Statement to ACC Standing Committee March 2006

In March 2006, the Provincial Delegates to the 50th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW50) agreed to a new Mission Statement, Statement of Purpose, Objectives and Organisational Structure for the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN). A Steering Group was formed: Lisbeth Barahona (IARCA), Esperanza Beleo (Philippines), Priscilla Julie (Indian Ocean), Joyce Kariuki (Kenya), Helena Mbele-Mbong (ECUSA), Alice Medcof (Canada), Meagan Morrison (Australia) were elected from among those present. Charmian Paterson was designated as Mothers' Union member. Jolly Babirukamu (ACC Standing Committee) and Archdeacon Taimalelagi Fagamalama Tuatagaloa-Matalavea (AUNO) are the current ex-officio members.

We, the members of the Steering Group, gladly present the following statement to the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) Standing Committee.

Mission Statement

The International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) will serve as a bold and prophetic voice for **ALL** women in the Anglican Communion and in the world.

Statement of Purpose

IAWN is a Network of the Anglican Consultative Council (ACC). All women of the Anglican Communion, will work cooperatively at national, provincial and communion-wide levels to strengthen the ministries of women in God's world and to enable women to be influential throughout the entire Anglican Communion.

Objectives

1. To uphold God's mission within the Anglican Communion in prayer and in practice. IAWN will ensure an appropriate focus is maintained upon the ACC Marks of Mission with respect to the full participation of women, as well as women's rights and needs.
2. To be a dynamic focal point within the Anglican Communion for women's gifts, interests and advocacy. In particular IAWN will continue to collaborate with the ACC delegations to United Nations consultations of concern to women, with special reference to implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
3. To ensure adequate resources for IAWN.

Organisational Structures

To assist IAWN achieve its purpose, the following structure shall exist:

1. **Steering Group with a coordinator.** The Steering Group shall comprise seven elected members, one appointed member from the Mothers' Union, and the Focal Point for women designated by the ACC Standing Committee and the Anglican Observer at the United Nations as ex-officio
2. **Provincial Representatives.**
3. **All women.** All women of the Anglican Communion are invited to collaborate with and voice their concerns to IAWN
4. **Secretariat.** The secretariat shall be established for the initial period of three years within the Office of Women's Ministries of the Episcopal Church (USA) in New York.

Term of Office

The term of office shall be three years, with the possibility of being re-elected for a second term. No member can serve more than six consecutive years. At the end of this first three-year period up to 50% of the initial Steering Group shall be eligible for re-election.

Other immediate tasks for IAWN Steering Group

Other items on the agenda for the IAWN Steering Group include:

- drawing up the Terms of Reference for the Steering Group;
- developing guidelines for communicating within the Steering Group, and between the Provincial Links, the Steering Group and the other members of IAWN.

Commitment to continue collaborative relationship already in existence

The Steering Group would also like to re-affirm its commitment to continue the collaborative relationship already established between the IAWN and the ACC. Such a relationship is essential to ensure that the voices of ALL women of the Anglican Communion are heard.