



THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

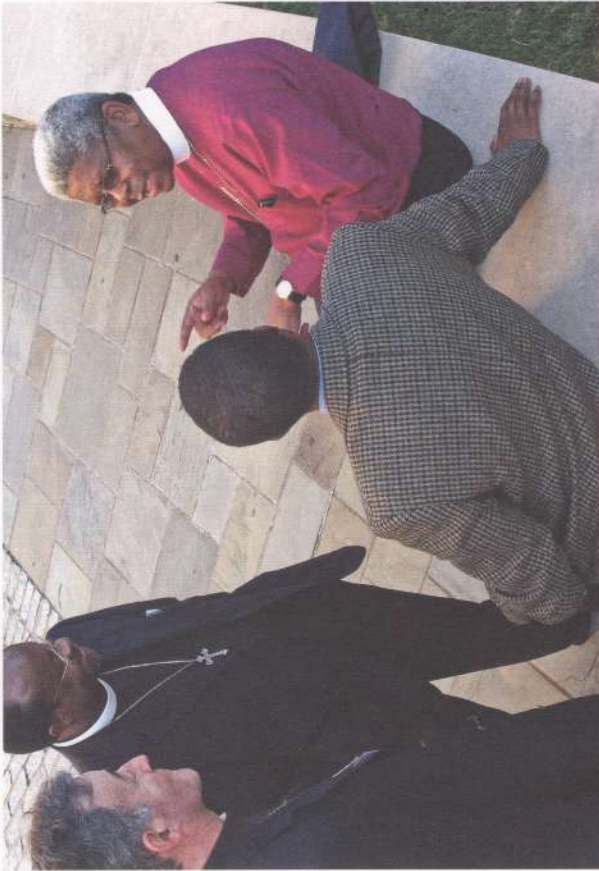
in partnership with the Church of the Province of Southern Africa



“Building a just society involves costs and risks. We will stand with courageous political, religious, and community leaders. We commit ourselves to work as partners with all who work to achieve a more just and peaceful world.” “Call to Partnership”, September 13, 2005

Participants in Consultation of Religions Leaders on Global Poverty, September 11-13, 2005

The Center for Global Justice and Reconciliation (CGJR), under the auspices of the Cathedral College, is a new initiative of the Washington National Cathedral to promote justice and reconciliation throughout the Anglican Communion and across the world. In an era of faith-based conflict, the Center draws on the Biblical imperative to end poverty as a requirement for justice. The Center forges effective partnerships within the Communion, between Christian denominations, with interfaith partners, with governments, NGOs, and the private sector to address the root causes of human suffering.



MANDATE

The Center's mandate and priorities originate in the "Call to Partnership" document issued by the *Consultation of Religious Leaders on Global Poverty*, in which religious institutions were urged to collaborate more closely with each other and to work with governments and other entities to reduce poverty and promote economic growth. The Center's unique focus is to support collaboration between world religious communions in order that the underused resources of the religious sector may be more effectively coordinated and deployed.

Above: Signatories of "A Call to Partnership"

A CALL TO PARTNERSHIP

Consultation of Religious Leaders on Global Poverty

September 11-13th, 2005, at Washington National Cathedral

Presented to the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Co-Chair of the United Nations 2005 World Summit

From the Preamble:

At the urgent call of Church leaders in the southern hemisphere, we came together at Washington National Cathedral as Christian leaders from diverse traditions and places, both rich and poor, South and North, united in a common concern for those of us living in poverty. We see their faces; we hear their voices; they are a part of us, and we are a part of them.

From the Declaration:

We believe that our communities of faith, representing millions of people and sponsoring numerous human-development initiatives, can provide new models for advancing a global movement against poverty. The Churches have a vast network of institutions, trusted relationships with millions of

people, and access to countless local communities, all rich resources for development.

From the "Calls to Government"

In light of the urgency of the needs of the most vulnerable, we call upon governments to take the following actions:

1. Create a Just Society
2. Build Partnerships
3. Promote Accountability and Transparency
4. Cancel Debt
5. Increase Development Assistance
6. Promote Trade Justice Security

From the "Calls to the Church"

As Christian leaders we challenge our own Churches to pursue partnerships with governments, international organizations, civil society, and across confessional lines. Without new strategic partnerships, the world will fail to fulfill the aspirations of the Millennium Declaration.

The full text of the "Call to Partnership" is available on the CGJR website:

www.cathedralcollege.org/pages/cgjr

PRIORITIES

Empowering Women

Women's ability to control their own economic destiny is critical to reducing poverty. The Center is hosting a *Consultation of International Women Leaders*. The consultation will include women religious leaders and women of faith in civil society, on gender equity and women's empowerment.

Malaria

Malaria is preventable and yet is a leading cause of death across the world. Closer collaboration between religious centers, health groups, and government programs can increase the effectiveness and reach of anti-malaria programs. The Center runs an *Interreligious Working Group on Malaria* and is exploring an interfaith partnership against malaria in Mozambique.

Accountability

Economic assistance to poor countries has little impact when aid is diverted and no one is held responsible. The Archbishop of

Cape Town has designed the *African Monitor*, an initiative

to achieve greater transparency, accountability, and careful impact evaluation of aid flows to determine which programs have a lasting positive effect. The Center provides staff support.

Economic Development and Microfinance

The expansion of financial services through community organizations makes it possible for the poor to own their own homes, businesses, and tools. The Center convenes an *Interreligious Working Group on Financial Services for the Poor* which proposes models for partnership between religious and micro-finance institutions in order to benefit the poor.

Reconciliation and International Peacemaking

Canon Peterson has significant experience with conflict resolution in the Middle East and in other areas of the world, and continues his work in concert with resolutions of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

"We too, like the religious leaders who met at Washington National Cathedral, should say we are united in a common concern for those of us living in poverty. We see their faces; we hear their voices; they are a part of us, we are a part of them."

President Thabo Mbeki of South Africa in New York Address to the 60th Session of the United Nations General Assembly

As a national house of prayer for all people, the Washington National Cathedral is committed to a mission as:

A Voice for generous-spirited, open-minded, compassionate Christianity

A Place of reconciliation, for ecumenical collaboration, interfaith dialogue, and discussions that seek the ways of understanding and peace

A People committed to serving the world around us, working for justice

The CGJR is part of the Cathedral College, located on the grounds of Washington National Cathedral. Programmatic areas of the College also include spirituality and mission, interfaith, and theological initiatives, Christian formation, and preaching. Through lectures, conferences, courses, pilgrimages and retreats, the Cathedral College is a place of transforming encounters for all people of faith.

The Rt. Rev. John Bryson Chane, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington
The Very Rev. Samuel L. Lloyd III, Dean of Washington National Cathedral
The Rev. Canon Howard R. Anderson, Warden of the Cathedral College



Archbishop Ntanguwe with Archbishop Tai Tiadagobou- Matalaneu, Ms. Widu Kaanu, Dr. Jenny Te Bui, Ms. Marie Dennis, and Dr. Esther Mombi attending the Consultation of Religious Leaders on Global Poverty at Washington National Cathedral, September 11-13, 2005. (Photo: Todd Hartin)



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