

Hawai'i 1991

The steering committee, consisting of Sir Paul Reeves, chair, Dr. Owanah Anderson, Mr. Charles Bellis, the Rev Laverne Jacobs, the Rev. Charles Hopkins, Professor Pua Hopkins, Bishop and Doris Vercoe, met on December 10 through 12 in Hawai'i where each one expressed the concerns of their people and identified the areas of mutual concerns. They were:

1. Self-determination
2. Indigenous Ministry
3. Spirituality
4. Liturgy and Worship
5. Church Self-examination and Transformation
6. Church's Role in Society
7. Funding and Resources.

The steering committee also adopted the following Statement of Consensus: This Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Network Steering Committee:

1. Adopts the statement of our areas of concern;
2. Recommends to our constituencies: that there be a representative gathering to consider these mutual concerns in November 1992 in Hawai'i; and that the representatives invited be persons of expertise in one or more areas of mutual concern;
3. Agrees to take advantage of important events happening in our respective churches for the purpose of further networking, for example: Auckland, NZ - 1/92 Ministry Summer School; Rotorua, NZ - 3/92 Ordination of Bishops; Christchurch, NZ - 8/92 Partners in Mission Washington DC, USA - 10/92 Celebration of Survival; Vancouver, Canada - 7/93 International Youth Gathering Ontario, Canada - 8/93 Native Convocation.
4. and conveys to our respective constituencies the significance of networking among indigenous peoples within the Anglican Communion.

Native Hawaiians and American Indians who were in Aotearoa for the consecration of three Maori Bishops in Rotorua in March 1992 attended a Network meeting called by Bishop Vercoe at which a consensus was reached on the following matters:

1. the dates for the November network meeting were set for Nov.12-15
2. the meeting would be held in Hawai'i at St. John's By-the-Sea, and members of the congregation would host fifteen out of State delegates
3. each constituency in the Network would be entitled to five delegates at the November meeting
4. each member of the delegation would be selected for his/her expertise in one or more of the "areas of mutual concern,"
5. each delegate must be an indigenous person (no non-native expert) and a resident of the country he/she represents
6. because of the number of "mutual concerns," each constituency would review the "mutual concerns" and forward a prioritized list to Bishop Reeves or Owanah Anderson by August 15 along with a list of five delegates and the area of expertise of each
7. for the time being membership in the Network would be kept as is: Native American, Native Canadian, Native Hawaiian, Maori.