

Hawai'i 1992

Network delegations met at St. John's By-the-Sea in Kahalu'u, Hawai'i on November 12 - 15: Native Canadians Mr. Charles Bellis, Mr. Gordon Crow Child, the Rev. Laverne Jacobs, Ms. Vi Smith, Ms. Esther Wesley; Maori of Aotearoa Ms. Jenny Kaa, Professor Whatarangi Winiata, Ms. Francis Winiata, Ms. Doris Vercoe. Bishop Wakahuihui Vercoe; Native Americans Dr. Owanah Anderson, the Rev. Dr. Martin Brokenleg, Bishop Steve Charlston, Ms. Ginny Doctor, Bishop Steve Plummer; Native Hawaiians the Rev. Darrow Aiona, Mr. Malcolm Chun, the Rev. Charles Hopkins, Professor Pua Hopkins, Ms. Linda Sproat. At this meeting the Anglican Indigenous Network was adopted as the official title of the network along with the following Mission Statement:

We are indigenous minority peoples living in our own lands. We are committed to the Anglican tradition while affirming our traditional spirituality. We have discovered that we have many things in common: a common spirituality, common concerns, common gifts, and common hopes. We believe that God is leading the Church to a turning point in its history and that the full partnership of indigenous peoples is essential. Therefore we pledge to work together to exercise our leadership in contributing our vision and gifts to transform the life of the Christian community.

Presentations were heard and discussed on the mutual concerns of self determination, indigenous ministry, liturgy and worship, and development of resources which resulted in identifying goals and objectives for 1993-94. It was agreed that AIN would next meet in Aotearoa (New Zealand) in March 1994, that Bishop Reeves would represent AIN at the events of the UN International Year of the World's Indigenous People, and that an AIN report be made at the meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council at Cape Town in January 1993. A calendar of events in the four constituencies in 1993 was formulated for networking between meetings.