

Statement of Purpose

The Presiding Bishop's Advisory Committee on Christian-Jewish Relations

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The Presiding Bishop's Advisory Committee on Christian-Jewish Relations serves as a liaison between the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church and the five national Jewish organizations with offices or departments of Jewish-Christian relations. The committee's primary tasks are:

1. To offer advice and counsel to the Presiding Bishop on issues affecting Christian-Jewish relations.
2. To cultivate personal relationships between leaders of this Church and leaders in the Jewish community that will enable the discussion of current, and sometimes stressful, issues in an atmosphere of theological candor and truth.
3. To encourage Christian-Jewish dialogue on diocesan and local levels, in cooperation with the Episcopal Diocesan Ecumenical Officers (EDEO).
4. To disseminate news and experience of Christian-Jewish activities locally to the benefit of other localities. To make available materials that have been produced locally to assist other communities in the development of Christian-Jewish initiatives.
5. To report triennially to the General Convention concerning its activities (including the authoring of proposed resolutions) in order to raise the consciousness of the whole church to the theological issues inherent in a religiously pluralistic world with particular reference to a Christian-Jewish relationships.
6. To advise program groups in the Episcopal Church, especially in the fields of Christian education and evangelism, of the implications in their materials and programs for Christian-Jewish relationships.
7. To encourage education and training in Christian-Jewish dialogue at the Seminary level, working in cooperation with the Center for Jewish-Christian Studies and Relations at The General Theological Seminary.
8. To prepare and distribute guidelines for Christian-Jewish dialogue and marriages.
9. To cooperate with, and support the work of, the National Council of Churches Office on Christian-Jewish Relations and the World Council of Churches Consultation on the Church and the Jewish People.



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