





### Philippines Asset-based Community Development Project

“We hope that this COVID-19 crisis will end.”

This heart-felt wish comes from Margie and Joel. They are from a youth organisation which has teamed up with IFI-VIMROD, one of ABM’s Philippines partners, to combat the poverty that blights them and their families. They decided to build a convenience store to sell locally-harvested produce, as well as home-made snacks. COVID-19 has put a temporary stop to their activities, but they live in hope of resuming their work.

This story of initiative, set-backs and hope is common among the groups helped by ABM’s Asset-based Community Development Project.

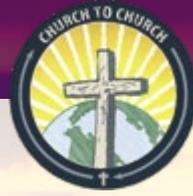
“We are really determined to continue with our project as it gives us practical experiences and learning in managing a business,” says Joel.

The Philippines Asset-based Community Development project enables people living in poverty to learn how to work together to maximise their existing strengths.

**Your donation towards this project will support people just like Margie and Joel to use their local assets and overcome poverty.**



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### St John’s Theological Seminary Zambia

St John’s is the only training college for Anglican clergy in Zambia. It provides theological education appropriate to the Zambian context, including how to deal pastorally with people living with HIV/AIDS which affects more than 11% of the population, and skills for leading communities to combat gender-based violence, a church priority.

With Covid-19 wreaking havoc world-wide, one of St John’s partners had to call two lecturers home in December. Funds to cover operating costs are needed to allow the seminary to continue to keep its doors open.

St John’s Seminary trains about 10 new students for ordination each year, and the good news is that the church has a strong retention rate of ordained priests. The main focus is on new ordinands, but St John’s also recognises the need for the church to provide ongoing training for clergy and laity.

**Your generous donation to St John’s Seminary will contribute to a quality theological education for Anglican ordinands from all over Zambia.**



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### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants

“When we have power over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country.”

Statement from the Heart

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants support missional activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. With guidance from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) ABM makes small grants available to projects which express the marks of mission and benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Last year the projects included chaplaincy in an Aboriginal school, musical instruments for a new ministry engaging young men in the Northern Territory, funding for an Aboriginal Anglican Leaders conference, help for the establishment of the new Torres Strait Regional Council for the Anglican Church, bible camps, breakfast programs and copies of Kriol prayer books for Aboriginal churches.

**Your support for the mission grants empowers NATSIAC to direct funding to initiatives which best represent the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans.**



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