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ABM Partner Countries

Front cover image: Betty Mandome from Anglicare PNG’s Adult Literacy Program in Papua New Guinea. © ABM/Ivy Wang 2019.
Dear Friends in Mission,

Welcome to ABM's Project Book for 2020. In its pages you will find projects requested by ABM's Anglican Church partners, both here in Australia and overseas.

You will read stories about people from all around the world. In many cases, the stories have been told by the people themselves, directly to ABM staff or to our partners. When I read them, I am excited and humbled that we have been able to contribute towards the positive life changes that people describe. My hope is that you will too, when you see the impact your donation can make.

In our desire to discern and be part of God’s mission, ABM partners with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council in Australia, and with Anglican churches in Africa, the Middle East, South-East Asia, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific to assist them to participate in God’s mission.

The Project Book helps us and you, our supporters, be confident that we are participating in God’s mission amongst God’s beloved people and continuing this work joyfully. Each of the projects give expression to the various marks of mission and delivers on our commitment to bring hope and justice.

ABM is delighted to support its partners with tangible contributions to their work, but we can, of course, only do this with your help. I encourage you to select one or more projects from the Project Book to support this year.

And I urge you to become engaged in God’s mission through the project/s you have selected. This can be by donations of funds, and by regularly praying for the work of the project and the people involved.

May you have a blessed and prosperous 2020.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev John Deane

ABM Executive Director
Jesus came that we might have abundant life, and ABM believes that that life extends to the whole person – not just to the soul, but also to the material needs of the body.

ABM’s Community Development Program is managed by our Anglicans in Development (AID) department. ABM (AID) works with Anglican Church Partners in the Pacific, Papua New Guinea, Africa and South-East Asia to help deliver grassroots, community-driven development and disaster preparedness and response. Our belief is that communities are the best-placed to know what programs they need and what assistance they need from their partners. Our partners are encouraged to work closely with communities to ensure communities are “in the driving seat” of development projects.

ABM (AID) works closely with its church partners to strengthen them to be effective and efficient, and to encourage them to strengthen the communities they work with. The programs which ABM funds include adult literacy, improved food security, water and sanitation, gender equality and social inclusion, livelihood support, some health services, HIV testing, counselling and awareness raising. With sustainability in mind, ABM (AID) also encourages its partners both to work with their own governments, and to help their local communities to advocate for better services from government at all levels.
Mother and child growing food for consumption and sale as part of the Sustainable Livelihoods Program (see p. 15). © ABM/Ivy Wang, 2018.
Adora lives with her husband and two children in a remote community in the Eastern Visayas region of the Philippines. She, like most members of her community, faces many challenges. Transport is difficult to access, and is very expensive. Communication is also a problem and livelihoods are precarious. And although Adora’s husband works in a bakery, his income is barely enough to live on. The family has even experienced times of malnutrition. And, at such times, they have been at the mercy of loan sharks.

Adora describes in her own words the empowering effect that working with one of ABM’s Philippine partners, IFI-VIMROD, has had on her and her fellow farmers:

“As soon I started to participate in the program activities, I began to understand that the IFI-VIMROD program on Asset-based Community Development is not just about income. It taught me and the rest of the members of Kikilo Vendors and Farmers Association (KVFA) the values of strengthening family and community relations, taking care of the environment, sustainable agriculture, asset-sharing and organizational and financial management.”

Adora also said that the moment she started vegetable production in her backyard, her understanding about the asset-based approach hit home:

“My organization through free-collective work, helped me establish my yard garden. We utilized what is already in the community without spending much. As part of our commitment, we have now a seed-sharing system. From the time I was able to harvest, I felt a sense of fulfilment. Aside from being able to provide enough daily food for my family, I am now sure that our food is both safe and nutritious.”

Adora believes that all members of her KVFA group have embraced the asset-based approach. This was shown when the group decided to start another self-initiated activity – the “Basic (Rice) Commodity Retail Project”.

“Here, each member contributed 100 pesos ($2.80) as start-up capital for the rice retail project. When the ABM funds came, we were so glad because our organization can provide better service to our community and help save them the marketing expenses” Adora said.

Currently, people in the community will no longer spend around 350 pesos ($10) each week for transport to get to market because they now have rice growing in their community through the project. Thus, the money saved on transport and more expensive rice from markets has enabled them to buy a greater variety of nutritious food locally. VIMROD reports that, in addition to the Basic Commodity Retail Project helping its members to save money on rice, KVFA as a cooperative organisation also realised a net profit of 15,000 pesos ($420), just four months after it began.

ABM works in the Philippines with two partners, E-CARE (part of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines) and IFI-VIMROD. Both partners work closely with poor people in often very remote local communities to strengthen their capacity to engage in profitable, sustainable farming and related activities.

They help communities to form small groups or cooperatives, and train them in a form of development known as “Asset-Based”, where communities are encouraged to consider their assets, and build from those, to help address their own development issues.

E-CARE reports that many of the communities they have helped through the Asset-based approach are now well on their way to becoming independent cooperatives. With ABM’s support this year E-CARE will provide training to these cooperatives in financial management and enterprise management to ensure they are sustainable for years to come.

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT WILL HELP MANY FAMILIES LIKE ADORA’S TO LIFT THEMSELVES OUT OF POVERTY, AND PROVIDE THE MEANS AND INSPIRATION FOR OTHERS IN THEIR COMMUNITIES TO DO LIKEWISE.
In 2020 we aim to:

- Help farmers in 20 local government areas in the Visayas region of the Philippines to improve their food security and better prepare for disasters
- Help 34 community groups and their members to gain the financial skills to ensure they are able to manage their livelihood activities and do not fall back into debt to loan sharks
Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Program

The support of ABM’s generous donors is making a difference to communities and schools in low lying parts of the Solomon Islands which have been affected by rising sea levels. Your donations mean a lot to the people in these vulnerable places. For example, during 2019 funds for this project were used to provide three rainwater tanks to communities in Fanalei which have been impacted by increased salinity of previously fresh water supplies. We all know how essential water is for life. But, as the sea level rises, so does the hardship people face in having to go further and further afield to fetch water each day and move their gardens away from the encroaching salty water.

It seems ironic that Fanalei is where a lot of previous research has been carried out, documentaries have been made about climate change, yet the situation continues to deteriorate for communities there.

Your continued support can further assist ACOM to train local communities and schools in the things they can do to protect themselves against both sudden disasters such as cyclones, and the slower disasters of climate change. Your support will also help to provide replacement water storage where traditional sources of water have become unusable.

Positive Parenting Program

ACOM Mothers’ Union has been rolling out the Positive Parenting Program in both the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu for around eight years. In that time, with strategic assistance from ABM’s donors, the program has reached all of ACOM’s nine dioceses. Facilitators have been trained, with Hanuato’o, in the country’s south, the most recent diocese to join the program.

The Positive Parenting Program aims to equip parents to support their children’s development, establish community support networks for families, and address a range of social challenges including gender-based violence, child abuse, early marriage, and improve disability inclusion.

As well as training parents (both men and women) in the church and communities, the program has also been successfully implemented in prisons, helping prisoners to understand the sources of and solutions to their own violent behaviour.

The idea is first to train program leaders who become advocates and gain support for the program from the church and community leaders within the diocese. Leaders then spread awareness of the program. Once this is done, 12 facilitators are trained in each diocese. Each facilitator gets a group of parents together in their own community and runs a twelve week program with them. In order to get real community buy-in, a Parenting Committee is formed to support the groups.

The Positive Parenting Program has transformed lives. As ABM’s Kate Winney has witnessed: “The participants were asked to write down negative parenting habits, their ‘old ways’, and any descriptions of hurt or pain they may have experienced. Whilst singing hymns, these pieces of paper were nailed onto a cross and the next day were discarded in a fire as part of a ceremony. It was a powerful and personal moment to witness - seeing mothers, fathers, church and community leaders let go and learn from the past, not only as parents but for each participant personally. It was a reminder that this program is transformative – of families, communities, and people.”
Church Capacity Development

ABM has been supporting the Anglican Church to contribute to the development of the Solomon Islands for many years. With your help, we’ve supported the church to develop their strategic planning, train Mothers’ Union members in counselling skills, improve financial management and help ACOM members get community development training.

With the Diocese of Brisbane, we’ve supported an ACOM development staff member to travel to a Climate Reality workshop in Brisbane, and funded the engagement of a consultant to review ACOM’s Child Protection policy.

Each of these activities has been in response to the church’s requests. We would like to keep supporting our sister church in this way, and can only do this with your help.

All donations for all three Solomon Islands projects are tax deductible.

In 2020 SB012GZ needs $78,150 (Tax-deductible)
It’s exciting to be able to share stories of real change from some of the people living with a disability who have been participating in this project:

Irene Kirwa has expanded and increased the profits of her small mixed business.  

“Before ABM helped me, my business was low but now it has improved. I am now selling potatoes, beans, and charcoal and I have even expanded to roasting maize and selling used clothes. From the increased profits, I have bought a cow and so I don’t buy milk anymore. The money has enabled me to fence my compound. I can also save some money for my personal use.”

Margaret Minayo is a fruit and vegetable seller.  

“I sell fresh fruits and vegetables. I’m so grateful for the funds. My business is doing well despite the harsh climatic conditions. The supply is low and the demand is high. The business has changed my life. The profits have bought cement for my house construction and I know I will finish the construction. Since then I feel I have dignity like everybody else.” Margaret Waithera has also experienced an increase in empowerment and dignity.  

“I really appreciate this project because my business has improved. I’m able to compete with others in the market, my dignity has improved and people have changed the perception that with my condition, I cannot run a business. Through the business, I have bought a sheep and chickens, and I know I will do much more.”

This project, implemented by ABM’s partner, the Community-based Rehabilitation Program of the Diocese of Eldoret in Kenya’s Rift Valley, supports people with a disability through interest-free loans and small business training to lead dignified, independent lives. It also works to raise greater awareness among church members and others in the community about the rights and experiences of people living with a disability.

Anglican Church of Kenya priest, the Reverend Wycliffe Ngeiywo notes: “The direct involvement of clergy in the creation of [disability] awareness in public forums and worship services has strongly enhanced our outreach. Church youth forums have also provided a good platform for awareness. It is a path worth taking.”

Some of the key messages people are taking away from the training sessions are:

- It is wrong for someone to place “disability” in my ability.
- People with disability have a different contribution to make, no one is destined to fail.
- Forget your disabilities and explore your abilities.

*Supported in partnership with the Diocese of Perth and the Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya.
Your support of this project will enable more people living with a disability to experience wholeness of life, and to better provide for themselves and their families.

$30 will provide training in disability rights for each person, who will go on to train others.

It costs $205 to provide one year of on-site training in book-keeping, accounting and impact monitoring to 8 people with a disability.

$675 provides a start-up business loan for one person with a disability.
From participating more in church leadership, to improved self-confidence, to mobilising a community to build a road, to becoming a church pastor – these are just some of the impacts on people who have learned to read, write and do basic maths through the Adult Literacy, Language and Numeracy Project implemented in many parts of PNG by ABM’s partner, Anglicare PNG.

Read the stories below of James, Salome, Silvester and Benjamin to find out more.

James, 32, who graduated from the Anglicare Adult Literacy School in Port Moresby, talked about how his whole life had changed since doing the Literacy program: “I tell my brother and sister, ‘you must look after your children and put them into school’. I learned beating your wife is not good. We changed our family, our whole community. Everything’s completely changed. We have stopped the street fighting and we now talk to people who drink too much to get them to stop”.

Currently James is studying in Morota Technical School, learning how to cut steel.

Salome, 19, from Sagsag in New Guinea Islands Diocese, completed year 7 of formal schooling but without being able to read or write. Now, although her reading is not great, she can read the easier words on posters. She said she had become confident at reading prices at the local market and in shops. Her teacher, a catechist, had also held discussions in class about social issues like HIV-AIDS, gender and alcohol. When asked about the biggest change in her life, Salome said, “Now I can talk to my peer group. Before I was an observer. I didn’t feel free to talk”. Salome’s ambition is to become a nun.

Silvester, who is about 50 years old, and also from Sagsag, completed grade 6 when he was 10, then stopped school and followed his parents into the bush. Silvester is a fisherman. Since attending the local literacy school, he has become confident reading Tok Pisin. He is even learning to speak basic English.

Silvester wanted to learn English but since neither he nor his teacher have a guidebook, they have started using English language children’s story books provided by the local primary school.

Silvester’s ambition is to buy a bigger boat and become a ‘fishing businessman’.

Kwiop Adult Literacy classes have incorporated a practicum into the curriculum, where learners have to lead Morning Prayer or take part in liturgy for six weeks prior to graduating. The learners themselves built the classroom, and the assistant teacher noted, “Now the women are taking roles in the church, taking part in activities and contributing ideas into the community. The community even got together to build this road.”

Benjamin, from Kwiop, always wanted to engage in religious work but was unable to because he had never attended school, and could not read or write. After graduating from the Anglicare Literacy School he was appointed a community pastor for his church. He has been happily doing this role for more than a year now and is very thankful that the Adult Literacy Project enabled him to realise his dream.

This year we aim to provide literacy, language and numeracy skills to more than 2,500 women and men in PNG. We also aim to provide new or refresher training to 50 literacy teachers, and to start up a PNG version of the Mothers’ Union Positive Parenting Program.
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Your donation to this project will support the continuation of this very successful Adult Literacy, Language and Numeracy program. It will also support the rolling out of a new PNG version of the Positive Parenting Program through the Mothers’ Union. For many years, this program has been training parents in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu how to develop positive relationships with their children and each other and is now ready to start in Papua New Guinea. ABM is very excited to be supporting it, and invites you to help us to do so.

Teaching materials for one literacy class of up to 25 people cost $130 per year

A training workshop for teachers typically costs $100 per teacher

An annual teachers allowance costs $700

Transportation costs for each of the participating mothers from deaneries in Oro Province costs $20 per person

A Positive Parenting Manual for each participant in the ‘Train the Trainers’ course costs $75

Cost of training new Positive Parenting facilitators in a 10-day residential workshop is $1000 per person
Taonga is the name of a group of 15 survivors of gender-based violence. All are women. All have learned about gender-based violence and how it is not only unacceptable but also illegal. Each woman lodged a complaint, and her complaint was handled in her village by the local Gender Action Group. In some cases, perpetrators were referred to the legal system. In all cases the women received counselling. Then, to provide them with greater economic empowerment, they were assisted to form a self-help group. The project trained the women in a system of savings called “Savings with Education”. This provided the group with start-up capital of 4,000 Zambian kwacha (about $500).

With the funds, the Taonga women have started a project of rearing broiler chickens. So far, the group has managed to purchase 100 chicks, complete with the necessary feed, as well as equipment to ensure their growth and survival. Taonga also has plans to mould bricks to build a bigger poultry house to house their growing business. The knowledge and subsequent empowerment of this previously abused group of women has come about through the work of the Integrated Gender Project, implemented by the Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program.

The Anglican Church of Zambia is passionate about eliminating gender-based violence.

This is the third year that this project has operated in four villages in the Diocese of Eastern Zambia: Msoro, Mawanda, Mzenje and Petauke Boma. And already much has been achieved. Last year alone, thanks to ABM supporters, messages about gender issues, including gender-based violence (GBV), reached 28,100 villagers – many more than anticipated. This happened through a combination of door-knocking and presentations by volunteer community drama groups.

Another group of women who have come together to help their community and to improve their own economic prospects is the Mayamiko Women’s Club. These women are members of the Gender Action Group in their village of Mzenge, and they have been described as “a cornerstone of the gender justice project in their community”, as they go about door to door on their bicycles raising awareness at the household level about gender issues and GBV.

The Mayamiko Club also received start-up capital of 4,000 Zambian kwacha ($500) as a way of empowering them, and encouraging them to continue their good work in the Gender Action Group. They decided on a group livelihoods project involving pigs and goat production. They have already constructed a shelter for the animals, and purchased 10 goats. Soon they will add 12 pigs. Breeding these animals will ensure a steady income for the members of the group.

This year we aim to:

- Sensitise 8,600 people in four villages about gender-based violence and other gender issues through door-to-door visits and community drama presentations
- Introduce 20 clergy and lay leaders to the Zambian Anti-Gender-based Violence Act, who will then reach countless people through their personal advocacy
- Provide four new GBV survivor groups with psycho-social support and training in Savings with Education, to improve their economic standing (adding to the 4 groups already receiving this support)
- Establish four new Men Engage Networks across the four villages to talk about GBV from a men’s perspective and to advocate for an end to GBV

In 2020 ZM003GE needs $69,830 (Tax-deductible)
Many Australian farmers will recognise this scenario. You see promising signs of rain, the start of a good growing season. So you plant out your seed, hoping for a bumper harvest. But two months later you are looking at a crop that has died before maturing. The rains, so full of promise, have stopped almost as soon as they had started, and now you have nothing to show for your hard work or your investment in the seed.

And for Kenyan farmers living in marginal agricultural areas southeast of the capital, Nairobi, this sadly common scenario has even more dire consequences. Since, for them, a failed crop means you have nothing for your children to eat, let alone any produce to sell so that you can pay their school fees.

This is what life was often like for farmers in Kyua and Kiangini locations in the Kenyan districts of Machakos and Makueni. Life, that is, before ABM’s partner, Anglican Development Services, Eastern (ADSE), came on the scene.

That’s why we want to tell you about Mutuku.

Joness Mutuku and his wife Naumi are blessed with a family of six children and even some grandchildren. The family live in Kyua in Machakos County. Until four years ago, Mutuku had to leave his family behind while he sought casual work opportunities in the town, work which was not sufficient to sustain his family. He then decided to return home and joined Mwaamuka-ata* self-help group. Two years ago, with the help of ADSE, Mutuku’s group joined with other local self-help groups to form a much bigger group called Kyumbuke Community-based Organisation (CBO). He can now access training in a variety of farming techniques.

“This has transformed my life!” says Mutuku. “When I came back from trying to get work in town, I wanted to engage in farming but I did not have much knowledge on how best to go about it.”

“In fact, it has enabled me to realise my dream of getting a good income from my farm – enough to cater for my family’s needs. I’ve already started planting the drought tolerant crops, and especially the green grams (mung beans), cow peas also grasses which do well even with minimal rainfall. I have already started preparing zai pits for water conservation to give me a better harvest even when rains are minimal.

My flock of goats is also growing since I learned on how to take care of my animals better and I was so happy to receive a galla goat to upgrade my stock.”

Mutuku also appreciates learning how to do water harvesting which has previously been difficult. After being taught the technique, he has excavated a shallow well at his farm to get water for domestic use and also to plant vegetables for his family to eat, selling the surplus.

Mutuku and his group have even made their own grass bailer for more effective animal feeding. They can sell the extra bales which earn them a better price compared to selling unbaled grass.

“I am happy because I will be able to plant more grass and store it in bales and buy a dairy cow which I will be able to sustain now. Surely, I am going far, and I thank God for ADSE and ABM. It is an eye opener to all of us and especially those who are ready to put into practice what we learn”, says Mutuku.

$39,490 (Tax-deductible)

In 2020 KE001IC needs

*Mwaamuka-ata means “How have you woken up?” and is a morning greeting in local Kamba language.

In 2020 KE001IC needs $39,490 (Tax-deductible)

In 2020 KE001IC needs $39,490 (Tax-deductible)
Mutuku showing his current flock of goats which he plans to expand.
© ADSE 2019.

Please give generously to this project to help farmers like Mutuku and his family to move from the uncertainty of hunger and poverty to full food security.

- A year’s supply of seeds for one farmer costs $20
- A galla goat (large, drought-resistant) costs $74
- A training workshop costs $500 to train about 120 people
- A sand dam costs $9,900 to build
This year we are increasing our support of the work of our partner, the (Anglican) Church in the Province of Myanmar (CPM), enabling them to provide clean drinking water to people in eight villages remote from the large towns and cities.

We will be doing this in three dioceses and two missionary dioceses.

Often the problem for water access lies in topography. Many of these villages are in mountainous areas, where wells can be difficult to dig. In such cases providing more rainwater tanks is a good option.

Sometimes the problem is that the village has increased in size and its existing water catchment and storage is insufficient. This is the case with Kyun Chaung Village. This village is 8 hours by boat from Pathein City in the Ayeyarwady region west of the capital, Yangon. Almost 1,000 people live there – a mixture of Christians, Buddhists and Muslims, who live together peacefully. During the rainy season, the villagers have no problem getting fresh water, but in the dry season the water becomes salty, due to the incursion of sea water.

Although the community currently has two rain water collection tanks, these are not enough for the whole village. So the people have to buy fresh water from nearby places. This is not always easy, or possible. Some people do not have enough household utensils for fetching water; some do not have boats to carry water. Some elderly people are too frail to travel far. The results can be fatal, as people catch diarrhea or hepatitis because of having to drink dirty water.

It is also sobering to realise that this village is one of those still recovering from the devastating effects of Cyclone Nargis, twelve years ago.

As well as gaining better access to clean water, communities participating in the project also learn about how to care for the environment, about safer agricultural practices, and how projects can be used to increase women’s participation and empowerment.

To gain an insight into how the Church implements the water projects, read about the work of U Yaw Sung, an active member of his local parish.

U Yaw Sung is 42 and lives in a village in Kachin State. He has two sons. He is the church secretary and actively participates in church activities.

All the training relating to the installation of the water facilities went well in his village last year. He organized all the tube well drilling, and the construction of the water tank for the community. Because he understood what was required, he was also able to lead the village community in managing the water system to ensure it can be used for many years to come.

U Yaw Sung told the community, “We have our own tube well now. It is our responsibility to maintain it and the water tank as our own, for longer sustainable use in our village. We have also our own parish hall and can provide programs like capacity building training for our church and also for our community... This water project is a great support to fulfil our hopes for the future”, U Yaw Sung added, with a smile of satisfaction on his face.

In 2020 MM001WS needs $91,558 (Tax-deductible)

This year we aim to supply clean drinking water to eight villages, a total of 2,750 people, and conduct seminars in hygiene and sanitation, environmental awareness, safe agricultural practices and women’s empowerment.
Women in this Mandalay village no longer have to go far to fetch water. © CPM, 2019. Used with permission.

Please consider supporting this project for the sake of the health and well-being of those living in the eight remote villages.

A bag of cement for constructing some of the water facilities costs $15

PVC pipes to carry water 3.5km to one village of 71 families in Sittwe diocese costs $40 per family

Training workshops, typically conducted in the local church, cost $60, to train 20 people in 4 different topics: personal hygiene and sanitation, gender and environmental awareness, and agriculture.

A large overhead water tank costs $2,200

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It means that communities who are eligible to benefit from getting a WASH project* will have the added opportunity to establish a Literacy school in their community as well. Most of the rural areas in Vanuatu suffer from both lack of access to clean water and sanitation, and lack of literacy and numeracy skills. It makes sense for ACOM to develop both projects in the same community, saving time and money on expensive inter-island boat transport, among other benefits. Already, the committees who manage the water projects and the Literacy Schools are often the same people. The project will be more efficient and cost-effective.

When you read Nelson’s story below about his community of Onlapa, you will see both the picture of multiple disadvantage as well as the excitement felt by remote and rural Vanuatu communities about this move to integrate the two projects.

“My Name is Nelson Tabi, aged 37, from Onlapa – East Pentecost Island in Penama province of Vanuatu.

“I am sharing this story on behalf of the people of Onlapa. Onlapa has a total population of 105 with no access to government services, no means of transport, no mobile networks. The community is very remote and the only means of transport to access government services is sea transport (only available once a month), and by foot. For any emergencies, as most of the population here are not educated, communication is really an issue. I have been to school and am able to communicate on behalf of my community.

“Onlapa has no education services, no health services and we are on our own. We are struggling to earn a living and it becomes worst during disaster times.

“Life is a challenge when there is lack of clean and safe water for the population. Our community people used to access water from a small river nearby for domestic uses including laundries, but it has become polluted.

“Therefore, the Onlapa community leaders were so grateful to have the representation of the Anglican Church (ACOM) in the community to provide opportunity for the church to identify and consider our need of water and sanitation as well as access to education via non-formal education.

“The rainwater harvest system installed by ACOM-V will truly provide help for all community members to access clean and safe water. Not only that, but the installation of the VIP latrines inspired everyone to stop open defecation within the community. Children will be taught how to use the latrines.

“Last but not the least we are looking forward to starting the Adult Language Literacy & Numeracy classes too. So our big thank you to ACOM-V and all funding partners for ensuring the changes that are happening here at Onlapa.

“We are looking forward to ACOM-V’s next visit.”

This year we aim to raise awareness of hygiene in ten communities across three provinces in Vanuatu: Torba, Sanma and Penama. We also aim to help construct model latrines and bathrooms, and improved water sources in fifty households, as well as give local people the skills to replicate these water and sanitation facilities. This will be implemented through our Vanuatu partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM-V).
Your generous donation will support this exciting integrated project, bringing the blessing of clean water, safe sanitation and the gift of literacy to the most remote communities of Vanuatu.

Stationary, workbooks and a blackboard for one literacy class of up to 15 students cost $95

A three day teacher training workshop typically costs $110 per teacher

Designing and printing a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Information Kit for household distribution costs $30 per kit

A two day technical workshop for members of Community Water Committees costs $200 per person

A household latrine costs $390

A 5000L water tank, providing water for up to 200 people, costs $2,000

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Milton & the toilet he built for his uncle in Narevorovo, Maewo. ©ABM/Terry Russell 2019.
Naw is 35. She lives in a village in Myanmar’s Kayin State. One of her duties is to pound the paddy seeds to separate rice from its husk to be able to cook it. There is no rice mill in her village so Naw and her husband had to carry 40kg paddy seed bags on their backs to a traditional rice mill. This involved a two hour walk over a stony dirt road, crossing many streams on their way. They would then return to their village in the same manner.

Naw also had her baby on her back, tied by a thick shawl, while she pounded the paddy seeds.

“I have to get up at about two or three in the morning and go to the next village to pound rice. My legs get so tired from pounding the rice especially with the baby on my back. I do not have any choice because if I don’t do it, my family won’t get rice and will go hungry.”

When her village participated in the sustainable agriculture project, they chose a new rice mill as their priority. This was installed in mid-2018. These days, Naw has a radiant smile on her face, as she says, “There are many benefits from the rice mill. I don’t have to get up so early in the morning and lose sleep anymore. My legs are not tired and there is no more carrying the rice bags back and forth. I am so happy.”

Not only has the mill saved people like Naw the time spent travelling to another village, the village development committee has been able to rent out their new mill to people from neighbouring villages.

Because of rent from the rice mill, the villagers now also have a social activities fund which will go towards health, education and other needs of their village. They also have more time for their families.

Naw’s village is becoming a place of laughter and good health and they believe even more can be achieved in the years to come.

ABM is working with the Diocese of Hpa-an, part of the Church in the Province of Myanmar, in two villages in Kayin State. The project provides farming skills to 155 families who have been “internally displaced” (living as refugees within their own country). Their lives have been completely torn apart by earlier ethnic conflicts and they are now seeking a new start. The project will also assist these families to strengthen their resilience and help them build stronger communities.

As well as the rice mill, the villagers received training in organic fertilisers, agriculture methods and financial management, as well as parenting, the rights of people with a disability, and women’s empowerment.

This year we aim to continue supporting 155 families suffering from the effects of internal displacement to build healthy and self-reliant communities.

Women in Hpa-an planning their sustainable agriculture project together. © CPM. Used with permission.
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Myanmar - Sustainable Agriculture in Hpa-an Villages

Naw (R) with her baby on her back is delighted with the new rice mill. © CPM, 2019. Used with permission.

Your support of this project will make a lasting difference to almost 1,000 people, like Naw, who are rebuilding their lives following the devastation of many years of conflict.

Village training and workshops on child protection, gender and parenting cost $450 each, covering a week’s worth of travelling for diocesan project staff

A two-week residential training in Yangon for six farmers from the two villages to learn about sustainable agriculture methods costs $900

The cost of setting up a village farm to reduce slash and burn farming and diversify family incomes is 2,500 AUD (this covers wire fencing and banana and yam tubers for planting)

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Children in Central Sulawesi using soap from hygiene kits provided by ACT Indonesia. © Simon Chambers/ACT.
**GENERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND**

This year we aim to support two ecumenical disaster preparedness and response networks, and fund meetings with Anglican partners to strengthen the development advocacy and disaster response work of the Anglican Alliance.

You hear about a devastating cyclone on the other side of the Indian Ocean, affecting the Southern African nation of Mozambique – a country most Australians don’t usually give a lot of thought to. You see television footage of homes and livelihoods being destroyed, whole villages being washed away. You’d like to help. You notice that ABM has an appeal for assisting the response to this emergency. You give. But you’d like to know more about how the money gets there, how it will help.

One of the reasons ABM is able to respond to disasters in countries like Mozambique is because we are connected into the world-wide Anglican family through the Anglican Alliance (for Development, Relief and Advocacy). Through the Anglican Alliance (for the world-wide Anglican family because we are connected into countries like Mozambique is able to respond to disasters in a coordinated and cooperative way.

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One of the reasons ABM is able to respond to disasters in countries like Mozambique is because we are connected into the world-wide Anglican family through the Anglican Alliance (for Development, Relief and Advocacy). When Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique as a Category 2 storm last March (and a month later was followed by Cyclone Kenneth), the Anglican Alliance quickly mobilised its members working in Mozambique. It also made contact with bishops in the dioceses of Lebombo and Niassa and other representatives of the Anglican Church in Mozambique (part of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa) to see how best to coordinate an Anglican response.*

Because we are part of the Anglican Alliance, ABM was able to send its supporters’ donations to Mozambique via the UK-based United Society (USPG). These funds were then joined with other funds and goods donated by members of the Anglican Church in Mozambique itself, and by other world-wide Anglican relief agencies, to make a real impact in helping those who had lost everything.

Meanwhile, closer to home in Vanuatu, ABM’s partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, is participating in training in disaster preparedness so that it can help its members prepare for and be resilient in the frequent cyclone emergencies that affect that country. Running this training is CAN DO, the Australian Church Agencies’ Network Disaster Operations. The aim is not just to help one or two churches, but to strengthen the ability of many local Vanuatu church networks to prepare for and respond to disasters in a coordinated and cooperative way.

And in parts of the world where neither CAN DO nor the Anglican Alliance normally operate, such as Indonesia, ABM is able to work with yet another network, Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance. Through ACT, ABM is able to respond in a coordinated way to disasters such as the tsunami that hit the Indonesian island of Sulawesi in September, 2018. ABM’s supporters contributed just over AUD20,000, and these funds were able to be added to funds received by other ACT partners to benefit over 12,000 people affected by the disaster. The successful response was organised by ACT members based locally.

All of these networks operate through secretariats, and it is ABM’s contribution to supporting those secretariats that needs your support, via our General Community Development Fund.

The General Community Development Fund also enabled ABM and its Papua New Guinea partner to participate in a Climate Change Advocacy workshop in Bangkok last year, organised by ACT Alliance. This workshop gave both ABM and our PNG partner strengthened knowledge and understanding of the significance of climate change to sustainable development, and equipped us to better contribute to climate risk management.

Please consider supporting this vital fund.

- ABM’s annual contribution to the Australian Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations is $20,000.
- Membership of Action by Churches Together costs $5,300 each year.
- Annual support for Anglican Alliance costs ABM $45,000 each year.

Other ways in which this fund supports the work of ABM include:

- Continuing to measure and evaluate the effectiveness of the aid projects ABM delivers.
- Enabling us to learn from and improve the work we do with our partners.
- Supporting the advocacy work of the Anglican Alliance and ACT Alliance in areas such as promoting the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and Climate Action.

*In 2020 XG011ZD needs $140,000 (Tax-deductible).

*An Anglican response to an emergency is one that is started and managed by local Anglicans, and is committed to helping the most affected people who may or may not be Anglicans themselves.

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For more information on Sustainable Development Goals, please visit:
https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs

Projects:
Kenya - Disability Inclusion Project, Kenya - Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Myanmar - Sustainable Agriculture in Hpa-an Villages, Philippines - Asset Based Community Development

These projects aim to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 1:
End poverty in all its forms, everywhere, including...

Target 1.4:
By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance.

Target 1.5:
By 2030, build the resilience of the poor and those in vulnerable situations and reduce their exposure and vulnerability to climate-related extreme events and other economic, social and environmental shocks and disasters.

Projects:

These projects aim to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 4: Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote life-long learning, including...

Target 4.6:
By 2030, ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.
This project aims to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 5:
Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, including...

Target 5.2:
Eliminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation.

Target 5.3:
Eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilation.

Projects:
Solomon Islands - Positive Parenting Program, Papua New Guinea - Positive Parenting Program, Zambia- Integrated Gender Project

These projects aim to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 6:
Ensure access to water and sanitation for all, including...

Target 6.1:
By 2030, achieve universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all.

Target 6.2:
By 2030, achieve access to adequate and equitable access to sanitation and hygiene for all, and end open defecation, paying special attention to the needs of women and girls and those in vulnerable situations.

Target 6b:
Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

Projects:
Myanmar - Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project, Vanuatu - Integrated WASH and Literacy Project

This project aims to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 13:
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, including...

Target 13.1:
Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries.

Target 13.3:
Improve education, awareness-raising and human and institutional capacity on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.

Target 13.b:
Promote mechanisms for raising capacity for effective climate change-related planning and management in least developed countries and small island developing States, including focusing on women, youth and local and marginalized communities.

Projects:
The Solomon Islands - Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Program, Kenya - Sustainable Livelihoods Program

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ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

ABM has a rich and complicated history of involvement with the First Nations peoples of Australia, including some significant failings. We believe that the task of working for reconciliation within Australia is integral to mission.

Our Church is blessed by the sacrificial ministry of many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans. These leaders are often working with vastly inadequate resources, and in situations of very high need. ABM strives to correct that inequity by channelling the generous giving of the wider church to equip Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders to carry out the work they are called to do.

ABM believes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have unique gifts for our Church. ABM supports the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) and the National Aboriginal Bishop in their call to elevate the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the church, and in society. We believe that the voices emerging from the struggles of people marginalised in our own society help us to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church, and to prophetically imagine the future God is calling us into together.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program

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ABM Pilgrimage participants visiting St Alban’s Church Yarrabah are pictured here with community members including Bishop Arthur Malcolm (far right). © Peter Branjerdporn, Anglican Church Southern QLD, 2019.

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RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

A voice cries out: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.’
Isaiah 40.3

ABM’s Reconciliation Coordinator Celia Kemp says: “If the Australian Church wants to know what really happened in Australia’s past, what is really happening now, and where God is speaking into the Australian church - we need to listen to the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.”

Your support for this project enables ABM to create resources and events which help the Anglican Church and the wider community to hear the voices of First Nations peoples. This includes resources for National Reconciliation Week and support for liturgies developed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Donations to the Reconciliation Program helped with the production of the major new study resource A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart and an accompanying group leader’s guide.

Spurred on by examples in other parts of the Anglican Communion, ABM is currently working on a conference and publication to elevate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives on God’s mission. This work aims to connect, encourage and amplify the voices of emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

Your support of the project enables ABM to build platforms for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans to speak prophetically to the wider church.

In 2020 AU021RE needs $15,000

Support for the Reconciliation Program has enabled ABM to produce and distribute resources like A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart. © ABM, 2019.
Statement From The Heart

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from ‘time immemorial’, and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or ‘mother nature’, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia’s nationhood.

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are aliened from their families at unprecedented rates. This cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. 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.

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.
The main purpose of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is to support the development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders through study programs leading to awards in theology, suicide prevention, addictions management and community development.

The College aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be leaders with the faith, vision and skills to be effective in building up their people, their churches and their communities. The College survives on a shoestring budget, serving students all over Australia from offices in a converted church hall in Cairns. Students travel to Cairns to participate in intensive teaching blocks. They are also supported with home-based studies in their local communities.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College needs and deserves the support of the wider Australian Church as they train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in theology and ministry, mental health, addictions management, and community development. Your support helps to empower students to find their voice and articulate theology through the lens of their own culture, language, and relationships.

In 2020 AU016WB needs $62,500 (Tax-deductible)

This college is God’s gift to our people. Like me, I was in a little island, and now I can understand the Bible, I can talk about the Bible. Because I never knew what the Bible was all about.
Timothy Gibuma, Boigu Island, Torres Strait Islands

Wontulp has really opened my eyes spiritually to know that gospel and culture go together.
Evelyn Ambrym, Yarrabah

In our culture we used to make spears out of bamboo. You take the bamboo and put it in the fire. The fire is the Holy Spirit. Then you’ve got to smooth it and bend it to make sure it is straight. Then you can throw it to catch the fish. This is what this College is all about - it is shaping me to be where I am.
Ivy Bon, Murray Island, Torres Strait Islands

It touches the real need of our communities. It is also culturally appropriate - because we are Indigenous. We understand where people come from.
Eddie Turpin, Addictions Management and Community Development Course Coordinator
Certificate IV in Indigenous Mental Health (Suicide Prevention) Graduates with their teachers. © Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, 2018. Used with permission.

Watch this new video to hear more from Wontulp students and lecturers https://youtu.be/kk7ublefVs (or visit ABM’s YouTube channel).

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NATSIAC’s vision is to be the primary voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans, promoting Gospel mission, encouraging ministry and generating resources so that they may walk together with God and the wider church.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council is an official body of the Anglican Church of Australia with representatives from across the national church working together on issues that are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans. NATSIAC members are immersed in Indigenous ministry. From their own experience and accumulated wisdom, they guide the wider church on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters. Members have expressed their concern for the serious Gap in Indigenous health outcomes, and the struggle by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to overcome poverty, including access to decent housing and sanitation. They consider rates of domestic violence, incarceration and deaths in custody to be unacceptable. NATSIAC are also calling attention to the impact of climate change in the Torres Strait Islands.

NATSIAC provides a vital and prophetic voice in the church. Your support of NATSIAC helps Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans to support one another and raise their voice in the wider church.

In 2020 AU019NA needs $12,500
AUSTRALIA - NATSIAC

NATSIAC members at their 2019 Gathering in Adelaide. © ABM/Brad Chapman.

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Gawura had a momentous year in 2019 with the first student to finish year 12 after starting in kindergarten when Gawura was established in 2007. Izak reached this milestone and will be the first of many Indigenous students to walk this path. He has exciting dreams for his future and plans to be a cardio thoracic surgeon one day, working in his community.

Gawura also had more reasons to celebrate in 2019 when one of their graduates commenced a PhD and another started her Masters at Oxford University.

Gawura is the first free-standing, deliberately all Indigenous school in NSW in the independent sector. Gawura was established by St Andrew’s Cathedral School in response to the inequalities and poor educational outcomes of First Nations people.

Gawura has very small class groups with a maximum of five students per grade, where literacy and numeracy are taught intensively with cultural learning and language embedded into every lesson. Gawura has nine Indigenous staff members.

Your support of this project will help to provide a Gawura scholarship for a student in secondary school to put them on pathways that will set them up for life.

Georgia began studying at Gawura when it opened in 2007. She has now completed a Bachelor of Arts (Sociology) at the University of Sydney and begun a PhD at ACU in Aboriginal Education and Positive Psychology. Georgia is the first Gawura student to commence a PhD. © Gawura School, 2019. Used with permission.

“But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!”
Amos 5:24.
In response to requests, last year Gloria began a new Sunday School that meets at the Buninyong Community Centre. The Sunday School began as a monthly occurrence and now meets fortnightly. Many of the children come from the nearby housing estate and are very keen to learn about Jesus.

The Elders Outreach Group meets every Tuesday with a diverse range of activities and excursions. During NAIDOC Week celebrations in 2019 Gloria was named Dubbo’s ‘Elder of the Year’ in acknowledgement of her extensive service to the community.

Gloria continues to visit the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre and conduct weddings, baptisms and funerals, as well as a women of the Bible series, speaking visits and a reconciliation luncheon.

Your support provides a small stipend to Gloria and one day/week of administrative assistance. It also goes towards hall hire, petrol for the mini bus, dinners, rallies, catering and Christmas gifts for the boys at the Juvenile Justice Centre.

Please help Gloria Shipp to continue her pioneering and inspiring ministry.

$ In 2020 AU005DB needs $25,000

Rev’d Gloria Shipp with Adam Wiseman and Jamie McLennan at the 2019 Reconciliation Luncheon. © Walkabout Ministries, used with permission.
Rev’d Gloria Shipp is frequently approached to conduct outdoor baptisms, like this one where 5 children were baptised. © Eddie Shipp, 2016.

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.
Galatians 5:25

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Firstly, there is a desperate need for such training, as access to quality education in remote Indigenous settings remains a significant challenge. A recent Charles Darwin University research report concluded that over 50% of remote, Indigenous NT adults would not have the LLN skills needed to successfully complete a VET sector Certificate I course. Thus, when over 500 remote Indigenous students apply to study at the Nungalinya College each year, almost all of them begin their journey with an LLN course. However, even more importantly, the nature of these courses means there is flexibility to teach literacy and numeracy through the Scriptures, so students can grow in their faith and Biblical knowledge whilst improving their foundational skills.

In 2020, Nungalinya has further strengthened this pathway with three courses on offer: a preliminary course in English as an Additional Language (EAL), Certificate I in General Education and Certificate II in EAL. Each of these courses can now be studied over a three year cycle, extending the time students can build their skills and biblical foundations before entering the Certificate III in Ministry and Theology. In 2020, the focus of the courses is the New Testament with themes of Peter and the early church, the missionary Paul, and Christians as ‘peacemakers’ respectively.

Many of the students who come to Nungalinya are already church leaders, and across a year, people attend from over 100 different communities! In 2019, it was wonderful to see pastors from the Kimberley region in Western Australia make their way to the College for the first time and for a new cohort of Diploma of Translating students to begin their journey.

Nungalinya continues to offer holistic care and training and invites you to continue to partner with them in 2020.
Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

1 Thessalonians 2: 8
Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsula:
The Aboriginal communities on the Cape York Peninsula by and large cannot support stipendiary ministry. The exception to this are Kowanyama and Pormpuraaw where the Diocese runs (with the support of the community) a community store enabling a stipended priest to be appointed. Other communities – such as Lockhart River, Palm Island and Aurukun cannot afford a stipended minister. Therefore a half-time Ministry Development Officer has been appointed, combined with a half-time appointment at Yarrabah. The role is to support and mentor ministers in Aboriginal Communities, especially non-stipended and lay ministers. There is also a training role for those seeking ordination or appointment as a lay minister. At present the Diocese has very few Aboriginal priests and a key part of this role is to raise up Aboriginal leadership.

Developing the Church in the Torres Strait:
In order to strengthen the Church in the Torres Straits the Diocese plans to hold an annual Regional Council with election and appointment of Torres Strait Clergy to senior positions. The Torres Strait Islands leadership will need to travel. In addition, it is intended to place a household of Melanesian Brothers on Thursday Island who will have a role in running the parish on Thursday Island and in providing mission through the Torres Strait Islands.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry Formation:
For both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church there is lack of leadership under the age of 50 years – but there are suitable candidates in the younger age range coming forward. Whilst there are no fees for attending Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, support is needed for studies: including a suitable laptop for each student, financial support when on residential courses, provision of mentoring, and Anglican formation in conjunction with the Ministry Development Officer.

Some of these projects may also receive support through ABM’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants.

$ In 2020 AU007NQ needs $50,000
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Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.

Matthew 28.19

Anglicans in Torres Strait celebrate the ordination of Daniel Stephen as a Deacon in the Church of God.

© Ven Chris Wright, Diocese of North Queensland, 2019.
The Diocese of the Northern Territory is the youngest of the 23 dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia. It comprises almost one fifth of the Australian landmass. The total population of the Northern Territory is about 230,000 people, 30% of whom are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

The Diocese of the Northern Territory is seeking assistance for a number of important activities aimed at strengthening Aboriginal church leaders and building up healthy, flourishing, Aboriginal churches.

Funds given to this project are used by the Diocese of the Northern Territory for high priority Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mission activities, including the projects on this page:

**Territory Aboriginal Anglican Leaders Conference**
The traditional church mechanisms for decision making in the Anglican Church are failing to provide Territory Anglican church leaders with a meaningful voice to discuss the issues that matter to them, or receive the support they desire to remain strong in ministry. While the importance of enabling and empowering Aboriginal voices in existing structures remains a priority, Aboriginal Anglican Leaders in the NT have asked for a gathering where they can talk together about issues of common concern to the different churches.

*Needs $36,700*

**Men’s Music Initiative**
A pilot project in Gunbalanya to engage men and boys through music that is being led by older Aboriginal musicians who have been part of a gospel band and recorded a popular Christian album in their local language.

*Needs $3,500*

**Territory Aboriginal Anglican Consultative Council/Reference Group**
Having listened to the call of Aboriginal people for a voice, through the Statement from the Heart, the Diocese would like to empower Aboriginal Anglicans to form a council or reference group. This group would meet several times each year. It is hoped that the group might be able to be a voice in Diocesan life on matters of relevance, such as strategic planning questions and on matters of their own initiative, as well as questions referred to it by Diocesan Council.

*Needs $8,000*

NB: The name and functions of this group are tentative, in that it would need to be negotiated and finalized by the inaugural members.

**Academic Scholarships**
To provide funding to enable Aboriginal Christian leaders to continue their theological training, even where life circumstances prevent them enrolling at the pace set by the government to be eligible for Commonwealth funding.

*Needs $5,000*

**Kriol Preya Buk (Prayer Book for Kriol Speakers)**
This project will support the printing costs of producing the Kriol Preya book for use in Kriol-speaking churches. It is hoped that every Kriol speaking church can be provided with a set for church use. The project will also provide a subsidy so that individuals can purchase the book for personal use at an affordable cost.

*Needs $3,000*

**Church Breakfast program**
The project aims to provide a breakfast of milk and Weet-Bix on a Sunday morning before church to children who are hungry.

*Needs $780*

**Church Strengthening Support**
The project is to partner with Aboriginal church leaders and support workers who live on Groote Eylandt, to enable them to travel fortnightly to support the young church at Bickerton Island.

*Needs $5000*
Urban Aboriginal Family Event
An event, for the families of Aboriginal children in Malak and Karama who engage with the church through Religious Education in the local schools.
Needs $635

Pre-Synod Gathering
The Pre-synod conference is a gathering of the Aboriginal synod representatives, aimed at giving time, space and explanation to the agenda of synod with the aim of enabling meaningful participation.
Needs $15,000

Women’s Retreat / Bible Camp
A multi-generational women’s bible camp, where mothers and grandmothers can bring along their daughters and granddaughters to spend time together in worship, bible reading and enjoying God’s creation in a safe and fun environment.
Needs $800

Bible Camp for Men
A men’s retreat or bible camp over one weekend. There would be planned worship, bible studies and time for rest, talking and fishing.
Needs $800

1 Peter 4:10
“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms”

In 2020 AU008BA needs $79,215

Some of these projects may also receive support through ABM’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants.
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

ABM’s Mission Grants give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a say in how funding should be prioritised and directed. The purpose of the grants is to support mission activities that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Grant applications which meet the funding guidelines are appraised by members of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council. Grant recipients (preference is given to Anglican Church organisations, or ecumenical initiatives where there is an Anglican connection) are required to provide complete financial reporting and demonstrate how the purpose of the grant connects with the Anglican Communion’s Marks of Mission.

Last year, grants helped to establish new Aboriginal ministries at Point Pearce in South Australia and at Toronto in New South Wales. Mission Grants assist local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander churches by strengthening ministry and providing the resources for hopes and dreams to be turned into action.

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.

The Gunbalanya Men’s Music Initiative began because some older men were worried about the younger men getting in trouble and wanted to share the good news with them through music and give the boys and men something better to do. © M Pearson, Diocese of the Northern Territory, 2019.

In 2020 XG015ID needs $100,000

In 2020 AU011YE needs $30,000

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Youth Engagement grants support mission activities that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people. The grants are appraised and prioritised by NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

In the Northern Territory, a Youth Engagement grant has assisted with the production of culturally relevant Sunday School material for use by Aboriginal congregations. Funds have also assisted the burgeoning youth ministry at Bamaga on the Cape York Peninsula.

Grant applications for Youth Engagement are managed through the same process as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants.

Your support for this work will be used for projects across Australia to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth.
Aboriginal Thanksgiving Prayer

God of Holy Dreaming, Great Creator Spirit, from the dawn of creation you have given your children the good things of Mother Earth.

You spoke and the gum tree grew.

In the vast desert and the dense forest, and in the cities and at the water’s edge, creation sings your praise.

Your presence endures at the rock at the heart of our Land.

When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of all your people and became one with your wounded ones: the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.

The sunrise of your Son coloured the earth anew, and bathed it in glorious hope.

In Jesus we have been reconciled to you, to each other and to your whole creation.

Lead us on, Great Spirit, as we gather from the four corners of the earth; enable us to walk together in trust from the hurt and shame of the past into the full day which has dawned in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Reverend Lenore Parker
Life Member of NATSIAC
A Prayer Book for Australia
ABM’s Church to Church Program is the means by which Anglicans in Australia help our Overseas Partners to be the Church.

The program targets two areas – leadership formation and training (including theological education) and evangelism – which are of primary importance.

By assisting our Partners to train clergy and lay people they are providing high-level Christian formation and nurturing discipleship and leadership. In this way, we believe our Partners create a solid evangelistic base for themselves.

Those who are trained are able to turn their parishes into ‘mission stations’ and these stations bring people to know Jesus through their membership of the Church through Holy Baptism and then nourish their faith through the sacraments and through Scripture.
Rev Peter Myint Zaw from St Paul’s Parish in the Yangon Delta of Myanmar looks after 3 churches which span 7 villages. © ABM/Brad Chapman, 2015.
AUSTRALIA - ENCOUNTER PROGRAM

Become an In-service Training Champion by supporting ABM’s Encounter Program.

Anglicans who work for the Church in Australia are lucky: if some kind of training is needed it’s usually forthcoming, one way or another. If, for example, your parish’s secretary needs some coaching on how to develop and manage the parish website, then that will usually happen fairly routinely. It’s not the same for our overseas partners. For them, on the job training can seem like an unobtainable luxury.

Mary* works as a communications officer for one of ABM’s overseas partners. Fr James* is a priest from another of our overseas partners who has worked in his parish for five years, and has been unable to get much post-ordination training. Peter* is from yet another ABM partner. He’s a diocesan secretary who would like some upskilling. Despite their different contexts – Africa, Asia, the Pacific – they all have one common need: in-service coaching to help them to do their jobs more confidently and effectively.

The training that Mary, Fr James and Peter all need is capacity building – the sort of coaching that will give them extra know-how and extend their abilities in the workplace.

However, communications training for Mary is not easily available in her country and it is too expensive for her diocese to afford. Fr James’ desire to learn more about hospital chaplaincy is unlikely to be fulfilled for the same reasons. Peter’s longing to learn more about how to run a diocesan office with a high degree of professionalism faces exactly the same obstacles.

So what can be done? Well, here’s how you can help: by making a donation to ABM’s Encounter Program, you’ll be helping people like Mary, Fr James, and Peter to travel to Australia (or occasionally to ABM’s other partners) to reach their goals. By being an In-service Training Champion you can help to upskill ABM’s overseas partners, and give them opportunities at the same time to learn about church life in our country. Similarly, as Australian Anglicans, we can learn from people like Mary, Fr James, and Peter about what it is like to be an Anglican in other parts of the world.

ABM exists to help the Anglican Church of Australia to respond to God’s mission by joining in. Join with other parishes and individuals to give the precious gift of training, helping our Anglican sisters and brothers who work for the Church.

We need your help: this year we are seeking $18,000 for the Encounter Program. You can help by making a one-off donation, or you can set up an ongoing monthly amount. Please support those who need their expertise increased.

By supporting this project you can have a positive impact not only on the Encounter Visitor, but also on the Churches they serve.

We need your help: $18,000

* Not their real names

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- Bottom Right: Encounter 2011 - Fr Michael Tavoa (ACOM) after the Sunday mass at St John’s Fremantle. © St John’s Church, Fremantle, WA 2011.
ZAMBIA - ST JOHN’S THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Where there is no vision, the people perish – so we read in the Book of Proverbs. In order to raise up leaders who are able to help guide the five dioceses of the Anglican Church in Zambia into the future, St John’s Seminary in Kitwe exists to train those who offer themselves for the Church’s ordained ministry. But it’s not an easy task. In order to allow students from poorer dioceses to attend, the college does not charge for tuition.

The Rev Canon Francis Mwansa, Rector of St John’s Seminary, is the man tasked with making sure that the college is able to produce well-trained students who are ready to be ordained and then sent into parishes to take up leadership positions. For a year or so after those students leave Fr Francis’ care they will be deacons, serving their communities during the week and taking their place at the altar on Sundays. Once they are deemed ready by their bishop, they will serve the Church as priests.

The seminary receives a small monthly grant from the national Church. But it’s not nearly enough for Fr Francis to run the college effectively.

Fr Francis has to work out where to find funding for basics such as the college internet connection, books for the library, books for graduating students to help them transition from the seminary into parish ministry, maintenance around the college, and even money to top up the staff wages. All the college students rely on him – such as this year’s intake of first-year students: Adamson Lunda, Emmanuel Mwinga, David Mwanza, Allan Mbewe, Benny Mwenya, Clement Musaka, Frank Chibesa and Thomas Mwiche.

Here’s where you can be a hero: St John’s seminary needs your help to thrive. Your donation will mean that Fr Francis can ensure that the college continues to produce ordination-ready graduates who are well equipped to minister in their parishes. With your donation the formation that the graduates receive will be relevant to contemporary Zambia. For example, the students can learn about psycho-social counselling, which is the support given to people diagnosed with HIV, and about how to organise support for children whose parents have died of an AIDS-related condition.

ABM supports the seminary, founded by the Australian priest Fr Charles Helms, and invites you to join with other Australian parishes and individuals in ensuring that the Church in Zambia is able to produce graduates with vision who have the skills to lead their parishes into the future.

In 2020 ZM004TF needs $20,000

We need your help: this year we are seeking $20,000 for St John’s. You can help by making a one-off donation, or you can set up an ongoing monthly amount. Please support the seminary and make a positive difference to the students’ lives.
In this year’s Project Book we’re going to introduce you to some of the students at Newton Theological College. Each of them is a third-year student in 2020.

Clement Komis, 25, is a student from Aipo-Rongo Diocese. A softly-spoken man, he comes from an Anglican family. In 2004 he was baptised by Archbishop James Ayong. It came relatively late in his life because his village did not have a parish priest for 16 years. He has five brothers, two of whom are evangelists.

Edward Kabai, 36, comes from the Diocese of Port Moresby. His family is mixed – his father being a Roman Catholic, his mother an Anglican. His parish, St Simon and St Jude, is about four hours’ drive away from Port Moresby. For some time he was a seeker with the Melanesian Brotherhood, but did not feel a call from God to join them formally. Having been engaged in youth work in his parish, he was encouraged by his bishop to come to Newton College for ordination training.

Peter Kias, 33, is a student from the Diocese of Aipo-Rongo. His father worked with Archbishop David Hand. Peter was involved with Sunday School and Youth activities when he was a child and went to Kerina Evangelists’ College after he left secondary school. After six years working in a parish, he was encouraged to apply for ordination training at Newton College. One of his sons, Stanis, is interested in science and has hopes of becoming a meteorologist one day. ’We have lots of weather in PNG,’ he said.
Nigel Siunabae, 51, is an old boy of Martyrs’ Memorial School in Popondetta. He has an ecumenical perspective because, though coming from an Anglican family, he spent many years working with Youth with a Mission’s medical ship. Nigel studies hard and is keen to get as good an education as he can at Newton College. He is an ordinand of Port Moresby Diocese.

Francis Mavin, 24, comes from the Niugini Islands Diocese. He comes from an Anglican family, but when there was no priest available for his parish, he and his family worshipped with another denomination for some years. He considered studying nursing but was persuaded by his diocese to apply for ordination training. Francis has been coordinating the pastoral program to the young people on the college campus (children of the students, lecturers and lay staff). This program has offered a number of activities in which the young people can engage, and has given Francis and all the students in his year-group a wonderful opportunity to hone their pastoral skills.

Roy Wadidike, 39, is a student from the Diocese of Port Moresby. He comes from an Anglican family and grew up in Mount Hagen. He was involved with Sunday School and Youth activities and after he left school he made a Simple Profession with the Society of St Francis. However, he didn’t feel a permanent call to the Francisicans and so worked for a while as an evangelist in a village. When he moved to Port Moresby he helped prepare retreats at St Francis’, Koki, and for Anglican school students. He was encouraged by his bishop to apply for training for the ordained ministry.
Newton Theological College, just outside of Popondetta in Oro Province, is the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea’s institution for training people to become clergy. It’s in a very beautiful setting, cut out of rainforest. But life at the college is by no means easy.

The students you’ve been introduced to are in a period of transition: ABM has been working with the Church and the College Council to improve the college both physically and academically. To this end, Bishop Jeff Driver (formerly the Executive Director of St Mark’s National Theological Centre in Canberra) has been appointed to be the college’s Acting Principal by the Church, so that he can mentor the staff and teach the students. He has had visa problems throughout 2019 but is now in possession of paperwork which allows him to travel to and from PNG for the next three years. This means that the positive change that the college has already seen can now go ahead at full pace.

Over the past couple of years some things have significantly changed around the college. Here are some examples: some of the buildings have been repaired, a contemporary curriculum is being developed, some water tanks have been installed, the college is about to be connected to mains electricity for the first time, and the library has been updated with some books. However, with the limited financial support the college is able to receive from the national Church, things are still very tough.

Students (and lecturers) have to grow most of their own food in gardens – which takes them away from their studies – and they also tend a cocoa plot which the college has planted as a way to earn some income, but this again takes the students away from their studies. So too does milling timber and repairing buildings. Until the electricity is connected the college will rely on a generator they can only afford to have on for two and a half hours a day. The library will be difficult to use because of the low light levels, and the same is true for the chapel. Reading in either building is difficult even on sunny days. Work still needs to take place on the water pipes around the college as few of the houses have working showers.

You can help the staff and students of Newton College by making a donation, to allow the improvements we’ve already seen to continue. The surroundings at the college are beautiful, but life is hard for the students, the staff, and their families. Helping the Church to raise up capable leaders who can provide their communities with direction and guidance is a wonderful gift.

ABM’s commitment to the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea goes back to the 1890s when we funded missionaries to go north and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people in that country. Since the Church became independent in the 1970s we’ve walked together as partners. Join ABM, other parishes and individuals to help the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea to strengthen itself and the communities in which it works.

We need your help: this year we are seeking $84,745 for Newton Theological College. You can help by making a one-off donation, or you can set up an ongoing monthly amount. Please support the college and make a positive difference to the lives of the staff, students, and their families – and to the communities in which they will serve.
Fr Luscom Bera and Fr Giles Motisi, NTC lecturers sort through donated books with Larissa the librarian. © Bishop Jeffrey Driver, 2018.
HOLY LAND - GAZA CHILD NUTRITION PROJECT

When 12-month-old Hend was brought to the paediatric clinic by her mother to be assessed and thoroughly examined by the paediatrician, she was sick and malnourished. She weighed only 6.6 kg and was 67 cm tall. She also suffered from anaemia.

Hend is a Palestinian toddler living in Gaza. She was selected for the Ahli Arab Hospital’s Child Nutrition project, with her mother, for a three-month period. Hend is the fourth child in a large family. The whole family lives in one room at her grandfather’s apartment. And, although her parents are moderately well educated, Hend’s father is too poor to secure even enough food for the family.

Once in the program, Hend received the appropriate treatment and fortified biscuits. It surprised the staff and her mother how quickly her health and nutrition improved. During the three-month intervention her weight increased by two kilos, and her height by 4cm. Her haemoglobin level also rose to within the normal range. Hend’s mother, along with other care givers in the project, received nutrition counselling, education and a booklet on healthy eating, so that she now knows how to choose healthy food and how to feed her child during illness. Hend’s mother was also given a food parcel for Hend and the whole family.

Hend’s mother has expressed her deep gratitude to the hospital and for the generosity of ABM’s supporters who donated to this great project.

A study conducted by the Ahli Hospital has found that 90% of the beneficiaries continue to gain weight and stay healthy, six months after graduating from the program.

However, the plight of children in Gaza is far from secure. ABM recently received correspondence from the hospital, which is owned and managed by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. The letter (reprinted below) shows the feeling of hopelessness felt by the Ahli staff when they see the plight of children around them:

“Indeed the children of Gaza are unfortunate. What fault have they committed that they have to go through disastrous situations on a daily basis? They are suffering poverty, lack proper food and safe water. They face difficulties in accessing basic services like education and health and, above all, they are exposed to a high level of daily violence whether at their schools, in their communities or as a result of the continuing conflict between Israel and the Palestinians.

“I wonder what future awaits the children of Gaza? God only knows! The current challenges Ahli faces have become huge: a combination of extreme increases in health demands
What the project funds:

- Recruitment of part time paediatrician
- Recruitment of part time nutritionist
- Time allocation of other technical, administrative and staff members
- Medicines and disposables
- Contract company to provide fortified high energy biscuits and infant cereals
- Distribution of food parcels for 128 children’s families
- Group education sessions, individual counselling, and a nutritional booklet for the caregivers

and big shortages of donor funds!”
But, true to their Christian faith and ethos, the management of the Ahli Hospital will keep working to give hope for the hopeless. Their faith is strong.

This project provides a comprehensive level of intervention. The health component includes medical management of malnourished children as well as education sessions aimed at increasing awareness of the children’s caregivers, mainly mothers. It also works to combat coexisting infectious diseases. Malnourished and underweight children from vulnerable families in underprivileged areas of the Gaza Strip who are aged from six months to just under five years are eligible for the program. A large proportion of the children targeted are from refugee families who have been displaced since the late 1940s.

Once recommended for the project by locally based NGOs, the children and their caregivers are provided with free bus travel to the Ahli for a nutritional assessment and clinical examination, together with lab and radiology tests when indicated. Each child is seen by the hospital paediatrician every two weeks for three months or until their nutrition condition improves. Medicines are provided for those children suffering from infectious diseases. The project also provides high energy fortified biscuits for malnourished children. Children who present with congenital heart disease may be referred to Government consultants for follow-ups and treatment.

He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, ... ‘Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me’.

Matthew 18.2,5

ABM joins with the staff of the Ahli, and the Diocese of Jerusalem, in praying that one day the political situation in Gaza will be much better than it looks today, and that the children of Gaza, including little Hend, will enjoy long lives of peace and prosperity. Your donation can, in the meantime, help to provide a chance for children who start life with more disadvantage than most.
Help strengthen the Anglican Church around the world by supporting a project from this book.

Simply fill out the form below and send it back to ABM.

**Contact Details:**

**I/we are:**
- [ ] Organisation
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Please include all relevant information that applies to you in the following section:

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**Pledge Commitment**

I/We would like to pledge our support to the following project(s). (You may choose more than one project. If you need more space then please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select the method of your pledge payments.

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I would like to donate by:
- [ ] Regular giving through ABM’s Direct Debit Program – Please turn to page 60 and complete the Direct Debit Section.
- [ ] Regular giving via cheque payment: [ ] fortnightly [ ] monthly [ ] quarterly
- [ ] You will receive information about your project via email. If you wish to also receive a laminated project info sheet to display in your parish, please tick.

**Donation**

I/We would like to make a one-off donation to the following project(s). (You may choose more than one project. If you need more space then please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select your method of payment.

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- [ ] I enclose my cheque made out to ABM
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**Please detach and return this form to:**

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  - Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230
- [ ] FAX (02) 9261 3560
- [ ] EMAIL info@abmission.org.au

Gifts to ABM will be applied to the support of project(s) selected. In the unlikely event of the project being oversubscribed or not proceeding to completion, donations will be applied to a similar project to the one(s) selected.
Direct Debit Request

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**Acknowledgement and Signature of Account Holder**

By signing this Direct Debit Request you acknowledge that you have read this and understand the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (overleaf) under which debit arrangements are made between you and ABM as laid down in this Direct Debit Request and in your Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

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DELIBATING YOUR ACCOUNT
By signing a Direct Debit Request you have authorised us to arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request. You should refer to the Direct Debit Request and this Agreement for the terms of the arrangement between us and you.

We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request

OR
We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account if we have sent to the address nominated by you in the Direct Debit Request, a billing advice that specifies the amount payable by you to us and when it is due.

If the debit day falls on a day that is not a business day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following business day.

If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

CHANGES BY US
We may vary any details of this Agreement or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days’ written notice.

CHANGES BY YOU
If you wish to stop or defer a debit payment, you must notify us in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the next debit day.

You may cancel your authority for us to debit your account at any time by giving us fourteen (14) days notice in writing before the next debit day.

You may change the arrangement (but not stop, defer or cancel) under a Direct Debit Request by telephoning us on 1300 302 663.

YOUR OBLIGATIONS
It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request. If there are insufficient funds in your account to meet a debit payment you may:

a) be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution;

b) also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment.

You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct.

DEFINITIONS
‘account’ means the account held at your financial institution from which we authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

‘Agreement’ means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.

‘business day’ means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a national public holiday. ‘debit day’ means the day that payment by you to us is due.

‘debit payment’ means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

‘Direct Debit Request’ means the Direct Debit Request between you and us.

‘us or we’ means Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM).

‘you’ means the customer who signed the Direct Debit Request.

‘your financial institution’ is the financial institution where you hold the account that you have authorised us to arrange to debit.

DISPUTES
If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 1300 302 663 and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly. If we conclude, as a result of our investigations, that your account has been incorrectly debited we will request your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted. If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will provide you with reasons and any evidence for this finding. Any queries you may have about an error made in debiting your account should be directed to us in the first instance so that we can attempt to resolve the matter between you and us. If we cannot resolve the matter you can still refer it to your financial institution which will obtain details from you of the disputed transaction and may lodge a claim on your behalf.

ACCOUNTS
You should check:

a) with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions;

b) your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and

c) with your financial institution before completing the Direct Debit Request if you have any queries about how to complete the Direct Debit Request.

CONFIDENTIALITY
We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information. We will only disclose information that we have about you to the extent specifically required by law, or, for the purposes of this Agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim). The Anglican Board of Mission – Australia will not sell, lend, disclose or give your personal information to any external individuals or organisations unless:

a) you have consented to the disclosure;

b) Anglican Board of Mission – Australia reasonably believes that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to an individual’s life or health; or

c) the disclosure is required by law.

NOTICE
If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this Agreement you should write to ABM-A Locked Bag 04005, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230.

We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.

Any notice will be deemed to have been received two business days after it is posted.
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