

Our Vision

ABM wants to see people everywhere experience the wholeness of life God offers in Jesus Christ, and to this end support our Partners as they participate in God's mission.

Our Profile

ABM is the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia. We work with Anglican Church Partners to develop and provide for the spiritual, social and material needs of people, both overseas and within indigenous communities in Australia.

We help the Anglican Church and the wider community realise and respond to the call for each of us to be a part of God's hope for the world.

Five Marks of Mission

ABM grounds all of its work in one or more of these Marks of Mission:

Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy

Challenge injustice and oppression

Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith

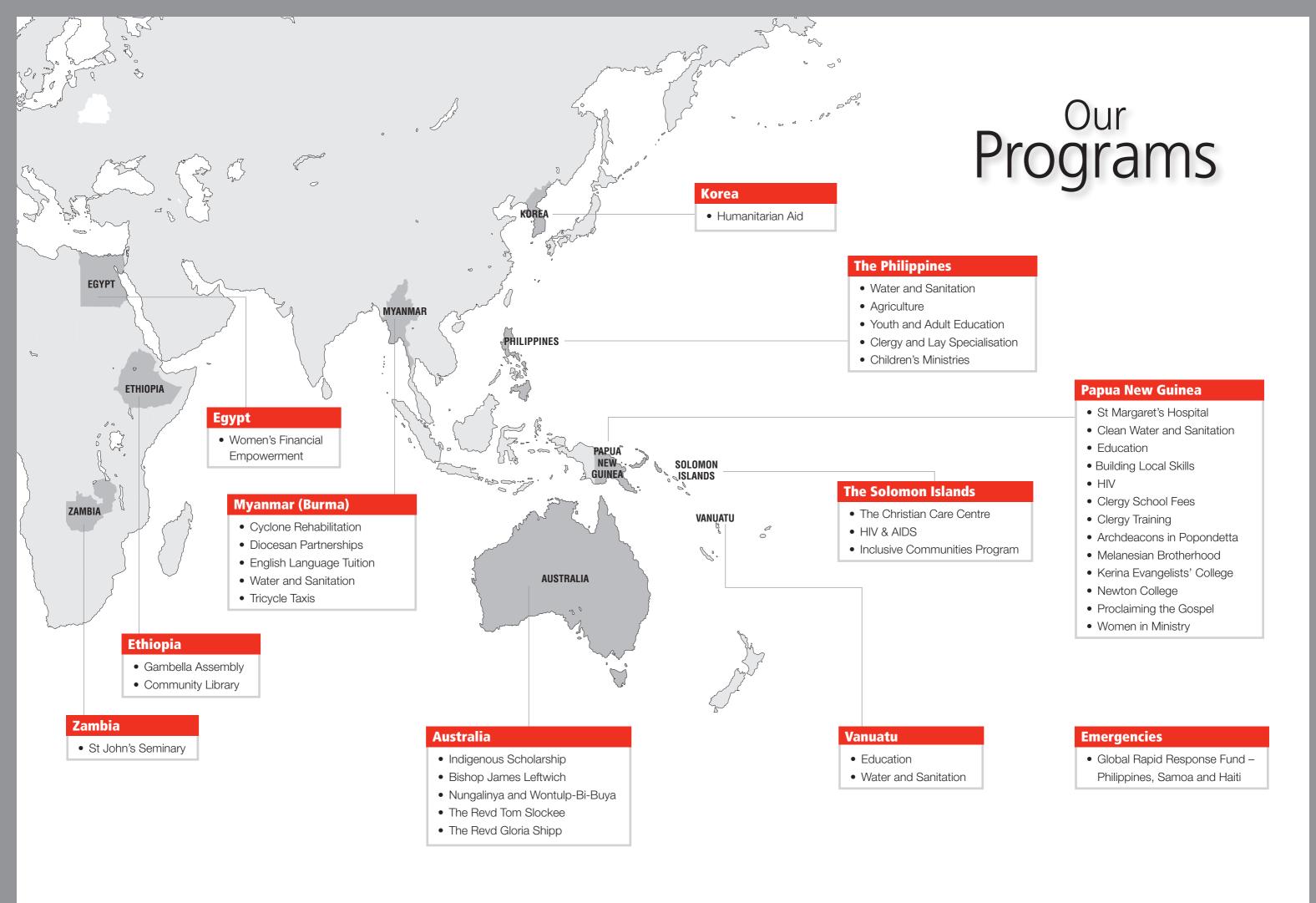
Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people



The feet of the Deputy Principal of Newton College in Papua New Guinea as he preaches during a Eucharist. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010. **Cover:** Padi Wayan is a Community Development worker and priest in the Northern Philippines. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010.

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None of our work would be possible without the generous support we receive from our donors and Partners.



Our Annual Report is a living testament to their work and we encourage all Australian Anglicans to share in their achievements and thank God for their faithful witness.

The work of ABM goes some way to answer God's call to mission as we strive to bring love, hope and justice to all people.

Whether it be supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry, community development work,

delivering on the Millennium Development Goals or an emergency appeal from our international Partners, ABM helps Australian Anglicans realise and respond to the call for the Church to place mission at its heart.

The work and projects reported on in the following pages bare witness within them to all the (five) marks of mission They offer insight not only into the holistic nature of ABM's work but also its variety. Each of us responds to God's calling in different ways. Yet, it is clear from these stories and experiences that Christ continues to guide and bless his Church as it engages the world. That should encourage each and every one of us to redouble our efforts to make known the good news.

As we continue to strengthen partnerships in the world and extend our work into Africa and China this year, we pray that Anglicans around Australia will continue to support the work of ABM.

John Jeans

The Revd John Deane

Executive Director



Julianne Stewart presents a goat to an AIDS orphan and his carer in Kenya. © ABM 2009

A Year of Growth



As with anything that is worthwhile, positive change often occurs slowly. ABM remains committed to working diligently with our Partners and the communities they serve to overcome the obstacles they have to receiving a decent education, gaining employment and enjoying good health.

One of the most heartening stories of the past year was from an African bishop. In a place that was largely populated by non-Christians for whom conversion would likely bring reprisals or even death, the Bishop said,

"In that place, we have dug wells, set up mobile clinics and provided education for their children, particularly the girls. We are not there to convert people. We are simply there to be a gospel presence in that place."

This year has been a year of growth in the programs area, as well as focussing on more strategic and achievable outcomes in all programs. In the Church to Church Program we have been working with Partners to see how we can make our contribution to evangelism and theological and leadership training more effective so that it helps grow ABM's Partner churches.

ABM's Indigenous Program was renamed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program. An outcome of the review of that program was the decision to build upon existing strengths in the dioceses, to support those

individuals and programs where great work is already being done and where ABM's funding can make a real difference. We have renewed our commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander theological colleges: Nungalinya in the Northern Territory, and Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in North Queensland. It has also meant increasing our support for the mission and pastoral work of Revd Gloria Shipp and to a new program in the Diocese of the Northern Territory led by the Revd Tom Slockee from Canberra-Goulburn Diocese. We have also continued to support the work of Bishop Jim Leftwich in North Queensland and to provide a scholarship for the Gawura campus of St Andrew's School in Sydney.

This year saw a mix of consolidation and growth in our Community Development programs, with new programs beginning in Kenya and Zambia. These are integrated human development programs that aim to improve the health, livelihoods and opportunities of people in rural areas of those countries where the church does much of its work.

ABM's continued support of Partner churches, and our representation of the Anglican Church of Australia in many places around the world as well as at home is a gospel presence in these places and alongside the people there. ABM supporters can feel that they are present, witnessing God's mission in all of the countries where ABM works.

Dr Julianne Stewart, Programs Director



Rooftops around the Wailing Wall and the Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem. © Tobin Lush/ABM 2009



Church to Church Program

God's mission is to draw all people to share in the divine life. By funding initiatives that train up 'labourers for the harvest' and that provide opportunities for those 'labourers' to go out into the field, ABM contributes to our Partners where they need it most. By doing this, we are playing our part in God's mission.

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.

A strong and vibrant Church that focuses on evangelism and growth can also be an effective and efficient provider of services to the wider community. Services such as education and literacy, health and HIV treatment, water and sanitation projects are examples of this.

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.

Robert McLean, Church to Church Manager

Good Friday Gift

On Good Friday the Anglican Church of Australia raises money for the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East. It is our way of remembering that Christ's birth, death and resurrection took place in this part of the world.

The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem values the support of brothers and sisters in Christ who fund the needs and ministries of local Anglicans in a region of conflict. This year the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem used ABM donations to provide scholarships ranging from 25% to 50% of tuition fees for high school leavers to go to university. These students who were unable to secure other scholarships or who might leave their communities for work overseas.

The church also supported needy families. Some families were unable to attend their jobs, due to ill health and mobility restrictions so funds were provided for Christmas and Easter celebrations so that these poor families might be able to celebrate.

Clergy ministry expenses were also supported by the Good Friday Gift. Due to Christian emigration and long-term hardships, many parishes can only afford building maintenance and utility bills, so the diocese has to support its priests to do their pastoral work by paying for some of their expenses.



An Aboriginal flag at a women's camp run by the Revd Gloria Shipp. © Vivienne For/ABM 2010

Australia

After a year of review, ABM's programs within Australia have sharpened their focus on supporting leaders. Our programs support Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders who work in their own communities with other indigenous people. Integrating different cultures, they are spreading the Good News by preaching or helping others. We are proud to support the work of individuals, such as the Revd Gloria Shipp and groups, such as St Andrew's Cathedral School, in the inspiring work they do. They help to remind us that there is Good News to tell – not just from the Gospels, but from many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities around Australia.

The Revd Gloria Shipp

Aboriginal people, especially those who were removed from their families as children, often report strong dislocation from their spiritual roots.

The Revd Gloria Shipp's ministry in and around Dubbo, New South Wales (NSW), seeks to address some of the issues of dislocation which can have repercussions throughout people's lives. The trauma they experienced is often linked to physical ill-health, mental illness and a sense of estrangement in the majority culture. In short, they prevent people living to the fullness of their potential.

ABM funds some of Gloria's stipend in addition to an annual Women's Camp.

The Camp aims to "Renew the Spirit Within" and attracted about 20 Aboriginal women in the past year. A non-Aboriginal mother of two adopted Aboriginal children, a non-indigenous priest and an ABM staff member also attended. The Camp helps women get away from everyday stresses and offers the opportunity to get in touch with themselves and each other. This fellowship takes place amidst traditional dancing, a smoking ceremony and a selection of speakers.

Women also learnt handicrafts, to demonstrate the value of using your hands – not your head. Evenings were a time for the campfire, songs and hymns and Sunday concluded with a church service.

Gloria said that during the years the camp has run, she

The Episcopal Bishop of Jerusalem, the Rt Revd Suheil Dawani says,

Your support helps maintain the vital continuity of Christian presence in the birthplace of Christianity.

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The Revd Gloria Shipp. © Vivienne For/ABM 2010

has seen the women come out of their shells, they have really grown and become confident to share their stories much more.

All year round, Gloria offers dinners for women, which focus on healthy food, healthy lifestyle, learning to love oneself, spiritual growth and the Eucharist.

The Revd Tom Slockee

There is an ongoing need for leadership and theological training of Aboriginal Anglicans in remote communities in the Northern Territory.

The Revd Tom Slockee, an Aboriginal priest from the South Coast of NSW moved to the Northern Territory in January 2010, to provide leadership and theological training to emerging church leaders in remote Aboriginal communities. His work has so far focussed on building

relationships and working with existing leaders to help them mentor others. He has already visited the communities of Minyeri, Ngukkur, Angurugu and Umbakamba on Groote Eylandte and Numbulwar.

A born evangelist, Tom said, "I want to deepen theological understandings, to help them (Aboriginal people) to share their stories within their own communities, to build disciples who will then be sent out to evangelise others." he said.

A priority is to work on raising the church presence in the community. Two leadership training workshops have been held to teach conflict management, dealing with criticism, mentoring, preaching, evangelism and healing ministry. All this while negotiating his way through cultures where there is often no common language.

Tom said, "One of the biggest challenges in my new job is the lack of funds to bring people to Darwin for this leadership and theological training...People have been sitting around believing in Christ for a long time, and they need to know what to do next."

Bishop James Leftwich

Bishop James (Jim) Leftwich has a vast territory to cover. He has both his diocesan work in the far-flung Diocese of North Queensland, as well as fulfilling a national role as one of two Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia – a position that ABM partly funds.

This year, Bishop Jim has spent more time than usual in his national job – which involves the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC), the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Council (NATSIEC) and membership of a special committee set up by General Synod to look into a changed structure and membership for NATSIAC. A new canon for changing the structure and membership of NATSIAC has been accepted in principle by General Synod.

Through NATSIEC Bishop Jim is promoting ways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians to engage in greater dialogue with each other. This is being done through NAIDOC Day, other national days and the Make Indigenous Poverty History campaign.

Much of Bishop James' diocesan work has him spending time going to remote communities where he conducts confirmations, holy communion services, the occasional house blessing and healing services.

Remote communities visited include Lockhart River and Injinoo, Kowinyama and Pormpuraaw (formerly Edward River) all located on Cape York Peninsula.

One of the things (my wife) Lalla and I enjoy most about this job is sharing with the people that support us (ABM and Bush Church Aid), sharing with them what our work is like. It gives me a wonderful opportunity to thank them for their support, both financial and in prayer. We couldn't do what we do without the prayers of our supporters in the church.

Bishop Jim Leftwich



Rhianna is fantastic at maths and is soon to join her brother in the secondary school should we be able to source funding for her. © SACS 2010 (used with permission)

St Andrew's Scholarships

St Andrew's Cathedral School first established Gawura, a campus within the school for Aboriginal students, in 2008. The students, from lower income households, receive a partial scholarship to St Andrews. ABM funds one of these scholarships for a secondary student each year. Initial funding came from a bequest and ABM donors have continued to fund the project in subsequent years.

The school is currently teaching 17 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the Secondary level. An Aboriginal Teacher Cadet has also been appointed to work as a community liaison worker with the students.

The State Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, visited the school this year and said, "What's unique about Gawura is the intensity of the staff/student ratio, the intensity of the focus on literacy and numeracy. It's really great to see kids show their potential and having their potential supported and encouraged by their teachers."

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

Despite difficult times over the past year, Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College is still managing to grow under the inspired leadership of the current principal, the Revd Victor Joseph. Under his leadership, donations to the College are one of the best investments that Australians can make to the spiritual leadership in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

In 2010 one of the College's main funding bodies ceased their contribution. This placed considerable financial strain on the College, but did not deter the staff from delivering the courses for 2010. In June of 2010 a total of 91 students were enrolled in courses. The College has also begun to roll out a new Certificate in Theology and Ministry. New students including indigenous students from the Catholic Church in Lismore, NSW, have enrolled in the course.

Interstate students would not be able to enrol at the College without the partnership with Nungalinya College. The exchange of staff and educational and teaching material is encouraged as well as representation of each College by their Principal at the Nungalinya College Governing Board and Wontulp-Bi-Buya College Management Committee.

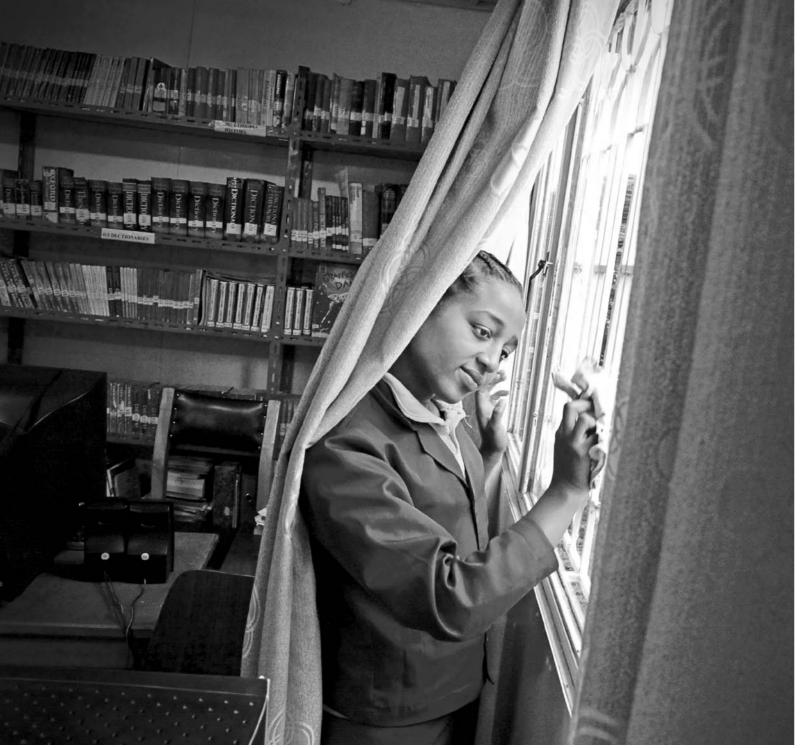
Currently under reaccreditation is the Diploma of Theology that is due to expire at the end of 2010. Wontulp is assessing the development of a new Cert IV in Theology and Ministry and also the Diploma of Theology to complement the current courses which include:

Certificate in Community Organising and Development, and Certificate in Alcohol and Other Addictions Counselling.

Wontulp students need every encouragement in their home based studies and to put their skills and training to greater use in the life of the Church and their Community. Staff morale is good despite the challenging times. The Trainers are busy preparing their field trips before the end of the year and finalising their upcoming graduations of students.

Nungalinya College

During 2009. Nungalinya College underwent an extensive re-accreditation process. This meant that for much of the financial year it was not fully operational as a teaching institution. The reaccreditation, although successful, presented the College Board with some fresh challenges in terms of its traditional teaching model which had employed Aboriginal teachers to teach the students in their own languages. Various ideas have been canvassed about ways that ABM can continue to provide material support for the college. ABM remains strongly committed to Nungalinya, and the theological and leadership training of Aboriginal people from the Northern Territory and other parts of Australia. The start of 2011 will bring a new Principal to the College, Mrs Judith Long, who has recently completed a Doctorate of Ministry in theological education which focuses on the personal transformation of students.



A young student cleans windows in one of the community libraries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. © Tobin Lush/ABM 2010

Ethiopia

Community Library

The new Community Library in Addis Ababa has been a great success offering books and study resources to students in the area.

Although this new library only has half the number of students registered at the original library, St Matthew's, the daily usage is already higher.

In exam time a group of 70 students asked if they could use the libraries to study all night because many come from large families, all sharing one room. We learnt that most students have to study all night at home, when their parents and siblings are asleep, but without access to books.

The Church quickly made it possible for this night time study to happen and for two weeks, every other night, all 70 students spent the night in the reading rooms, studying

and supporting each other and consequently achieved excellent results in their public exams.

The library was set up in an empty and slightly derelict compound next to the Bishop's office so the first challenge was to negotiate with the landlord to repair the building and then to install shelving, desks and chairs and, of course, library books.

Two excellent, qualified local librarians were appointed and have not only made sure that things ruin like clockwork, but have clearly befriended students and their parents.

Gambella Assembly

Tribal conflict, natural disasters and disease are regular features of life in the Gambella, Ethiopia.

The Gambella Assembly brings together members of the

Anglican Church who live in the region. Experience has shown that regular meetings of clergy and laity are vital to a sense of identity and purpose. They enable people to learn and grow together, to plan their mission and to solve problems.

The Right Reverend Andrew Proud, Area Bishop for Ethiopia said, "Without this project, we would be little more than an agglomeration of independent congregations. This project is critical to our cohesion as a group of faithful Anglicans seeking to engage in mission in one of the remotest, harshest environments in Ethiopia. Furthermore, this project emphasises Anglican identity. Many of our members come from churches where all decisions are made locally. This Local Assembly links us very clearly with the Diocesan Bishop and Synod in Cairo."

The churches are very far away from each other and living conditions hard, which makes it extremely difficult for clergy and lay people to meet. This project brings everyone together once a year. When, in 2008, the Local Assembly did not happen, problems escalated and significant resources were spent visiting remote areas to solve inter-clan conflicts.

This year, about 170 people attended the Assembly, which began on Ash Wednesday. Clergy and laity, representatives of each Mission Centre and each village church were brought together for three days of business meetings and one day for problem-solving.

The Gambella meeting gave participants the opportunity to understand and learn about Church structure and policy, to ask questions and air problems and to meet Area Bishops as well as simply spend a few days in Gambella, the biggest town in the area.

Egypt

Women's Financial Empowerment

Many families in Egypt are poor. More than 7 million children in Egypt are deprived of one or more of their rights, which include the right to nutrition, water and sanitation facilities, access to basic health-care services, shelter, education, participation and protection (UNICEF). This project, based in Cairo, aims to improve the standard of living for poor families by financially empowering women.

48 professional training courses were delivered to 574 students under the flowing areas:

- Design and manufacture of women's accessories
- Handicrafts and sewing
 Hairdressing
- Computer skills
- Liquid soap making

Women who previously had limited opportunities for generating income are now running small businesses which are contributing to the financial stability of their families.

ABM and other donor organisations funded vocational training as well as income generating projects by providing start-up loans for furniture and homeware shops, grocery and spice businesses as well as vegetable, cheese and butter businesses.

In total ABM helped 120 people through these loans and this project is now complete.

Zambia

St John's Seminary

In Australia we are lucky to be able to support our own ordinands but in Zambia, where everyday life is a struggle, finding the financial resources to train deacons and priests is virtually impossible. Not only is educating ordinands expensive, but ordinands in Zambia must live apart from their families for most of their four years of training. Formal employment in Zambia is less that 10% so any opportunity to support families is taken up eagerly.

Eleven seminarians are currently being trained for ordination at St John's Seminary in Kitwe, Zambia, where there is one full-time staff member and three visiting lecturers.

Twice a year, five ordinands' wives visit the seminary to participate in the 2-3 week course. The wives come from remote rural areas and city compounds to the courses that are funded by ABM. Bible study, counselling, health matters, Anglican Church order and worship and instruction in home crafts are some of the course offered. The courses are also an opportunity for ordinands to reconnect with their families.

The four courses held so far have given the wives valuable insights into the church's expectations of clergy wives in Zambia, expecting them to be leaders in the Mothers' Union and parish activities generally. Instruction in home crafts including tie and dye, tailoring and design, candle, vaseline and shoe polish making, all providing skills they can use for small income earning at home.

At the end of the course celebration their leader said, "This course will help us to supplement our husbands' incomes and indeed to earn ourselves a living. Please know that what you have done is a great achievement because it was the first time to call ordinands' wives for training. To start a new thing you have to be brave and strong because we know there are a lot of challenges. We are so grateful and we thank you so much."



With the help of ABM some of the wives are also attending special afternoon classes where they live, which will enable them to progress to Senior Secondary level of education.

This year the Zambian church celebrates 100 years and thanks God for the early missionaries of the Universities' Mission to Central

Africa from the UK who established the Anglican Church in Zambia. We thank God also for the missionary spirit of the Australian Church which encourages us to follow our centenary motto, 'Arise, build and grow'.

The Rt Revd John Osmers Rector of St John's Seminary Kitwe, Zambia.



A boatman on the Irrawaddy River in Myanmar (Burma). © Melany Markham/ABM 2009

Myanmar

Diocesan Partnerships

One of the best contributions that mission agencies can make in Myanmar is in improving the skills of Anglican Church staff in that country. Empowering local people is one of the best and most powerful ways to improve their lives and continue spreading the Gospel.

A series of leadership and training workshops was conducted for clergy and lay people in the Diocese of Toungoo and youth skills training was supported in Myitkina diocese. Funds were also provided for internet connection to two dioceses and one line connection to the Yangon diocese training centre. Through this project at least 100 young people were able to learn basic computer skills in Myitkina last year.

Cyclone Nargis Rehabilitation Program

Two years after the devastation of Cyclone Nargis, the people in Myanmar's delta region are still struggling to recover their livelihoods.

In May 2008, when the deadly Cyclone hit villages destroying houses, uprooting trees and flooding areas, Arthur (name has been changed) and his family saw their small bamboo shelter, which leaked during the rainy season, disappear.

Working in the paddy fields prior to the cyclone, Arthur also served as a church secretary in his local Parish of the Church of Province of Myanmar (CPM). Thanks to the church's housing project, Arthur is now one of the happiest in the village. "Even in my wildest dream, I have never thought to get such a good house like this," he said

The Nargis program constructed 75 houses, conducted 11 medical trips to different villages, distributed buffaloes and pigs, and provided capital for small scale incomegenerating activities including buying and selling of rice, fish and prawns and crab feeding.

Total direct beneficiaries of the program for FY2009–2010 were 1,080 and 4,374 others indirectly benefited.

For the period July 2009–June 2010, CPM's rehabilitation program covered a number of activities including housing construction, direct livelihood support, water and sanitation, and health and education activities.

The church (CPM) continues its commitment to help in the many areas hardly reached by other organisations. Given the huge need, the church has decided to extend the rehabilitation program to December 2011. ABM continues to assist the Church in the Province of Myanmar (CPM) by helping it implement community development projects. ABM funds projects that improve people's lives, especially in areas where basic services are sadly lacking. Over the last year, ABM funded a number of projects to strengthen the skills of staff, clergy and the youth in four dioceses.

This included funding internet connections, leadership training for clergy and parish leaders, accommodation for students from rural villages so that they can continue their education and providing young people with basic computer skills. Two villages were also provided with a simple water system.

Water and Sanitation

Two villages in Sittwe Diocese received a much-needed gravity-fed water system, directly benefitting 87 families, a total of 525 individuals. Villagers were involved in the project during both the development and implementation by loading pipes on bamboo rafts and carrying them to the villages during construction.

The development officer of Sittwe Diocese said, "I still remember the happiness on their faces for having fresh water on the first day when water flowed through the pipe in the centre of the village. They are very happy and thankful to you, ABM, and now ABM exists in the villagers' minds although they don't know if ABM is a person or an organisation. I also should say thanks to you and ABM on behalf of the two villages."

English Language Tuition/Education

ABM donors provided funds to buy land for a boarding hostel in Toungoo Diocese. This hostel is a second home for middle school students from rural villages. Without



Saw Fabian and the Revd Tracey Gracy in Adelaide. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

the hostel, many young people are left with no choice but to stop attending school, as their families cannot afford to send them to towns where there are secondary schools.

ABM also contributed to the training of diocesan staff for a 3-month English language course in Yangon.

Tricycle Taxis - Church to Church Project

There are 19 parishes in the Diocese of Myit Kyi Na in Myanmar with 38 Sunday School teachers and around 900 children. This project seeks to provide an ongoing income stream to support the work of Sunday School teachers and provide materials to enhance the spiritual growth of children.

This year, the project supported the purchase of a tri-wheeler motor bike taxi. The monthly income received from renting the taxi will enable annual Sunday School teacher training, a Sunday School camp and also provide an honorarium to teachers.

In one of the more remote Dioceses, the current bishop is one of the most respected senior leaders of the church. Visiting his diocese, I began to realise the reasons for this respect. I was able to experience and hear firsthand of the many programs and activities within the diocese. Meeting with diocesan staff and visiting parishes, it was evident that things were getting done. There was a feeling of optimism, especially from diocesan staff who were generally younger than I expected.

Lina Magallanes **South East Asia Program Manager**



Houses that have been built since Cyclone Nargis in 2008. © Saw Fabian/CPM 2010



Corn farmers in the village of Calapan, Northern Philippines. © Tyler Freeman-Smith/ABM 2010

Philippines

Water and Sanitation

ABM's water and sanitation program in the Philippines benefited 3000 individuals last year.

The water projects span two years and are designed not only to supply clean water but also to address other needs in the community. These projects include small livelihood activities which aim to enhance food security or improve household incomes. Training and workshops in health, hygiene, gender and the environment are also included in every community project implemented.

The provision of water and sanitation in the Philippines is focused on simple water and sanitation systems to marginalised communities, mostly in rural and remote areas where government support is minimal. Most target communities are indigenous people who live in rural areas. Some are also new communities in the lowlands settled in by migrants where basic services are non-existent.

These water projects are either gravity-fed or deep-well systems. Water tanks are often built, pipelines laid from the water source and taps installed for better access by the community.

At least 10,000 forest trees were planted in and around watersheds and barren mountain slopes as part of this program last year and four seedling nurseries were also established.

Projects have been completed in:

- Capintalan (Carranglan, Nueva Ecija)
- Dagman (Patengcaleo, Quirino, Ilocos Sur)
- Inmalog (Sison, Pangasinan)
- Madapoy (Poblacion, Quirino, Ilocos Sur)

Projects are currently in progress in:

- Payag-eo (Suyo, Sagada, Mountain Province)
- Labrador (Rizal, Nueva Ecija)
- Mt Data (Bauko, Mountain Province)
- Ngibat (Tinglayan, Kalinga)

Food Security and Agriculture

Primary industries, such as farming, fisheries and forestry continue to dominate the Philippines economy, accounting for 40% of annual Gross Domestic Product. Agricultural production shrunk in the last quarter of 2009 and early in 2010 due to weather disturbances and drought in many parts of the country. Huge losses were recorded in the production of the two main staples, rice and corn, dropping 11.4% and 16.8% respectively (Philippines Bureau of Agriculture). Most affected by these loses are the country's poor as 80% of people who live in rural areas are directly engaged in producing these crops.

This situation made ABM's food security program essential in ensuring poor and disadvantaged communities did not slide further into poverty. Many projects funded by ABM provide agricultural inputs (such as seeds, fertiliser and basic farm equipment) as well as livelihood support (livestock distribution, food processing etc) and small-scale fishing projects. These inputs reduce production costs and improve crop quality and yields. Providing these resources is the best way to reduce poverty.

Milling equipment for coffee, corn and rice, a grain storage building, a drying pavement and a sugar cane presser were provided to at least 750 people in 144 households.

Youth and Adult Education

The Episcopal Church of the Philippines (ECP) has the vision of becoming a dynamic and vibrant church of caring, witnessing and mission-oriented parishes by 2018. To help in the achievement of this vision and to continue Jesus' teachings, it was decided there was a need to boost the evangelism and Christian education program.

This program has struggled with staffing issues over the past year. Like many Anglican Churches around the world, the program has struggled to recruit a qualified and able coordinator.

Children's Ministry

In past years, there has been a significant increase in the number of volunteer teachers in this program, so more training sessions are needed. This year's training was focused on drama and theatre. 112 Participants braved a typhoon to attend the two-day training session, which was held at the All Saints' Elementary School, Bontoc in September 2009.

Clergy and Lay Specialisation

The ECP will also conduct training to enhance and fully equip both lay and ordained people in various aspects of Christian ministry.

A Diocesan Officers' workshop on stewardship was conducted at the Cathedral of All Saints, Bontoc in July, 2009. The plan was for the officers to be oriented first and then to conduct their own orientation in their respective deaneries, so that activity is ongoing. Related activities on stewardship education were conducted for other deaneries in October and November, 2009. Meanwhile, two stewardship education sessions were held at the Cathedral of All Saints for young people in August, 2009. Finally, a diocesan wide seminar and orientation on stewardship and healing was attended by 52 clergy at the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels in Tadian, Mountain Province in September, 2009.



Bishop Brent Alwas of the Diocese of the Northern Philippines in his office in Bontoc. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

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May God bless and reward your generosity a thousand fold.

The Right Revd Brent W. Alawas, Diocesan Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of the Northern Philippines

Korea

Humanitarian Aid

With the strained relationship between South and North Korea, almost all humanitarian aid halted in 2010. Towards Peace in Korea (TOPIK) managed to continue a number of initiatives that aimed to improve the relationship between the two Koreas.

Projects include humanitarian aid for North Korean people, setting up a mission centre, peace education for young people, building an East Asian Peace Network and a campaign for people to support TOPIK.

Despite the political difficulties, aid shipments were sent to North Korea in 2010. In the winter months, there is a severe shortage of fuel and heating so in December 2009 and February 2010, TOPIK sent 50,000 coal briquettes which were distributed around the Kumgang mountain areas.

In December last year, TOPIK visited a vocational school in Ra-sun City (North Korea), a free economic zone bordering China, and gave some basic educational materials to the students.

Peace education began, with TOPIK sending a representative to an ecumenical peace camp in Palestine in July 2009 and to a Korea-Japan peace camp in Whachun. Other activities included hosting peace prayer meetings in June and December and marching for peace and non-violence in October 2009.

Ten years ago, South Korea (both the government and its people) were very open and supportive of efforts to help North Korea. Changes in the South Korean government and their views influence the people, especially now that the relationship between North and South Korea is strained. Special thanks to ABM and the Anglican Communion for supporting TOPIK's activities, especially at this time when South Korean people are becoming more conservative and there is less support for North Korea.

The Revd Joachim Kim TOPIK Coordinator



A workshop on HIV and AIDS in Papua New Guinea. © ABM 2010

Papua New Guinea

HIV and AIDS

It is predicted that by 2012 over 208 000 people in Papua New Guinea (PNG) will be living with the Human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) (AusAID). Unless treated HIV will develop into the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), which is fatal. The disease is transmitted through body fluids and is highly prevalent among adults. The high mortality rate that is caused by HIV and AIDS means that, in countries where infection rates are high, large proportions of the adult population are killed, leaving children orphaned.

The spread of the disease is one of the biggest development challenges for PNG, so the Anglican Church of Papau New Guinea (ACPNG) conducts a variety of activities in order to stem the spread of the disease and care for people affected by it. As Christian churches are found in the most remote parts of the country, church networks are the main channels through which the disease is combated.

Education

An education project aims to train participants to plan, develop and implement HIV awareness activities among peer groups in their community. The project focuses on prevention, support and care programs among young people and includes information on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), sex and gender, drugs and alcohol, marriage values, family violence, life skills and cultural taboos.

Participants acquire skills and knowledge on basic information on HIV and AIDS and are challenged to spread a positive message among their peers and in their community.

According to the ACPNG National HIV Development Coordinator the training project is, "A very important and effective way of educating and being role models is crucial to influence behavioural change amongst peers."

As part of this project, 24 men and women were trained as Home Based Carers.

HIV Life Skills Education (LSE) Training is targeted at young people between the ages of 24 to 32, as according to National Statistics this age group has the highest prevalence rate. 38 people participated, in various provinces of PNG, and the training achieved a lot by the obvious change in attitude towards HIV and AIDS, language, approaches to life issues, values and confidence levels amongst participants.

Through LSE the ACPNG has been taking, "A holistic approach to the epidemic and equipping people at the community level in order to sustain themselves against HIV and AIDS as well as change risky behaviours and reduce incidences of stigma and discrimination and to modify attitudes and behaviour to create a caring community," according to the Development Coordinator.

Theatre

Performance arts are a powerful, traditional way of transmitting ideas and information in PNG culture. "In PNG culture, people learn new skills and ideas which are passed on from generation through songs and stories and dance. Therefore dramatised activities often attract large number of people", said the Development Coordinator.

ACPNG provided theatre training to 14 men and women in

May 2010 in Aipo Rongo Diocese. The aim was to widely communicate information about HIV, how it is transmitted, how to avoid infection as well as other factors that promote the spread of HIV such as gender inequality and gender based violence.

The National Development Coordinator said, "Everyone who gathered to marvel at our HIV theatre dances in the seven communities has commended the group... we strongly see and believe that we have successfully delivered the knowledge of how HIV is spreading to the people in our communities... the kind of message given during the drama has gone beyond to create a new concept of care and support and eradicate stigma and discrimination."

Health Clinics

The Voluntary Counselling and Testing clinic operated by ACPNG within the Koinambe Health Centre was officially opened on World AIDS Day in December 2009. It serves a population of 20,000 within the Jimi area.

In Movi, Koinambe, Aiong and Kwima ACPNG also started a number of nutrition projects to help people affected by HIV to sustain themselves with healthy food.

Health - St Margaret's Hospital

Many health facilities in PNG have deteriorated due to lack of funding even though communities, particularly those in rural areas, heavily rely on health services provided by the Anglican Church.

The Anglican Health Service (AHS) is making good progress in upgrading St Margaret's Clinic to become the



Medicine at St Margaret's Hospital in Oro Bay.
© Russell Thompson/ABM 2010

only Anglican hospital in the South Pacific. All areas of the 24-bed main building are being renovated and the new pharmacy is complete.

Skylights have been used to increase the natural lighting in hallways and brighten areas while lighting will include both solar and 240 volt in preparation for having 24-hour generator power. Four key service areas are to be air-conditioned and the building layout has changed to offer added security. Integrated into the general exam room is an HIV and AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infection clinic that ensures patient anonymity and safety at all times.



Reconstruction work at St Margaret's in Oro Bay, Papua New Guinea. © Russell Thompson/ABM 2010

Work is on track to develop an additional water source for flushing toilets in St Margaret's Hospital. Depending on the season, both dam and rain water could be used to flush toilets.

Discussions are also being held with the CEO of Popondetta General Hospital to consider St Margaret's operation as a Satellite Campus. This means Popondetta General would support St Margaret's by providing a resident physician, weekly visiting specialists, sterilisation services, hazardous waste disposal, laundry services and ongoing nursing skills training. ABM has found that supporting key personnel has been essential to improving health outcomes in PNG.

Specialised training for clinical staff at St Margaret's has been conducted by technical specialists from Sydney's Albion St Centre. The training sessions have covered infection control and exposures, sexual health screening and counselling skills.

Satisfactory accommodation is essential to attract trained staff to St Margaret's. Two new homes for staff are near completion and offer substantial improvements on the existing houses.

Clean Water and Sanitation

Lack of clean water for drinking and domestic use is a problem throughout PNG. Women and children are often forced to walk miles to collect water. Diseases such as typhoid, diarrhoea and skin infections are common and are sometimes fatal.

According to (ACPNG) Community Development Program Manager, "The job of carting water from the river to the homes has always been done by women and girls and usually takes from one to three hours to do so."

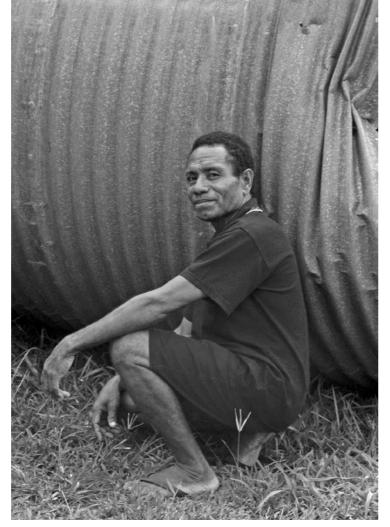
"The installation of water tanks will cut back on the work load of females and allow them to be involved in other meaningful activities in the community. It will also improve family and community health in general," he said.

The community of Kwima is home to more than ten thousand people. As road access into Kwima is not viable, eleven water tanks were purchased and delivered by helicopter to the community. Community consultations were conducted there to determine the most suitable sites for water tanks and to organise the community members into groups to lay the foundations and install the tanks.

In addition to contributing "sweat equity", the community is also providing sand, gravel, stones, timber, water for mixing cement and food for the workers. The community consultations involved people from ten different clans in the community as well as the Community Water Project Committee members.

According to the Community Development Program Manager, this collaborative process had a positive outcome for community harmony.

"The positive result of this project is bringing the clans together and sharing their needs in terms of water. The clans also agree to help each other in the provision of manual labour and feeding of the workers during the construction of the foundation of each tank(s)," he said.



Clive Arandina, Project Manager, St Margaret's Hospital. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010



The water supply at the Anglican Health Service in Tsendiap, Western Highlands, PNG. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

We are far from towns and cities, where all the good things happen. For us, in remote settings, we thought we cannot do anything. My mother looked after pigs and household work. When I receive my certificate, if there's somewhere I can go to work, that's good, if not, if that's my limit, that's OK.

Female literacy student

Education

The Anglican Church in PNG is a key service provider in the area of education. Women, men and children have stressed a need for greater education, particularly in the area of literacy, in order to have useful skills to assist them in their daily lives. Remote communities often lack access to education due to poverty, poor government services and gender inequality.

Literacy training has been rolled out across Aipo Rongo Diocese, with a total of 42 literacy teachers graduated from training courses organised by ACPNG in the first half of 2010. Almost all the graduates have now commenced teaching in schools which are located in remote and inaccessible areas.

The ACPNG CPP Education Program Manager, Steven Bapi, reports that results so far are satisfactory. "All schools in Aipo Rongo are progressing well. Most trained teachers are in the classrooms teaching. Learners are beginning to read and write and most schools are allocated churches and community halls as learning centres," he said.

Teachers in Aipo Rongo Diocese have reported a high demand for literacy classes, they have had more people enrolling in their classes than expected. Literacy training is providing adults with the skills and confidence to undertake important everyday tasks, such as reading price tags, ensuring they get the correct change at the marketplace, preparing family budgets, writing letters to relatives, or reading instructions on the safe and effective use of insecticide and fertiliser for their crops.

Students are also now beginning to read the Bible in church and learning how to sing new hymns. In the past, literacy training was mainly attended by women but increasingly men are taking bold steps to educate themselves. This has flow on effects for the next generation, with an indication that parents who are literate are much more encouraging of their children to go to school and promote greater health awareness in their homes.

It (learning to read) will enable me to do MU (Mother's Union) work. A number of women join MU but we cannot contribute. With this kind of school, I can read the Bible.

Female literacy student

My child is attending elementary school – if he writes in Pisin, I can respond.

Male literacy student



Building Local Skills

ABM aims to build the skills of staff, volunteers and communities encompassed by ACPNG in order to ensure that health, education and community development projects are successful.

Throughout the year Good Governance Workshops were conducted, which 182 attended. In November 2009, leadership training was provided for 120 members of the Dogura Diocesan Synod.

The General Secretary of ACPNG, Mr Richard Rabiafi said, "Part of the training was to empower Parish Councils to be more effective, transparent and accountable with funds and management of meetings and personal conduct as office holders. The project will equip senior leaders in the Dioceses with new tools and an understanding of leadership and human relations to enable them to be more effective leaders."

The training includes information on policies, guidelines and protocols affecting staff and clergy, as well as strategies for managing committee meetings and addressing financial issues all of which have improved the efficiency of financial and reporting systems.

ACPNG has reviewed its accounting systems and has established a standardised system throughout the whole church, making it easier to complete timely and accurate financial reports, forecasts and budgets.

For the first time ACPNG has appointed a HR Manager, increasing the efficiency of processes such as staff recruitment, visas for overseas volunteers and ensuring the terms and conditions of employment are enforced.

Archdeacons in Popondota

Due to its rugged mountains, dense bush and extensive river networks, Papua New Guinea's geography brings particular challenges to the Anglican Church. ABM has been able to help the Diocese of Popondota by providing funds so that the archdeacons can travel around to the parishes under their care to ensure that ministry is going forward successfully.

Ministry in PNG can be particularly expensive due to the geography and the archdeacons have to travel by small boats to get around their deaneries. An archdeacon's round trip will cost him a third of his budget, yet he is required to travel each quarter to play the vital role in communication and keeping others informed.

Archbishop Joe Kopapa, Bishop of Popondota (now Archbishop of Papua New Guinea) said the past two years have seen big improvements with communication gaps narrowed and the archdeacons able to co-ordinate their pastoral coverage due to their mobility.

"Diocesan wide activities and programs are being effectively co-ordinated...This is one great success story for which

we thank God for ABM's support for the work of our eight archdeacons and our Missions and Evangelism project," he said.

Proclaiming the Gospel

This project began to enhance evangelism in Dogura diocese. Though the diocese is located where the first Anglican missionaries worked and is part of the Anglican heartland in PNG (along with Popondota), the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea claims less than 3.5% of the total population. Evangelistic outreach is therefore crucial for the continuing health of the Church.

Bishop Clyde Igara and the diocesan ministry team trained participants at Dogura in April. This offered an opportunity for the disparate clergy and catechists to meet together for mutual support and encouragement as they learnt about evangelism.

By empowering the participants, it is hoped they will be able to energise the communities in which they evangelise.

Kerina College

In the remote highlands of PNG, communities make a living through subsistence agriculture. They do not yet have a cash economy, so they are unable to pay for the wages or ministry expenses of parish priests, so rely on these catechists.

Kerina College, located at Tsendiap, is a base for the training of catechists (lay evangelists) who are the Church's frontline of evangelism in remote areas of Papua New Guinea. Kerina College took on twelve new students this year, but initial difficulties were encountered.

The Principal, Fr Richard Sawaraba, was delayed returning to the college after sabbatical leave, due to family reasons, and this put a great strain on the other two teaching staff. In addition, some classes had to be rescheduled because of the sporadic supply of kerosene, necessary for lighting.

Fr Richard Sawaraba reported, "However, the situation improved in the final term. On the whole, our students have been successful because of our study programs."

In addition to training catechists, the students' wives are given literacy education and are taught to cook and sew. The women use new sewing machines which the college was able to purchase last year.

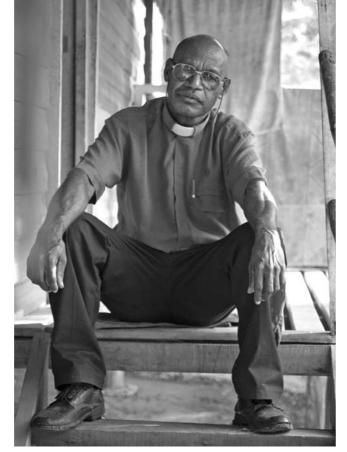
The college also runs a program for the children of the catechists and this year ten young people were confirmed by the bishop when he visited the college.

Six older students graduated and six women graduated from the women's program.

Newton College

Finding the financial resources to train deacons and priests is a difficult task in PNG. Newton College in Jonita, Popondetta exists to provide a four-year program of priestly formation for up to thirty students.

In 2007, the College buildings and infrastructure was severely damaged by Cyclone Guba, and lost its hall, water supply and electrical lines. The College is still working hard to restore these as well as building a computer laboratory for students. Despite these difficulties, the ongoing theological work of the college continues.



A lecturer at Kerina Evangelists' College. © Melany Markham/ ABM 2010



Ordinands during a service at Newton College. © Melany Markham/ABM 2010

A new Principal, Fr Nicholas Mkaronda, arrived at the college this year. Fr Nicholas is no stranger to ACPNG, having previously been a consultant working with the Church on its response to the HIV epidemic. His work continues ensuring the college's strong future.

The college provides a women's program for the wives of students, and occasional in-service programs for clergy and others of the Province.

Melanesian Brotherhood

The Melanesian Brotherhood is an Anglican religious order that brings the Good News to people in remote areas of Papua New Guinea acting as the Church's frontline evangelism team.

This past year the Brothers' had three essential needs that underpinned their work so that they can reach people in remote areas of PNG with the Gospel.

The Brothers have purchased a generator, to allow them to work at night. This has been the most significant change. It has been installed at the main household in Popondetta and the Brothers can now work after sunset allowing many more hours of work to be done by the household.

They also needed funding and resources to allow the Regional Head Brother, Br Matthias MBH, to travel to each of the households and they needed to purchase materials such as exercise books and Bibles, for the novices to continue to study.

Brother Matthias is most grateful for the support of ABM and its donors throughout the year. "Thank you ABM, for all your help," he said.

Like many religious orders, the brothers take on vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. This means that they exist only with the support of organisations like ABM and our donors who contribute towards their material needs so that they can minister to the spiritual needs of the communities within which they work.



Brother Matthias at morning prayer. © Don Brice/ABM 2003

Women in Ministry

As the laity becomes more empowered in Papua New Guinea, women especially take on roles which they previously they would not have.

Women in Papua New Guinea have a defined gender role, but Rita Simeni, the coordinator of Women in Ministry (WiM), is encouraging lay women and men to play a larger role in the Church. Her group works with anyone who is keen for the Gospel to be spread throughout the Diocese, so they work with the Franciscans and the Melanesian Brotherhood. WiM has also been networking with other groups in the diocese such as Mothers' Union, the Girls' Friendly Society and clergy wives.

Rita's program helps wherever it is needed. As a part of raising literacy levels, people were introduced to bible study, which many people in PNG are desperate to do, so they can fully participate at church services. To ensure the literacy classes would be effective, Rita's team were trained by the Summer Institute of Linguistics with the support of ABM. The group helped people to read in nine communities.

Rita Simeni, Coordinator of Women in Ministry in PNG, asks us to pray;

- For a reduction in violence in Oro Province;
- That more young women will give themselves to God by taking up positions of responsibility in the Church; and
- That women will have a clear, high calling to serve God in his Church.

Rita's group also helps survivors of domestic violence. They note that there has been an increase in both men and women who have been imprisoned because of their involvement in violent situations. Rita says people are suffering so she and her team have been visiting those in jail, particularly women.

School Fees

In Papua New Guinea parents have to pay for their children's education. Many people struggle to meet the cost, especially those who live in villages, well outside the cash economy of Port Moresby or towns like Popondetta or Lae. This is especially true for Anglican clergy and catechists, most of whom perform their work unpaid. They manage to exist by subsistence farming but this provides no income to pay for their children's education.

ABM raises money to help priests and catechists send their children to school. Fees need to be paid at the beginning of the school year in January and, because funding is limited, ACPNG tries to channel the funds to where they are most needed.

Gill Wilkinson, ACPNG's Finance Director said, "The advantage of the program in a country where only 50% of the population even start primary school is that the children of our priests have a chance of education. The figures for education and literacy are lower in the rural areas where we work."

438 children have been helped with education subsidies provided through this project over the last year.

Clergy Training

Papua New Guinea is a country that is defined by its geography with mountainous land and many rivers. This landscape can isolate people. Even within their own area and it can be difficult to make contact with others for support.

One of the church's aims in Papua New Guinea is to ensure that all their spiritual leaders, clergy and catechists, have regular in-service training. Each diocese arranges training to meet the needs of local clergy and catechists. It is anticipated that 40 leaders will be trained every year.

Training has been completed in the Diocese of Dogura. The Right Revd Clyde Igara led a conference with his clergy that focused on administrative skills. Bishop Clyde hopes to ensure that parishes know what needs to be done to ensure that everything runs smoothly.

"I met with my clergy and we discussed administration, so that all of them would have parishes that ran efficiently and without problems." he said.

The Diocese of New Guinea Islands and the Diocese of Aipo Rongo are still to run similar workshops.



The beach near Honiara in the Solomon Islands. © Don Brice/ABM 2008

Solomon Islands

Christian Care Centre

The Christian Care Centre, just outside the Solomon Islands capital, Honiara, is the only womens' refuge of its kind currently operating in the country.

At any one time, the centre can support up to 12 women and their children who have fled from violent situations. These 'survivors', are offered a safe place to escape from violence and rape and are also provided with accommodation, counselling and a safe haven to recover from abuse they and their children have experienced.

Reporting of the incidence of rape and abuse is still taboo in the Solomon Islands and many women feel unable to report violent incidents due to pressure from male relatives and fear of further harm.

The Christian Care Centre operates on a very limited budget and has suffered in recent times with the building sustaining termite damage which temporarily suspended the operation of the centre (December 2009–January 2010).

There is also pressure on the centre's infrastructure as the existing septic system is in need of repair to ensure that women and children at the centre continue to live in a clean and sanitary environment. It is hoped that this will be upgraded in years to come.

Inclusive Communities Program

Throughout the ethnic tension in the Solomon Islands in the late 90s and early 2000s, the one institution that remained constant was the church.

It is in this setting that the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) and the Melanesian Board of Mission created the Inclusive Communities Program. The Program was developed to help the church deal with the fractious social environment. Starting in four communities; Pago Pago on Savo, Dukwasi on Malaita, Duidui near Aruligo and Ghorabau near the outskirts of the Tetere Oil Palm Plantation

on Guadalcanal Plains, the Program has worked with 247 families in the last twelve months.

Women involved in the project reported that the financial literacy classes taught them how to manage their money, save and start small income generating activities in the family.

Following the financial literacy classes, one family started a canteen in which each family member sold food items like rice, tin fish, noodles and buns through their bakery. They keep records of their sales and savings. This is encouraging a barter system a traditional practice that is now being revived.

Children are also participating in saving schemes with children in one family using their own money boxes to save any coins they are given by their parents.

A new phase of funding from AusAID allows for the program to put more focus on health and livelihood opportunities for communities across the Solomon Islands. This will continue until until 2013.

The second phase of the program will build upon the work already done by the ICP team by working across the Solomon Islands to help communities identify their strengths and build on these.

HIV and AIDs

The Anglican Church of Melanesia's HIV and AIDS program suffered a recent setback with the departure of the now former HIV and AIDS program office, Thomas Kaloa. ABM has committed itself to continue working in partnership with the Anglican Church of Melanesia on the development of theological resources for awareness and counselling on HIV and AIDS in collaboration with the religious orders working in the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu as part of the new five-year partnership agreement with the Church of Melanesia (2010–2015).



Vanuatu

Education

Full literacy is a complex proposition in Vanuatu as over 100 languages are used across the country.

ABM support the education work of the Mothers' Union, through the Anglican Church of Melanesia, as they deliver basic literacy training for women in Vanuatu. A key focus of this work, on the islands of Mota Lava and Vanua Lava, is to help women influence decision-making processes at village and community levels. Basic literacy skills also give women job opportunities or allow them to develop small-scale business ventures.

Last year, ABM donors also supported literacy projects in the Diocese of Banks and Torres by funding five schools on the islands. The funding has paid for basic teaching equipment, such as blackboards and chalk, and offers training to community members who are willing to become literacy teachers.

Water and Sanitation

For communities in the northernmost province of Torba, home to the majority of Anglicans in Vanuatu, water is provided by women and children in each household who often walk long distances to collect daily supplies. Many areas outside of the capital have difficulties in ensuring

access to basic water and sanitation – a reality very different to the picturesque images offered in tourist brochures. Development of piped water supplies can help to alleviate the burden felt by women and children and allow them opportunities to explore income generating activities or further schooling.

Piped water supplies across rural areas of Vanuatu are only available to approximately 34% of households. In Torba Province, less than 25% of households have access to piped water. With the help of ABM, the Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia plan to build water tanks to provide a clean water source for approximately 3000 people in the community of Luganville.

The Diocese is also working on a larger scale project in collaboration with local government authorities on the island of Vanua Lava. This plant will provide clean water sources to approximately 800 local residents, students at nearby Arep School, staff and patients at Quatvaes Hospital and staff at the Sola local and central government offices.

ABM worked with these dioceses to develop a proposal based on the needs and capabilities within their own region.



Primary school students in a tent classroom in Darbonne, Haiti. Courtesy of Episcopal Relief & Development.

Emergencies

During the year ABM provided humanitarian assistance funding to four emergencies. In the month of September, tragedy struck three of our regional neighbours: an earthquake in Indonesia, storms leading to landslides and flooding in the Philippines and a tsunami in Samoa. ABM's supporters showed their generosity in each case, and we were able to send around \$20,000 each for those suffering in the Philippines and Indonesia, through our international Partner ACT International (now ACT Alliance). Additionally we sent over \$22,000 to Samoa, through our Australian church Partner, Uniting World, who has programs in that country.

The largest emergency of them all occurred in January, in Haiti. It left approximately 220,000 people dead, which is of a similar magnitude as the Asian tsunami in 2004 (BBC). It is estimated that more than 1.5 million people were left homeless by the 7.1-magnitude earthquake.

As a direct result, 85% of the Diocesan institutions were destroyed or severely damaged. Bishop's Court, Holy Trinity Cathedral, the Holy Trinity Complex, St-Margaret's Convent, Foyer Notre Dame, Universite Episcopale d'Haiti, St Vincent Centre for Handicapped Children, St-Martin's kindergarten and Episcopal Theological Seminary were all destroyed.

ABM's supporters raised almost \$100,000 in all, more than half of this during the first half of the year.

Transportation was a huge challenge in the days following the earthquake. Roads were made impassable by debris, the airport was overwhelmed with traffic and operations at the port were shut down. In the three months following the disaster, the ERD and the Diocese of Haiti's work was primarily focused in eight parishes: Léogane, Darbonne, l'Acul, Trouin, Grande Colline, Bainet, Mathieu and Buteau. In April, work also began in the parish of Carrefour.

The recovery program is extensive. Listed below are

examples of some of the tangible achievements that have been made:

Employment Opportunities – At least 1,300 men and women have begun to benefit from a cash-for-work initiative, gaining short-term employment and a monthly salary of approximately \$100.

Food – In the two months following the quake, 800 people received hot meals each day at College St. Pierre. Food deliveries were made by helicopter to six rural mountain communities in Léogane. Each food drop included 216 pounds of rice and 204 pounds of beans.

Water and Sanitation – Block latrines are being built to serve approximately 9,300 people in four locations where schools are reopening and household latrines will be repaired in the rural communities of Léogane and up to 1,000 latrines will be built near community structures.

Shelter – Immediately following the quake, the diocese furnished supplies to help 450 families construct temporary shelters and future plans include the construction of provisional housing for up to 1,000 families.

Health Care – About three weeks after the earthquake, mobile health clinics began serving more than 70 communities in the Léogane and Carrefour areas. The development office of the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti deployed healthcare personnel immediately following the quake, concentrating efforts on those residing at the College St. Pierre tent camp. Approximately 5,000 people were served.

Transportation Support – The Diocese of Haiti's development office has initiated a Port to Parish program that will facilitate transportation of goods between Haitian churches and their U.S. Partners.

Our thanks to the Episcopal Relief and Development Agency in compiling this report.



Vivienne For interviews the Right Revd Greg Thompson before the ordination of a number of Aboriginal ministers in the Northern Territory as Joanne Parker films the interview. © Gretel Hawtrey/ABM 2009

Into New Territory



Partnership is a word that embodies much of the work that ABM does. Partnership describes a two-way relationship where both side listen and exchange information. This is very true of the way that we interact with both our supporters in Australia and those who work on our projects overseas.

With our supporters in Australia, we are constantly engaged in a relationship to help serve them better. We aim to help them spread word of what ABM is doing to further God's mission in the world. One of the highlights over the past year was the coverage of the ordinations of four Aboriginal people in Arnhem Land, Northern Territory. A documentary will screen on the ABC's program Compass in November 2010.

Prayer is one of the ways that people can become connected with our Partners overseas. In the 2009 Prayer Diary, we asked people to pray for many of the millennium development goals, such as universal education and clean water. We also ask our supporters to pray for the Churches who manage and implement our projects.

Over the past year we have also made a large investment in publicity, producing fridge magnets and posters, so that people can easily understand what we do. Staff, volunteers and Partners conducted over 80 speaking engagements over the past year. We have been proud to host a visit from the Prime Bishop of the Philippines. The Episcopal Church of the Philippines was at the forefront of ABM's

development program and those who are part of the church are passionate that development is integral to God's mission.

We have well and truly moved into the electronic age as our electronic communications have continued to increase. We are now on Facebook and e-newsletters distributed every two months. Email has made it far more efficient to raise funds during emergencies, enabling us to dispatch the funds to those in need in good time. Around 50 percent of the visitors to the website are new visitors, compared to the same time the previous year. The website has become the main source of information about our projects. Over half of these people come back to the website after their first visit.

Like the rest of ABM, the work of the Communications Unit is not limited to Australia. Over the past year, at least two communications workshops have been held for Partners. These workshops help improve the ability of our Partners to communicate more directly. These workshops aim to help Partners provide accurate and appropriate information to the people who support them. In coming years, we hope to hold more of these so that the distance between our projects and those who support them decreases.

Success can be a difficult thing to measure in communications. You can count the number of people on your email list or the number of Facebook fans, but the real measure is in whether or not the message is getting through. Perhaps the best measure is the feedback that we receive which, thanks to our supporters, is constant about everything we do.

Melany Markham, Communications Manager

Community Development Programs

Income Statement

for the year ended 30 June 2010

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	2010 \$	2009 \$
REVENUE		
Donations Received	2,478,956	2,257,137
Legacies and bequests	79,649	191,629
Grants		
• AusAID	2,639,788	2,358,329
other Australian	_	_
• other overseas	_	-
Investment income	1,276,290	446,311
Merchandise sale	21,692	35,798
Other income	132,887	113,070
Total revenue	6,629,262	5,402,274
EXPENSES		
Overseas projects		
• funds to overseas projects – AusAID	1,473,507	1,245,213
• funds to overseas projects – ABM	847,720	638,918
other project costs – AusAID	513,480	198,344
• other project costs – ABM	367,277	331,189
Domestic projects	18,425	140,700
Community education	29,287	23,882
Mission Education	31,473	25,098
Fundraising costs		
• public	446,875	473,696
government, multilateral and private	3,102	9,163
Cost of merchandise sales	21,126	21,812
Administration	940,228	1,103,615
Total expenses	4,692,500	4,211,630
Excess of revenue over expenses (shortfall) from continuing operations	1,936,762	1,190,644
Amounts transferred to bequest funds and reserves	44,769	202,484
Amounts transferred to unspent project reserves	828,117	951,684
Extraordinary Item: Impairment Loss	_	724,828
Excess of revenue over expenses (shortfall) from continuing operations	1,063,876	(688,352)

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations Received	1,429,283	1,200,523
Legacies and bequests	39,825	95,815
Grants		
• AusAID	2,639,788	2,358,329
other Australian		-
other overseas		_
Investment income	674,061	271,133
Merchandise sale	10,846	17,899
Other income	64,112	50,434
Total revenue	4,857,915	3,994,132
EXPENSES		
Overseas projects		
• funds to overseas projects – AusAID	1,473,507	1,245,213
• funds to overseas projects – ABM	646,858	449,696
other project costs – AusAID	513,480	198,344
other project costs – ABM	153,122	221,269
Domestic projects		-
Community education	29,287	23,882
Fundraising costs	218,437	232,398
• public		
government, multilateral and private	3,102	9,163
Cost of merchandise sales	10,563	10,906
Administration	587,938	635,963
Total expenses	3,636,294	3,026,833
Excess of revenue over expenses (shortfall) from continuing operations	1,221,621	967,299
Amounts transferred to bequest funds and reserves	33,410	89,351
Amounts transferred to unspent project reserves	662,611	860,600
Extraordinary Item: Impairment Loss	_	362,414
Net Excess of revenue over expenses (shortfall) from continuing operations	525,601	(345,066)

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Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes

for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Cash available at beginning of financial year \$	Cash raised during financial year \$	Cash disbursed during financial year \$	Cash available at end of financial year \$
 Community Development Programe 				
AusAID CPP PNG Program	31,062	907,460	698,647	239,875
AusAID PASHIP PNG Program	931,293	16,649	566,818	381,124
 Total for other purposes 	1,280,205	4,890,515	3,347,993	2,822,727
TOTAL	2,242,560	5,814,624	4,613,458	3,443,726

Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 30 June 2010

	Capital (Contribution \$	Retained Earnings Accumulated Losses) \$	Financial Assets Reserve \$	Revaluation Reserve \$	Bequests \$	Designated Reserves \$	Total \$
Balance at 1 July 2009	1,127,892	(750,465)	_	3,583,256	3,898,241	3,395,238	11,254,162
Profit attributable to the entity	-	1,892,188	-	_	-	-	1,892,188
Other comprehensive losses							
Devaluation of non-current asse	t –	_		(200,000)	-	-	(200,000)
Devaluation of financial assets	-	_	(4,098)		-	-	(4,098)
Transfers to and (from) reserves							
- bequest reserve	-	(18,043)	-	-	18,043	-	-
- designated reserve	-	(810,249)	-	-	-	810,249	-
- revaluation reserve	-	2,731,325	-	(2,731,325)	-	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2010	1,127,892	3,044,756	(4,098)	651,931	3,916,284	4,205,487	12,942,252
2009							
Balance at 1 July 2008	1,127,892	(62,115)	-	3,833,256	3,695,757	2,443,557	11,038,347
Profit attributable to the entity	-	465,815		-	-	_	465,815
Other comprehensive losses							
Devaluation of non-current asse	t –	_	-	(250,000)	-	_	(250,000)
Transfers to and (from) reserves							
- bequest reserve	-	(202,484)	-	-	202,484	-	-
 designated reserve 	-	(951,681)	-	-	-	951,681	-
Balance at 30 June 2009	1,127,892	(750,465)	_	3,583,256	3,898,241	3,395,238	11,254,162

Balance Sheet Director's Declaration

as at 30 June 2010

	2010 \$	2009
ASSETS		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	3,443,726	3,459,667
Trade and other receivables	971,347	104,292
Financial assets	4,908,588	4,329,328
Other current assets	23,335	20,087
Total current assets	9,346,996	7,913,374
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	1,735,209	3,550,871
Investment property	2,360,000	_
Total non-current assets	4,095,209	3,550,871
TOTAL ASSETS	13,442,205	11,464,245
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	349,962	75,262
Short-term provisions	110,269	99,746
Total current liabilities	460,231	175,008
Non-current liabilities		
Other long-term provisions	39,722	35,075
Total non-current liabilities	39,722	35,075
TOTAL LIABILITIES	499,953	210,083
NET ASSETS	12,942,252	11,254,162
EQUITY		
Contributed equity	1,127,892	1,127,892
Reserves	8,769,604	10,876,735
Retained earnings/(Accumulated Losses)	3,044,756	(750,465)
TOTAL EQUITY	12,942,252	11,254,162

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The directors of the company declare that:

- 1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 9 to 25, present fairly the company's financial position as at 30 June 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- 2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Dated: 17 September 2010

Independent Auditor's Report

to The Members of Anglican Board of Mission - Australia Limited

We have audited the additional information of Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Limited, which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2010, the income statement, the income statement of Community Development Programs – schedule 1/1, table of cash movements and statement of changes in equity for the year then ended, which have been prepared pursuant to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Code of Conduct.

Directors' Responsibility

The directors of the entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this information.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the information based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the additional information is consistent with the 2010 annual statutory report of Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Limited. These Auditing Standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the information is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the directors reporting obligation under the ACFID code of conduct. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which is was prepared.

Auditor's Opinion

In our opinion, the additional financial information is consistent with the annual statutory financial report for the year ended 30 June 2010, from which it is derived.

For a better understanding of the scope of our audit this report should be read in conjunction with our audit report on the annual financial report dated 23 September 2010.

RSM Bird Cameron

Chartered Accountants

Sydney, 30 September 2010

W. E. Beauman Director

Board of Directors

Currently Rector of St John the Baptist, Canberra, Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The Revd Paul James Black

Diploma of Theology; Diploma of Ministry.

Mrs Judith Ann Cottier AM Educator in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary sectors; Principal of Perth College.

Bachelor of Arts: Bachelor of Education: Master of Educational Studies:

Management, Diploma in Pastoral Studies, Bachelor of Theology.

Former Overseas Program Coordinator, ABM; Vice President (Finance), ACFID;

The Revd John Roland Deane

Executive Director

The Right Revd

Christopher Randall Jones

The Revd Canon Janne Eileen Whitehead

Residential Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral Rockhampton, Bishop in Council and member of the

Company Directors Course Diploma, Masters in Management, Certificate in Association

Member of the Committee for Development Cooperation, Bachelor of Arts: Bachelor of Divinity,

in Tasmania, Vicar-General - Anglican Church in Tasmania. Doctor of Business Administration,

Chief Executive Officer - Anglicare Tasmania Inc, Missioner Bishop - Stewardship - Anglican Church

Diocesan Standing Committee (Rockhampton).

Currently sitting on the Church to Church Committee

Diploma in Teaching, Advanced Diploma in Theology, Justice of the Peace

Appointed 31 August 2009 The Hon. Patricia Forsythe

> Currently Executive Director, Sydney Chamber of Commerce; Member of the NSW Legislative Council; Various portfolios in the shadow ministry NSW State Opposition; Experience in corporate affairs and education; Currently member of the Council of Macquarie University; Director of Business Events Sydney; Honorary Associate of the Graduate School of Government,

Sydney University,

Bachelor Arts, Diploma of Education. Currently sitting on the Finance Committee

Mrs Elizabeth Joy Freier Appointed 14 September 2009

> Education and Administration Consultant in Various Educational Authorities; Society of the Sacred Mission Board Member; Chair of the judging Panels for the Northern Territory Vocational Awards. Diploma of Teaching; Bachelor of Education; Post Grad Dip Education; Certificate Christian Counseling

and Communication Skills.

Currently Rector of Wynnum, Diocese of Brisbane. Graduate Diploma of Arts; Bachelor of Theology. **The Revd Gregory John March**

Currently sitting on the Church to Church Committee

Mr Stephen Charles Matthew

Anglican Schools Liaison Officer, Diocese of Adelaide; Principal, St John's Grammar School, Belair; Foundation Principal, Matthew Flinders Anglican College, Buderim; President, Anglican Heads

Bachelor of Arts; Diploma of Education; Diploma of Education Administration; Bachelor of Education;

Master of Education Studies.

Mr Philip John Miller Appointed 1 September 2008

Chartered accountant

Bachelor of Commence; Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia;

Fellow of the Taxation Institute of Australia.

Currently sitting Finance Committee Chair and the Development Committee.

Justice Richard Refshauge SC

Chair

Judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory; Director of Public Prosecutions, ACT; Honorary Ambassador for Canberra; Adjunct Professor, Australian National University and the University of Canberra. Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Laws; Professional Instruction for Lawyers Program.

Mr Christopher Roper AM Director of the St James' Institute since May 2007; Director of the College of Law Alliance.

Bachelor of Law; Bachelor of Divinity; Bachelor of Arts; Master of Arts.

Currently sitting on the Development Committee.

The Revd Stephen John Savage Currently Rector of Claremont/Chigwell, Diocese of Tasmania. Bachelor of Ministry

Currently sitting on the Church to Church Committee.

The Right Revd Garry John Weatherill Bishop of Willochra (SA)

Bachelor of Arts: Bachelor of Theology: Diploma of Education.

ABM is a member of the Australian Council for International Development. ABM is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

Table of Abbreviations and Acronyms

ABM Analican Board of Mission

ACOM Anglican Church of Melanesia

ACPNG...... Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

AED Anglican Education Division

AHS Anglican Health Services

AUSAID...... The Australian Government's Overseas Aid Program

CCC...... Christian Care Centre

CETANA Centre for English Training ANA

CEU..... Christian Education Unit

CPM Church of the Province of Myanmar

DREP..... Diocesan Renewal & Evangelism Program

DRR..... Disaster Risk Reduction

DVD..... Digital Video Disc

ECP..... Episcopal Church in the Philippines

EDJ Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

EDSP Episcopal Diocese of the Southern Philippines

HIV & AIDS...... Human Immune-Deficiency Virus and Acquired Immune-Deficiency Syndrome

ICP Inclusive Communities Program

IEEP Integrated Evangelism & Empowerment Program

MU..... Mothers' Union

NSW New South Wales

NGO Non-Government Organisation

PNG..... Papua New Guinea

QLD..... Queensland

RESP...... Renewal, Evangelism & Stewardship Program

RSM Rural Schools Maintenance Program

RTSP..... Rural Teachers Support Program

SACS...... St Andrews Cathedral School

STI..... Sexually-Transmitted Infection



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