From the ABM Executive Director

Dear Friends in Mission,
It is with great pleasure that I present to you the ABM Project Book for 2019.

All the projects in this book have been initiated and designed by ABM’s partners here in Australia or overseas. Consequently, all the activities are a high priority for the partners concerned, who well understand and appreciate the value of the resources which the Anglican Church of Australia commits through the work of ABM.

All ABM projects arise within the framework of a strong partnering relationship which encourages trust and opportunities for continuous mutual learning. While band-aids are sometimes necessary in the short term, it is always the root causes of physical and spiritual poverty which need to be the main focus of our collective work. Increasingly, ABM has worked with partners to develop approaches to problems which build upon local strengths and assets, rather than focusing on need and on capacities which communities may lack. As our regular monitoring and evaluation reveals, this substantially improves the sustainability of programs and the effectiveness of eliminating the root causes.

It is simply not possible to feature every project which ABM is committed to, and so the Project Book highlights activities which are new and those existing projects which need extra support. This does not mean that our other projects do not require support. However, many of these have access to other sources of funding, which is generally not available to ones in the Project Book. Please also feel free to continue supporting your project from last year, if it is still being implemented.

The apostle Paul regularly reminded the earliest Christian communities of their connection to each other and their need to support each other in their commitment to mission. I would like personally to thank you, whether individually or collectively through your parish, for continuing to honour and facilitate this commitment to mutual relationship and growth.

Finally, I hope that you will be challenged as you read about the featured projects, and at the same time that you will rejoice at how God’s Spirit is calling God’s people to make the gospel known in many of the most marginal places throughout the world. Please pray for our Partners, ABM and our work together and, if you are able to, support us financially in the coming year.

May you have a blessed and prosperous 2019.

Yours in Christ,
John Deane
Last year, more than 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students undertook studies at the College. Students come from all around Australia. They complete some of their course work in their local setting and travel to Cairns for periodic intensive blocks.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is a partnership of the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting churches in Queensland. College Principal, Rev’d Victor Joseph, is an Anglican priest from Moa Island in the Torres Strait.

“One of the things that has become an important part of our culture in the Torres Strait Islands is the notion of Good Pasin*. Good Pasin is about welcoming someone into our community. It is to open up our community to a person who is a stranger to us. Good Pasin extends to more than just a welcoming, it is to invite the person to come into our homes, invite the person into our community and culture. To invite the person to come and sit at the table where we eat... to be a part of our cultural celebrations.... showing that despite the injustice, that despite the trauma of not having ownership of land, or the island that we come from, the trauma of seeing our seas being polluted, we’re still welcoming the stranger to our communities... still showing compassion.” says Rev’d Victor Joseph, Principal of Wontulp-Bi-Buya College.

“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.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya empowers students to find their voice and articulate theology through the lens of their culture, language, and relationships. This process is a gift to the national church.

Your support resources Wontulp-Bi-Buya in its incredibly important work of helping to foster communities of love, hope and justice through training Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in theology and ministry, mental health, addictions management, and community development.

I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God’s mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2.2-3

*Good Pasin – A Torres Strait Islander word for showing love and respect to everyone.
For the latest on all these projects and for new projects please go to: www.abmission.org/projects

Students from the Certificate III in Theology and Ministry, 2018. © Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, used with permission.
The courses have been a major blessing to many students in developing their literacy and in encouraging them in their Christian faith and their confidence to study and work. However many students who previously completed the Certificate I level course were still finding the jump to the Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology too big a gap.

In 2018 the College added a new Certificate II in Literacy to help bridge that gap. The Certificate II will allow a further year of learning to build on the Certificate I and enable students to be ready for Certificate III. This year was the first year of the course, with 15 students participating. There is now a learning pathway from a preliminary literacy level right through to Certificate IV with a Diploma in Translating planned for 2019.

Certificate II student, Kiefer Hall, is from the community of Ngukurr. He speaks Kriol and Marra. Kiefer says:

“I am studying the Certificate II Foundation Studies and I have completed Media and Certificate I Foundation Studies. I have come back to Nungalinya College to be encouraged and to learn more about God.”

We look forward to Keifer continuing his studies next year in Christian Ministry and Theology.

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 3:15

Empowering young Christian people like Keifer is at the core of what Nungalinya College is about. Many continue to struggle with poor access to education, language and health barriers. Too often they are faced with an education system with very high staff turnover. Relationship is crucial for Aboriginal people and so this is one of the biggest barriers to successful education. Nungalinya has now been offering training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for 45 years. That long-term relationship with Aboriginal churches and communities is vital in making Nungalinya a place that is known and trusted and embraced.

Please continue to support the work of Nungalinya in empowering Indigenous Christians into the future.
Because of her, we can! was the theme of the 2018 NAIDOC week celebrations. One of the inspiring women recognised was the Reverend Gloria Shipp from Dubbo. Gloria was the first Aboriginal woman to be ordained as a Priest in the Anglican Church of Australia.

She has been involved in parish ministry but felt a calling to explore new forms of culturally appropriate ministry which led to the establishment of Walkabout Ministries.

Walkabout Ministries encompasses chaplaincy at the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre in Dubbo, Women’s camps, Men’s camps (led by Gloria’s husband, Eddie), an Elders’ outreach group, Women’s dinners and ‘Women of the Bible’ days, baptisms, an annual Christian rally, and a Reconciliation lunch.

In 2018 Gloria joined with the North-West River Convention Circuit run by Australian Indigenous Ministries to host a Dubbo rally during Easter. Gloria took some of the men from the rally to lead a singalong and share their testimonies with the boys at Orana Juvenile Justice Centre. This connection has led to a group from Moree continuing to come once a month to share time with the boys.

On top of her busy local program, Gloria is also Chairperson of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

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

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

Women's camps cost $1,300.
Outreach trips cost $1,500.
The Dubbo Rally costs $1,500.
Gifts for Boys at the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre cost $300 per year.
The Reconciliation Luncheon costs $1,600.
Women's dinners and bible studies costs $500.
Elder's lunch and craft costs $700.
Outreach Family Fun Day costs $1,200.
Men's Culture weekend costs $1,300.
The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) has called for more to be done to care for and support our nation’s children, to prevent them from getting into the prison system in the first place.

It has been said that the future of our world rests in the hands, hearts and minds of our children.

Jesus himself placed great value on nurturing young believers.

And so the Youth Engagement Project has been set up to fund Church initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In the Northern Territory, Aboriginal leaders expressed a desire to try to break some of the destructive cycles they were observing, by engaging their young people more in the church.

In response to this, and with the generous support of ABM donors, the Diocese of the Northern Territory has produced culturally relevant Sunday School resources for these communities to use in their existing programs and church services.

The communities on Bickerton Island and Groote Eylandt now have these resources available for their young people.

Veronica Wurramurra is a mother of four and leads Kids’ Ministry activities on Bickerton Island in an after school club and at evening fellowship. She says:

“I’m so happy you made those new kids’ church books! I used them on Bickerton Island, and even here on Groote Eylandt and they are really good for the kids. The kids really like the activities and all the little ones were running to join in!”

There is more work yet to be done to ensure these children are given every opportunity to flourish.

Your generous donation will be used for projects across Australia to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth.

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.

Statement from the Heart
Gawura was established in 2007 by St Andrew’s Cathedral School in Sydney in response to systemic underachievement and the clear disparity in educational outcomes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The aim of the program is for Gawura students to achieve educational outcomes equal to (or better than) their non-Indigenous peers. Gawura’s mission is to break the entrenched cycle of disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children by providing them with the best opportunity for educational success and a choice of direction for the future.

Engagement of the Gawura families, parents and carers is critical to the success of the program. With up to 28 students, Gawura is a highly-acclaimed, highly-regarded ‘lighthouse’ model for Indigenous education, offering students a supportive, nurturing space where they feel secure and learn at their own skill level, participating in individual numeracy and literacy programs. They achieve academic milestones daily and grow in their abilities in academic subjects, sport and the arts.

As students “graduate” from the Gawura primary program, they are offered scholarships at St Andrew’s Cathedral School for their secondary education. In 2017, 3 Gawura students completed year 12 at St Andrew’s Cathedral School, graduating successfully with the Higher School Certificate.

Your support of this project helps to provide scholarships for Gawura graduates.

AU018SS Needs $20,000 in 2019
Tax-deductible

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands
(Psalm 90.17)
NATSIAC

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 we may walk together with God and the wider church.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) 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.

The annual NATSIAC Gathering is an important source of support and encouragement for participants. NATSIAC members come from a diverse range of ministries. They include bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers working in cities, regional towns and remote communities.

Life Member of NATSIAC, Rev’d Dianne Langham from Newcastle, states that the church is very much a “pot plant” on this land without becoming a part of this land. It is 230 years old when, in reality, it can become 60,000 years old.

NATSIAC provides a vital and prophetic voice in the wider church. NATSIAC has requested that ABM raise funds to assist in providing secretariat support for members who are all volunteers with busy local ministries.

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

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3: 12-15

NATSIAC member Jojo Huddleston brings greetings from the Northern Territory to the congregation of St Alban’s Church in Yarrabah. © Brad ChapmanVABM, 2016.
RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

“What Aboriginal people ask is that the modern world now makes the sacrifices necessary to give us a real future. To relax its grip on us. To let us breathe, to let us be free of the determined control exerted on us to make us like you. And you should take that a step further and recognise us for who we are, and not who you want us to be. Let us be who we are – Aboriginal people in a modern world – and be proud of us. Acknowledge that we have survived the worst that the past had thrown at us, and we are here with our songs, our ceremonies, our land, our language and our people – our full identity. What a gift this is that we can give you, if you choose to accept us in a meaningful way.” Galarrwuy Yunupingu

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.

Last year donations to the Reconciliation Program helped with the production of a major new study resource called A Voice in the Wilderness: Listening to the Statement from the Heart. Donations also made it possible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans to travel and make presentations at the Abundant Justice and Prophetic Imagination conference.

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

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
NORTHERN TERRITORY DISCIPLESHIP TRACK

Christian leaders in Aboriginal communities face formidable challenges. They are isolated from the broader Church in remote places which are expensive to travel in and out of. They stand in the tensions between their traditional cultures and the Church, working in communities where English is a second or third language and where material disadvantage is prevalent.

The Territory Discipleship Track seeks to assist remote Aboriginal Christians who want to be intentional in their faith, and especially those in leadership, to access much needed training and support as they seek to witness to Christ in their communities.

Over the last two years your donations have enabled the establishment of Healing Groups run by the Ministry Development Team (MDT) of the Diocese of the Northern Territory.

These groups were born when church leaders on Groote Eylandt expressed deep concern at the unresolved and growing tensions in the lives of many in the community who were struggling to deal with the impact of hurt, grief and violence.

The participants in these groups have greatly valued the opportunity to talk, listen and learn:

“I thank God [for your] training so you could share this with us. This [trauma healing group] is very important. You made me strong, so the ladies can talk and share the problems we have and learn from each other.”

“When we share, it all comes out and we talk together and it’s healing us. It is healing our hearts. As we go out, I can feel it is healing my heart”

In 2018 a new group was formed on Bickerton Island.

This year your contributions will be used for three ‘tracks’:

1. The Healing groups run with ABM support have been so helpful, that Aboriginal leaders now want to undertake training so they can lead the program in other communities around Arnhem-land. Funding will enable four Aboriginal leaders to be trained and will then support the ongoing costs to deliver the course in various communities.
2. A pre-ordination discernment and development track for remote Aboriginal candidates who are exploring leadership and ordination.
3. A conference for Aboriginal church leaders from across the Anglican communities in the Top End to enable collaboration and mutual spiritual encouragement. The conference will be an opportunity for Aboriginal voices to be heard in decision-making and planning for the Diocese.

Please consider supporting this unique project to help remote Aboriginal Christians as they seek to walk ‘the narrow’ track with God.

My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped.
Psalm 17:5
Women from seven different Anglican church communities gathered in Darwin as part of the biennial pre-Synod church leader’s conference. © Anglican Diocese of the Northern Territory, 2017. Used with Permission.
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER MISSION GRANTS

The purpose of ABM’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants is to support mission activities that benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

ABM receives grant applications for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander initiatives that connect with one or more of the Anglican Communion’s Marks of Mission:

• To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
• To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
• To respond to human need by loving service
• To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
• To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Grant funds cannot be used for purchasing buildings or vehicles or paying ongoing salary costs. All grant recipients are required to provide a verified financial acquittal, written reports and photographs.

In 2018 one of the grant applications came from the burgeoning Anglican youth group in Bamaga, a small community at the tip of Cape York. The youth, many of whom had never travelled outside the community, had dreamed of visiting Dubbo in NSW to spend time with NATSIAC Chairperson, Rev’d Gloria Shipp and local Aboriginal Elders. They had raised money for their flights but needed assistance with local meals, hostel accommodation and bus charter. Their visit was a high point for churches in both communities with the exchange of culture, stories and new ties that bind together the worldwide church.

Your support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants gives NATSIAC the power to discern their own mission priorities for the Australian Church.

Please support the dreams and visions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people responding to the call of God.

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
Anglican delegates from Bamaga were able to participate in the annual Reconciliation Luncheon when they visited Dubbo in 2018.
ENCOUNTER PROGRAM

ABM’s Encounter Program aims to facilitate two-way learning between a visitor from an overseas partner Anglican Church and the Australian church communities they visit.

One of the best ways of learning about Anglicans from overseas is by meeting them in person. ABM’s Encounter Program is a way in which Australian Anglicans can do just that. It’s designed to provide two-way learning and understanding by allowing specially-chosen people from among ABM’s Overseas Partners to come to Australia. While they are here, they can work on their own learning goals and, at the same time, can help Australian Anglicans to learn what it’s like to be an Anglican somewhere else in the world. Currently under this program, ABM is hosting Nant Hnin Aye (Snow), a lecturer from Holy Cross Seminary in Yangon, Myanmar. She is studying for a PhD in New Testament at Trinity College in Melbourne.

In previous years ABM’s Encounter Program has facilitated visitors from the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and the Anglican Church of Melanesia. They have been able to upgrade their skills in areas such as school chaplaincy and the provision of pastoral support to seafarers. And local Australian Anglicans have learnt a little of what it is like to minister in a Melanesian context.

In future we hope to broaden this program to include different kinds of visits. Such as the recent visit to Australia by the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea’s Archbishop Allan Migi. Archbishop Migi was able to share about the church in PNG, as well as learn more about the Australian Anglican Church, especially its theological training. At the same time, he was able to assist ABM to raise awareness about and funds for the work we are doing in PNG.

Encounter can be about sharing each other’s stories. But it can also be about people who are experts in things like Climate Change in Melanesia coming to the Australian church to help us gain greater insights into this contemporary problem. Or someone who has worked in an interfaith context in Africa or South East Asia coming to share experiences with an Australian parish that may be also working in a similar context.

Encounters are key to our faith. In the Acts of the Apostles we read of the apostles’ encounters with a variety of people. After the encounter, all are changed.

We encourage you to give generously to this program, and who knows? You may find yourself being part of such an Encounter one day.

A typical airfare for a visitor to Australia from the Pacific costs around $1,500.

When our days there were ended, we left and proceeded on our journey; and all of them, with wives and children, escorted us outside the city. There we knelt down on the beach and prayed and said farewell to one another. Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home.

Nant Hnin Hnin Aye (Snow White) dressed as a Karen Lady. Used with permission.
For many years now, the Al-Ahli Arab hospital in Gaza has, in addition to its regular work as a hospital, been working with local community groups to identify, test and treat children under the age of three who have failed to thrive due to malnutrition and other, mostly congenital, reasons.

A Nutritionist who works at the hospital, Dr Suad Obaid, told ABM, as she pointed to a tiny baby wearing a red outfit, who seemed intent on defying the odds stacked against him:

“This eight-month old baby is severely underweight. His name is Majed. He still prefers breastfeeding, but I’m encouraging his mother to mix breast milk with the nutritional supplements I’m giving her. There is a milk formula for underweight infants, but at USD10 a week per child, it is too costly for us to provide. The mother has three older children and is pregnant with her fifth. The father is out of work. Majed had a premature birth, and his mother’s milk is also nutrient-deficient.

“The key success factors for this program are the mother’s cooperation and the family’s means to buy nutritious food. It can be a real challenge for many families to buy food that is low in price and also nutritious. Many families receive relief food from UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees) and this relief food is high in calories, but low in nutrition. It was intended for emergency relief, but these people have been refugees now since 1948. Because of this, we encourage breastfeeding until the child is two, but encourage the mothers to add solid food after 6 months of age.

Through this program, about 80% of the children improve, but overcoming stunting takes longer. Additionally, because of the high cost of transportation to the hospital, which many families cannot afford, we are only able to target those families who live nearest to the hospital. Another challenge is that women here like to have large families – it is a security for them.”

Little Majed will visit the hospital regularly with his mother to have his progress checked by a paediatrician, and by Dr Obaid. Hopefully little Majed will be one of the 80% of children who improve through the work of the program.

Assisting the Al-Ahli Hospital at community level is a strong network of community-based groups within the Gaza Strip who connect families to the hospital for assessment and possible treatment. The groups typically consist of a handful of paid staff, assisted by numerous volunteers. One such group is the Zakher Association. The head, Enam Em Samer, tells ABM: “I’m proud of my organisation and our relationship with the Ahli since 2003. And I’m proud of all the work we do with them, such as the Child Nutrition Program, and health campaigns for women.”

Your donation will help babies and children like Majed to have a chance of a healthy childhood.

It costs $175 for one child to participate in the three month nutritional supplement intervention program, including initial screening, regular hospital visits and checks and the supplements themselves.

| PS001LH Needs $27,000 in 2019 |
| Tax-deductible |
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind [and]... You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

Matthew 22.37-39
The General Community Development Fund helps ABM to fund our community development work that cannot be neatly packaged as a “project”. It includes the following activities:

- Continuing to measure and evaluate our effectiveness in the aid projects we deliver
- Enabling us to learn from and improve the work we do
- Supporting the Anglican Communion to amplify the voices of smaller churches around the world, and especially in our own Pacific region, in advocacy on Climate Change, Prevention of Violence against Women, and ending Human Trafficking and Poverty.
- Supporting the ecumenical work of the Church Agencies Network working to prevent, mitigate or effectively respond to disasters in our Pacific Region
- Supporting the ecumenical work of Action by Churches Together in responding to disasters worldwide

If you have ever wondered how organisations like ABM ensure that the money they raise from the public and spend with overseas partners on community projects and disaster response is spent wisely…

This year we aim to undertake 2 project evaluations, support 2 ecumenical disaster preparedness and response networks, and fund 2 meetings with Pacific Anglican Alliance Partners to further the advocacy work of the Anglican Communion.

If you have ever wanted to see a small donation make a real difference by joining it to many other small donations, through large ecumenical responses to disasters…

If you have ever wanted the voice of the Anglican churches in our Pacific region to be heard on the world stage…

… then please consider supporting this vital fund.

A project evaluation typically costs around $10,000.

Membership of Action by Churches Together costs $5,300 each year.

Support for Anglican Alliance costs $45,000 each year.

Annual support for the work of the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO) costs $20,000.

XG011ZD Needs $129,242 in 2019
Tax-deductible

The work of this General Community Development Fund focusses on Goal #17, Partnerships for the Goals. Working in partnerships makes it possible to achieve all the other Sustainable Development Goals.
ABM places a high value on the quality and longevity of the impacts of its community development work. That is one reason we are so strongly supportive of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (pictured above). Each of our Community Development projects helps to contribute to one or more of these goals, known as the SDGs. You can see the main SDG any of our Community Development Projects helps to contribute to by looking at the icon that sits at the top of each Project description in this Project Book.
Many of ABM’s supporters will have been following the progress of the Disability Inclusion Project which is the brainchild of the Kenyan Diocese of Eldoret’s Community-Based Rehabilitation Program, in partnership with ABM and the Australian Diocese of Perth.

This project gets behind selected local people who either have a disability themselves – or else have a child or children with a disability – and provides them with a mentor and training to develop a viable business.

Two years ago we showed in these pages a photo of Amos, one of the early participants in the project. At that stage, Amos was running his shoe-shine business out of a very tiny room. We are now happy to share this report from Nelly, the Project Manager in Eldoret, on the latest stage of his story, following on from receiving training in book-keeping and business management, and on receiving a no-interest loan from the program:

“Amos from Chepterit, who has a physical disability, was a shoe repair man. He could not get enough products from the suppliers due to inadequate funds. The small room that he was using for the business was in a hidden place which made inadequate access for his customers. After training on simple book keeping and financial management, he can do all his own accounting and make good use of his money. After getting the grant from this project, he has increased his stock and changed from being a shoe repair man to a shoe maker. He can get all the materials he wants from the suppliers. Recently, Amos has relocated to another business house in the centre of Chepterit and his customers can access his business easily, especially on Market Day. He makes a variety of shoes of modern quality and attracts many more customers than before.”

Your generous donation to this project will help people like Amos to set up, maintain and expand their businesses so that they can become self-supporting, active participants and leaders in their local communities, churches and society.

$60 will provide training in disability rights for two people, 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.

KE011DB Needs $25,973 in 2019 Tax-deductible
This project aims 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.
In the village of Kiangini in semi-arid Eastern Kenya, unpredictable rains, frequent long dry spells, and drought and hunger have been the norm for the 5000 people living there, as far back as anyone can remember. But the people are resilient, and patient. And now their opportunity has come.

ABM, through its Kenyan partner, Anglican Development Services, Eastern (part of the Anglican Church of Kenya, and known as ADSE), has begun funding a five year Sustainable Livelihoods Program in Kiangini. Five years because that’s how long it takes to transform an arid-land village from living from hand to mouth on whatever food the unpredictable rains can provide, to a village where people not only have enough to live on, but have enough to flourish as God intended.

The process of transformation is to firstly focus on getting the people organised into a well-functioning Community Based Organisation. Next, using the newly organised groups, the unpredictable rainfall can be addressed by starting to build simple small dams along the sandy bed of the local seasonal river, which normally only fills briefly with water once or twice a year. Whilst some of this water is retained in the sandy bed, most is quickly lost to the Indian Ocean. The dams help to build up the volume of water that is stored between rainfalls in the sandy river bed.

Once the water supply and storage issue has been addressed, the people are given training in a range of farming practices which will help them harness their land to produce food surpluses which can be sold for cash.

With a little cash now in their hands, the villagers will also be trained in operating Village Savings and Loans groups. Out of these groups of about 30 people, and with a great “can-do” attitude, the savings in the village grow exponentially. Suddenly people find they have enough saved to borrow to pay school fees, or uniforms. Once initial loans are repaid, the saving continues and they can borrow more. Perhaps it will be used to build a farm pond to farm fish for sale, to buy drought-resistant galla goats, or to set up a chicken smoking business.

36 year old Titus Muinde lives in Kiangini with his wife and two small children. He learned last year that ABM’s partner had just started working in his village. He’s already joined the Community-based Organisation, and is vice-chairman of the Project Monitoring Committee, checking on the progress of water harvesting in the village. He is very enthusiastic about the work ADSE is doing with his community, and has already attended training in how to terrace the hillsides to retain dew and rainwater, and how to grow drought-resistant crops. Because of his enthusiasm, he was selected to host a “demo plot” to show other farmers how to grow crops such as green grams, cow peas, finger millet and sorghum with little water.

Titus says, “It is through my effort of implementing the good agricultural practices trained by ADSE team that am now able to harvest something. This is in comparison with my neighbours who did not terrace their farms and prepare their lands well, leading to total crop failure”.

Because of his early success, Titus is now planning to have a cereal store in the nearby market. And his plans are likely to succeed, if the stories of transformation from previous villages where ADSE have worked, with ABM’s support, are anything to go by.
You can be part of this story of transformation. You may wish to contribute towards funding the miracle of a new sand dam, or training for Titus and farmers like him. Or you may want to help fund the cost of seeds so that people like Titus can grow drought-resistant crops and thus ensure food for their families. Whatever you decide to fund, you can be sure that Titus and his fellow villagers will be delighted with the tangible assistance they are getting from ABM supporters.

A galla goat (large, drought-resistant) costs $67.

It costs only $60 to provide a year’s supply of seeds for three farmers, providing food for their families and crops to sell.

A training workshop typically costs $500 to train around 120 people.

A sand dam which provides water for up to 900 people costs $9,500.

This project aims 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.
ABM is working with the Anglican Diocese of Hpa-an in two local villages in Kayin State. The project provides agricultural and 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.

Although farming is their main source of income, these families do not own land, and also lack strong knowledge about agriculture. An asset-based community development (ABCD) approach is being used to introduce development initiatives. ABCD focuses on individual and community resources which can be maximised and applied to community issues and challenges to bring about positive change.

The project’s longer term goal is to help people to lift themselves out of poverty and improve their quality of life. With increased incomes from sustainable farming, farmers are more assured of meeting their basic needs, such as sending their children to school, paying health care costs, and providing themselves with reasonable shelter.

2018 was the first year of this project and already the project has helped the community to organise themselves into Village Development Committees. Training has been provided in awareness of children’s rights, and awareness of how development projects can be used to empower women.

Representatives of one community travelled to another village to learn about rice mills there. They have purchased one, and will soon start training their fellow villagers to make sesame oil. These were initiatives that the two communities came up with themselves following the ABCD process.

In 2019, training will focus on agricultural techniques and caring for the surrounding forests. Once trained, it is expected that the families will start to implement their newly found skills which will lead to increased farm incomes and greater awareness of land and forest care. Environmental conservation initiatives, such as tree planting, organic composting, or village garbage collection will be implemented in each village.

Your support of this project will make a lasting difference to almost 1000 people who are trying to rebuild their lives following the devastation of conflict.
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**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.
Lack of ready access to clean drinking water can have serious implications for people’s health. For many years, ABM has placed a priority on helping communities to improve their access to clean water. Through ABM’s partner, the (Anglican) Church in the province of Myanmar (CPM), our supporters have been assisting communities to become healthier. As people gain access to clean water they also learn about good hygiene and safe sanitation.

Communities 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.

Last year, thanks to supporters like you, ABM funded construction of 3 gravity-fed water systems and three tube wells for 1,578 villagers in Yangon Mandalay, Sittwe, and Hpa-an. 31 year old Naw Jue May from Talokepin village in Central Myanmar, was one of the people to benefit from last year’s project:

“Talokepin village is in a dry zone and the leaves fall in summer. So, in summer, when it gets very dry, the forest burns. We worried about fire every year. To prevent and fight fires, people used to carry water in buckets and pots from their respective homes. But this year we built a water tank donated by ABM. Now we easily receive water from the new tank located at our church. So, it is convenient to put out the fires. As a result of building the water tank, we have enough water for our work and church activities. We have the pure and clean water, for people and animals. We can use easily water for trainings and activities in our church.”

This year we aim to build two tube wells and provide piped mountain water to a total of 774 people, and conduct hygiene and sanitation awareness raising seminars, leading to a reduction in water-borne disease amongst children and adults.

Often we don’t think of all the benefits of a water project such as this one, until we hear from the communities about what they learned during the process, and how much the project has changed their lives. 45 year old U Aung Win, also from Talokepin village, told us about how the project had taught him the value of re-afforestation and caring for the forests, and of the need to change from chemical to organic fertilisers so as not to pollute the water courses, and for the general health of the community.

This is one of the meanings of the word “integrated” – the water project is integrated with other training to increase village knowledge and capability in many related areas. Communities also use an approach to development that focusses on their own strengths, and on what they can do to improve their lives, rather than seeing development as something that comes from outside and can be less valued. This is called an “assets-based approach” (ABCD), which many of ABM’s partners have embraced, including CPM.

Please consider supporting this project.

MM001WS Needs $50,000 in 2019
Tax-deductible
This project aims 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 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 6.b:**
Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

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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.

$100 buys 2 basic fly-proof latrines.
$500 funds the fee of a professional water technician.

Construction of a tube well, which provides water for up to 225 people, costs $2,750.
ABM has been partnering for more than 10 years with Anglicare PNG, the social outreach arm of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, to provide Adult Literacy classes both in Port Moresby and regional and rural communities.

In a country where more than one third of all adults are illiterate, and where education can be disrupted by tribal warfare, family issues, or no money available for school fees, Anglicare’s Adult Literacy classes are vital for helping people make up for lost opportunities and to become contributing members of PNG society, either via further education or employment.

ABM’s Pacific Coordinator Kate Winney, and Partner Liaison Mavis Tito recently travelled to Popondetta where they witnessed the signing of a partnership agreement for an adult literacy school in Awala community, just outside of Popondetta town.

Learners heard Anglicare’s Popondetta Literacy Coordinator encourage the community that, “The power to change and grow is within us, in this community. We generously receive support from the outside, but the miracle happens here in the community.” This sums up the story of the Awala community members, who decided to start a literacy school in 2015 to support the many illiterate adults living in the area. Community members gathered bush materials and worked hard to build the classrooms for the learners, and Anglicare helped to identify teachers within the community and started training.

Now a thriving adult literacy school with many side projects, the community has 130 current learners in addition to the recently established early childhood education centre and disability service centre. Seeing young people not finishing school, the Level 1 Teacher said “we wanted to take them in so they forget about homebrew and drugs etc, so that they can be part of the team and our community again”. Some learners walk up to ten kilometres 3 days a week for school, out of a desire to learn how to read and write.

The school also encourages people with a disability to join the program and in Level 1 there are 7 learners with disabilities. Some learners have been provided with wheelchairs through the provincial government, and the teachers hope to receive training in sign language so they can better support the learners.

Jimmy, a Level 1 student, said “I have been a learner for two years at the school and never went to school before that. I can now write but not yet speak Tok Pisin and I am still learning. My dream is to learn to read and write by myself and I wish to own a trade store.”

Kate Winney continues: “The celebratory occasion was an opportunity to commemorate the progress so far, and recognise the ongoing commitment of partnership between the community and the Oro Provincial Government, Anglicare and the Anglican Church of PNG. After hearing stories from teachers and learners, we were given a tour of the community. Over the past few years, the community realised the skills and resources they already had and started to plan several small income generating projects to help fund ongoing school costs like maintenance and stationery. The grand tour included meeting several crocodiles in the community crocodile farm, visiting the chicken house, seeing the four room village style guest house, and exploring the nature park that visitors can pay to walk through. A fifth
income-generating project is underway, with a large oven being built which Level 4 and 5 learners will use to bake and sell bread. Like the Awala community, Anglicare is working to support many communities with training on income-generation projects that will help both sustain the school and generate income for families.”

Your support of this project will enable Anglicare PNG to work with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea to strengthen and extend the work that has already been done by the Church Partnership Program in Literacy, Language and Numeracy, taking it further into remote communities where the church is present with the people.

This project aims 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
NEWTON THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

This year we aim to support students and lecturers as they adapt to exciting new courses at the college, and to enrich the courses offered to the wives of the students who live with them during the residential component of their three year Diploma in Theology course.

Newton Theological College, located in Papua New Guinea’s beautiful Oro Province, is the only facility in PNG that trains men for priesthood in the Anglican Church. At any one time there are up to 22 students living on the campus, often accompanied by their wives and children. The diploma is largely residential, with time also spent in parishes. The aim of the diploma course is to introduce all students to the basic theological disciplines, but with a growing emphasis on doing theology from a PNG perspective.

ABM is seeking funds for both the ongoing physical needs of the college, as well as continuing curriculum development and further education of staff.

Bishop Jeffery Driver, Acting Principle of Newton College, states that the recent acquisition of a newer more powerful water pump, piping and fitting has done much to improve the water supply and even, in some houses, provide an occasional shower, but five water tanks are still needed.

The library has recently been renewed by a significant consignment of books, and, with changes to the curriculum, the students are using the library much more and the addition of the new books has produced real excitement.

Students and lecturers have been adapting to new courses, as the curriculum is being brought up to date. With more emphasis on a variety of assessment instruments, students are adapting to doing their own research. Additional support has been provided to help students gain proficiency at research and essay writing. The hope is that these foundations will eventually produce a robust contemporary Melanesian theology.

Bishop Driver also points out the importance of the women’s program developed for the wives of the Newton ordinands:

“Newton College has always understood that in Melanesian culture, local community leadership involves roles and expectations for both men and women. So, alongside the formation program for the male students, there is a complementary program for the women (about two-thirds of the students are married).

This program continues to have three main strands; literacy, health and sewing. In 2018 the college was involved in piloting a new literacy program in association with Anglicare and ABM (Australia) the program is called “The Popondetta Literacy Program”. It involves four levels of learning and is orientated towards those who have been disadvantaged in the acquisition of literacy skills. The program seeks to enhance functional literacy and associated life skills.”

Ongoing maintenance and repairs continue to be needed to ensure the buildings fulfill their purposes, and finances are always in short supply, both for paying lecturers and supporting the students with basic needs.

ABM urges you to keep Newton College in your prayers. Your generous donation to this project will help provide for the training needs of students and their wives, and for the life needs of both students and lecturers who live at the college.

1This is the same literacy program that ABM is supporting through Anglicare, PNG.
Student study materials (writing pads, pens and a bible or text book) cost about $20 per student per year.

Much needed water tanks for use by the college residents costs $2,000 each.

The annual allowance for one lecturer is $5,000 per year.

Establishment and stocking of a chicken run (to address shortage of protein among students) costs $500.

A hand sewing machine costs $100 for each woman in the literacy and life skills program.

It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.

John 6.45
ABM works with two Anglican Church partners in the Philippines, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines and IFI-VIMROD, a development arm of the Philippine Independent Church. With both partners, ABM is working to help reduce poverty in rural areas in the Philippines through building up the strengths of communities, leading to economic empowerment.

This year, ABM and IFI-VIMROD mark almost 10 years of working together. This strong partnership has engaged with more than 30 communities across the Visayas region in the central Philippines. People in these communities have come together to learn and appreciate their own capabilities and resources, and have enabled themselves to assist each other to become drivers of their own development.

The members of Marikaban Innovative Shellcraft Makers Organisation (MISMO) in Santa Fe, Cebu, have long recognised fishing as their main source of income. Families depend on the daily catch to meet their food needs. Low or no fish caught due to dwindling fish resources or inclement weather usually means taking out loans to feed the family.

Some women in Marikaban have basic knowledge for making jewellery from shells but they needed seed capital to start making more items to sell. With project funds, they are now able to make more jewellery, household items and souvenirs from recycled shells. Other members are learning shell craft making and have started earning additional income for their families. Nelly, a MISMO member with six children, said “this project gives me income to buy rice, to give a little bit of school allowance to my children, and some extra for other household needs.” Nemfa, another member, said: “I buy food for my family from the money I earn; sometimes I can buy a present for my kids, like buying ice cream for 5 pesos.” Nemfa extends her gratitude to the Australian people for their support.

MISMO was formed in 2015. From profits earned the organisation has since built a centre made from local materials where meetings and group activities are held. They have also branched into rice retailing which provides additional income to members and allows families to get rice on credit during periods when they are without cash, until they are able to pay for it.

You can also watch the story of Marikaban’s shellcraft makers at this link: https://youtu.be/MPiqAWtkLrI

Your donation to this project will enable more women and men like Nelly and Nemfa to feel confident in being able to feed their families, and groups like MISMO to expand their economic activities to benefit both their members and the wider community.

PH001EE Needs $107,268 in 2019
Tax-deductible
This project aims 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.
In recent decades the Solomon Islands have seen increased numbers of extreme weather events such as cyclones and major storms causing flash floods. Additionally, sea level rising has led to at least five low lying islands having disappeared, and more are under dire threat.

ABM’s partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) places a priority on helping people across the Solomon Islands to be as resilient as possible in the face of these events. ACOM has a Climate Change policy and action plans. This project supports ACOM to implement their action plans. They are doing this by working to increase the resilience of communities living in disaster prone areas and low lying communities, particularly in food production, food security and capacity to respond effectively to natural disasters.

Because ACOM is represented over most of this country of more than 900 islands, they are using their seven dioceses as focal areas to establish regional disaster committees, to pre-position emergency supplies for use after a natural disaster, and to support people in low lying areas with techniques and knowledge to remain food secure. Disaster committees have already been formed in Malaita, Guadalcanal and Temotu dioceses.

This year your funding will support ACOM to work with selected communities which are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and disasters, including local Anglican secondary school, Selwyn College. At Selwyn, ACOM will improve drainage around the school, which is located in a narrow low-lying strip between the sea and hillsides. Improved drainage will reduce the impact of flash flooding during heavy rains.

Additionally, ACOM will work with selected vulnerable coastal communities to demonstrate and train women in doing Backyard Gardening which increases crop yields and thus reduces vulnerability to climate change. To do this ACOM will be supported by technical expertise from local organisation, Kastom Gaden. Women (identified as “lead gardeners” in their communities) will be shown how to make raised beds and use salt-resistant crops where appropriate, as well as organic gardening techniques such as composting, mulching and pest management. The women will also receive training in nutrition. These “lead gardeners” will then train others in their communities.

The women receive planting materials and tools after the demonstration.

Give generously to this project to help Solomon Islanders increase their resilience to the worst effects of climate change and natural disasters.
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.

$12,000 funds improvements to drainage at Selwyn College.

$70 covers the cost for a participant to learn about Backyard Gardening and receive the tools and seeds needed to create an organic garden for their family?

$500 provides access to clean water for ten school students and their families.

$3,000 covers the cost of one Diocesan Committee to be trained in Disaster Management, including for the community of around 200 people to be trained in awareness of disaster risk reduction.

Coastal erosion in Honiara.
This year we aim to roll out training in 2 dioceses and make the program manual more “Solomon Islands friendly”. ABM supports the Positive Parenting Program through its partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia Mothers’ Union. This year we will be focussing on providing this exciting training to two dioceses, as well as updating the program manual to ensure it is more directly tailored to the Solomon Islands context. This particularly includes broadening the concept of “family” to include extended families and even tribes.

The program is aimed at equipping fathers, mothers and other carers with enhanced skills for raising healthy, happy children. In the process, it also helps participants to understand their own parenting style, and family relationships more broadly.

Local facilitators are trained in the program, and they, in turn, train groups in their communities. The word “Positive” is meant to be taken literally. Any negative child-raising practices, such as corporal punishment, a climate of criticism of the child, or replicating with the next generation negative experiences one may have had in one’s own upbringing, are brought into discussions in a supportive, trusting, non-judgmental environment. Men have found the course particularly helpful and many have begun to see fatherhood as something much broader and richer than simply meting out punishments. And the course has had a positive impact on helping some people to understand and address their own violent behaviour. For others it is a matter of gaining knowledge and skills about managing their frustrations, disappointments and anger, making them better and happier parents.

Mary’s story is typical of those who undertake the Positive Parenting training: “I’m from Gela, and I have a husband and five children. With my first child I didn’t know how to look after her or breastfeed her or take care of her properly. I didn’t know about development of the child. The same with my second child, although I had developed a few more skills. Same with my other children.

“This workshop has been the first time I have really learnt about what it is to be a parent and about development of children. This workshop has taught me it is important to raise your children in the right way. I used to be a bad mother, I got angry easily and beat my children with my hand or sticks. I know realise that this was not just discipline but was hurting them mentally AND physically. It also harms them spiritually. They are not developing properly and would always react to me in a negative way.

“After the training, I changed my approach straight away because I felt guilty. I realised my failures as a parent. No more sticks, no more beating. I have already started applying this since Monday and the children are beginning to say ‘you’re being so nice’, ‘you’ve changed this week.’”

Fred trained as a facilitator in the Diocese of Central Solomons: He has a wife and six daughters, mostly now grown up, and learned about the training through the Mothers Union President. He notes that, “there are a lot of problems in this area because parents are illiterate in regards to parenting. The introduction of parenting workshop helps us to try and help families
to bring up families in an acceptable way and in the spiritual norms and beliefs of the church.” Fred intends to first apply the training to himself and his own family, and “When I succeed with my family, I will help other families. I need to be a role model first before I can assist others.”

Your support of this project will help the local Mothers Union to train more facilitators like Fred, so that they will be able to make a real difference to children and families in the Solomon Islands.

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.
CHURCH CAPACITY BUILDING FOR DEVELOPMENT

This year we aim to provide the Anglican Alliance Agents of Change course to 15 development workers in the Solomon Islands, equipping them with the skills and knowledge to lead local development projects.

ABM is excited to be supporting members of our Solomon Island partner church, the Anglican Church of Melanesia, to study the Anglican Alliance’s *Agents of Change* program.

Students in the Solomon Islands, along with others all over the Anglican Communion, will be able to gain expert knowledge and skills on setting up a development project, over 8 modules. Successfully completing the course will give students the skills and knowledge to be “agents of change” as they facilitate development activities in their own communities.

Solomon Islands-based Anglican Alliance Regional Coordinator for the Pacific, Mrs Tagolyn Kabekabe, says that *Agents of Change* began as an online program, but this was really not very accessible to people living in the Solomon Islands due to unreliable internet and people’s lack of familiarity with this medium. However, now it is now going to be offered face to face for Solomon Islanders. She is looking to for local facilitators and mentors to provide the training over a period of about 8 months. The revamped course has attracted a lot of interest, and Tagolyn hopes it will especially attract those already working in development.

And the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has praised the program:

> “The *Agents of Change* program is one of the most exciting innovations from the Anglican Alliance. The modules focus on vital areas of community development, grounded in academic rigour. It is a superb contribution from the Anglican Alliance to strengthen the committed and inspiring work of Anglicans around the world in holistic mission.

> “I hear that participants talk of being themselves transformed as they seek to transform their communities, working together with the poorest and most vulnerable. Bonds of fellowship are developing across the Anglican Communion. Together people are discovering a shared vision and mutual inspiration in responding to God’s call to build his Kingdom in the here and now.” (*Agents of Change* website, [https://anglicanalliance.org/agentsofchange](https://anglicanalliance.org/agentsofchange)).

Giving to this project will enable eligible people in the Solomon Islands to access the course, and become true Agents of Change in their own communities.¹

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¹ Funds for this project may also be used to assist ACOM to develop their Gender Policy, and for ACOM leadership to visit ABM’s Philippines partner, the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to study their model of church and development.
This project aims to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 4:
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, including...

Target 4.7:
By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture’s contribution to sustainable development.
Working with our partner, the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), ABM’s Integrated WASH project aims to affect lifelong behaviour changes in sanitation and hygiene in 13 rural communities in Vanuatu this year. This will make a major contribution to reducing diarrhoea-related illnesses. The project will also build 10 community water tanks and construct latrines and simple bathrooms for 50 households who have at least one member who has a disability or is elderly. These latrines and bathrooms will serve as models for community members to then replicate.

In addition to this, the communities will also be trained in how to minimise the impact of common disasters such as cyclones and flooding, as well as raise people’s awareness about children’s rights, disability inclusion, gender-based violence, environmental protection and climate change action. It does this through a training of trainers model, where key people in each community are trained, and they in turn provide training for their broader communities. During the trainings people are also taught about growing and preparing traditional foods which are ideally suited to the Vanuatu environment.

Because community committees do this training on a volunteer basis, they will be motivated by organising themselves into Savings and Loans groups in order to stimulate savings in the community, and increase people’s access to small loans.

ABM has been supporting ACOM to provide the Integrated Water and Sanitation project for almost 10 years, and during that time many people in numerous villages have benefited. This is one elderly widow’s story of how she felt after ACOM WASH volunteers installed a water tank in her village:

“I got married to this community when I was just a young girl. Life was very difficult without water. I need water to do cooking and washing. The only water source I was told to access is the coastal spring water and that can only be accessed during low tide. At whatever time of the day or night is low tide, all of us in the community with buckets will have to go and collect water. If I missed out, I will not be able to do any cooking.”

“Now my husband is dead, I am left in the community as a grandmother and this is a dream that I dreamt of 35 years ago. I was more than happy to access water at my door steps.

“When the boys turn on the first tap, tears were running down my face thinking of our husbands who have died that they would have celebrated the achievement together with us. May I take the opportunity to thank the church for its support? I am very happy Indeed.”

A local woman in Nawelala village, Big Bay Bush. © Kate Winney/ABM, 2018.

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH) PROJECT

This year we aim to build 10 community water tanks, provide hygiene training to 1,070 people in 13 communities, and support construction of toilets and bathrooms in 50 households. This will lead to a reduction in water-borne disease amongst both children and adults.
Gino, an ACOM-V WASH volunteer, and Steven, the Nawelala Community WASH focal person, repair a leak in the water system in Big Bay Bush, Santo. © Kate Winney/ABM, 2018.

A 5000L water tank which provides water for up to 200 people costs $2,000. A household latrine costs $380. A two day technical training workshop for Community Water Committee members cost $200 per person. Designing and printing a Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Information Kit for distribution to households costs $30 per kit.

This project aims 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 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 6.b:**
Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.
ABM works with the Anglican Church of Melanesia to provide classes in Language, Literacy and Numeracy for people in Vanuatu, particularly in remote rural areas. The teachers all work as volunteers, and are typically motivated by a strong sense of compassion and social justice.

Hilda is one of the volunteer teachers. Alongside raising two children, she was trained as an Adult Literacy volunteer in 2015 and has started two classes for the Amnos and Lotoken communities in rural Espiritu Santo. As most people are busy in the gardens during the week, the classes run on a Saturday and Sunday in Hilda’s home. Most of the learners have had no previous schooling, and walk 30 minutes each way to class twice a week either on a Saturday or Sunday. The adults are learning basic numeracy, literacy and life skills such as hygiene and cooking.

Hilda says, “I see a lack of education so I give my heart. It is hard but when I see improved skills it encourages me. My students take the classes very seriously and it helps them here at the market in changing the money. We also learn about hygiene during the classes, and I have visited their homes which they now keep clean and tidy. It has also changed how we cooperate with each other – in our communities we didn’t really talk, but now we talk and share. I’ve seen how my students are much more confident, especially in praying out loud. We are running short of tables and chairs in my house to run the classes, and it is challenging not receiving much support. But the Spirit of God keeps me going, and I work towards my goal to put them at the top of the reading levels.”

Hilda also supports her learners in travelling to the Luganville Market once a fortnight to sell their produce such as pawpaw, cabbage, coconut, taro and tomatoes. The bus ride is 1.5 hours and the learners sleep at the market for two evenings until their produce is sold. Hilda assists the learners at the market with practical financial literacy training in pricing and dealing with customers. The learners expressed that now they are learning how to give correct change, and also how to choose a good price for the food. There are another 2,500 women involved in either growing or selling produce at the Luganville Market, and the majority are illiterate. ACOM plans to conduct awareness about literacy for the Market Association, and run a teachers training so that additional classes can be setup.

This year, ABM wants to provide more support to volunteer teachers like Hilda. By linking the literacy classes to a Community Learning Centre, Hilda can receive funds to build an oven, or purchase a sewing machine, which has a twofold purpose of creating an income for the volunteer teacher and further developing learners’ life skills in sewing, baking or carpentry.

This year we aim to support 30 Language, Literacy and Numeracy classes serving 200 people in largely remote communities.

VU006EA Needs $48,622 in 2019 Tax-deductible
Stationary, workbooks and a blackboard for one literacy class of up to 15 people cost $90.

A three day teacher training workshop typically costs $104 per teacher.

This project aims 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.
The land-locked Central African nation of Zambia has one of the highest rates of child marriage in the world, with 6% of girls married by the time they have turned 15 and 31% by the age of 18. This is in spite of 18 being the legal age for marriage. Girls are 10 times more likely to marry before the age of 18 as boys.

Child marriage usually means an end to a girl’s education and her hopes for a better life. It can impact on her health, and many child brides experience domestic violence. Child marriage is often a result of poverty, as it relieves parents of daughters from the financial burden of feeding and educating them into young adulthood. It often has strong support from cultural traditions.

Taking to heart the good news in Genesis that all are made in the image and likeness of God, ABM is passionate about improving life outcomes for women and girls in the work that we do with our partners. ABM’s church partner, the Zambian Anglican Council Outreach Program (ZACOP), has a mission to end child marriage, and to end the conditions of poverty and ignorance, and the lowly status of women which sustain it. Our Gender & Governance project is currently at work in four large villages in Eastern Zambia.

Combatting gender-based violence requires a multi-pronged approach. ZACOP is educating people about the rights of women and children, and helping them to claim these rights. ZACOP is working with local providers to strengthen services such as refuges for victims of violence. They are training rural people to provide counselling both to victims and perpetrators, and to refer cases to the police. They are forming men’s action networks to encourage men to examine and address the causes of gender-based violence. They are also strengthening the women themselves by giving them access to savings with education groups, and to start small businesses to strengthen their income base.

One such group is called the Angel group in Msoro village. It began in March 2018 with 15 members. Each person is expected to contribute savings each week. Using their savings, the Angel group decided to open up an adult literacy class for parents who want to learn to read and a pre-school for their children. 80 children and 10 parents are enrolled so far each paying a small fee. The Angel group also intends to form farming businesses, they have requested the District government to provide them with training in entrepreneurship, and piggery and chicken rearing.

Maureen Daka is from Mzenje village. As a widow with two children, she joined ZACOP’s Gender Action Group in her village. She was trained as a psychosocial counsellor and has been providing counselling services to survivors of Gender-based violence. She says: “People in the community now know me as the GBV counsellor and approach me any time to give counsel or advice. The coming of this project has not only helped me to help the many people in my community but also it has greatly changed my life and improved the way I handle family issues and relate with my children. Also I am constantly helping out at the clinic where I did my counselling practical and this gives me peace.”
Please give generously to fund more training for people like Maureen, and to provide the resources to help women and girls in Eastern Zambia to end the cycle of poverty and violence.

Gender-based Violence (GBV) continues to be a significant problem in Zambia, particularly for women, young girls and children. This is exacerbated by poverty, illiteracy, alcohol and substance abuse, the long-term impact on families of living with HIV and AIDS, and traditional beliefs and cultural practices which cause particular disadvantage to women and girls. For example, child marriage is 10 times more likely to happen to girls than to boys, and women’s ability to own land is extremely limited. The Zambian government has enacted the Anti-Gender-based Violence Act (2011) and Amendment of Penal Code Act No.15 (2005) in order to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and eliminate GBV. However, key service providers have limited resources and capacity to ensure adequate support for this legislation and NGOs have a strategic role to play both in advocacy and community-level support and empowerment. The Gender & Governance Integration Project aims to contribute to the reduction of GBV among a target population of 12,795 people in Mawanda, Mzenje and Petauke Boma in Petauke District, and Msoro in Mambwe District through increased access to quality gender information and services, access to livelihood activities, and reduction of the social, cultural, religious and structural barriers that hinder women, girls and children from accessing their rights.

A training workshop for a community volunteer costs $46 per volunteer.
Training of Men Engage Leaders by YMCA costs $287 per participant.
A safe heavy metal cash box for a Savings with Education group costs $31.

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.
ABM has supported St John’s Seminary for almost a decade now. It is the national seminary of the Anglican Church in Zambia, training ordinands and clergy from all five Anglican dioceses across Zambia. The training prepares them to minister in fast-growing urban and rural congregations of the Church.

The seminary, which receives a small monthly grant from the National Church, does not charge tuition fees, in order to enable students from poor dioceses to attend. However, this operating grant is not enough to cover the seminary’s expenses.

St John’s is dependent on donor aid for staff salary support, maintenance, its internet facility, and books for both the library and students’ use after the training.

Father Francis Mwansa shares his story of being an ordinand, and now Principal of the Seminary, and offers thanks to ABM’s donors.

“In June 1975 I was selected to start seminary training as ordinand of the diocese of Northern Zambia. St John’s Seminary was then affiliated with the University of Cambridge offering diploma courses in Theology. The duration of the course was three years and the fourth year was Ministry Formation.

Having completed seminary training I was ordained deacon and the following year ordained priest, and was appointed to work as curate at the Cathedral of St Michael and all Angels here in Kitwe. After serving at the cathedral for three years I was later appointed as priest in charge to the parish of St Cyprian in the town of Mufulira.

During my time in Mufulira my diocese secured a scholarship for me to go to Virginia Theological Seminary in the USA to do a Degree Course and later a Master’s Degree.

After completing my Masters course at VTS I went back to serve at my former parish, and at the same time I was seconded by my diocese to teach at St John’s Seminary as adjunct lecturer. In 2005 my diocese seconded me to Seminary as full-time teacher and was appointed Dean of Students. I was later appointed Dean of Studies and in 2013 appointed as Rector of the seminary.

For the many years that I have been connected with St John’s I have seen it transformed in so many ways. When I was a student, the seminary had no computers and internet was unheard of. We had very few books in the library, which made research very difficult. Students had to rely more on the notes they got from the teachers in class.

Today the seminary library has grown and internet research is available to both staff and students. We thank our partners for coming in to help. Today our students are able to acquire a few personal books for use in their ministry after leaving seminary training. Again this has been made possible by our committed partners who are willing to contribute to the work of St John’s Seminary and ultimately to the Church in Zambia.

The seminary continues to have challenges funding its running costs, but survives on a minimal grant from the National Church and donations from well-wishers, including ABM.

St John’s Seminary is currently running a degree programme with North-West University (NWU) in South Africa, and all our current students are enrolled on this programme for a period of four years. This programme also has challenges and difficulties.
to manage because of its demands on the use of internet and enrolment fees to the University, compounded by fluctuations in exchange rates.

Next year, the seminary will introduce its own local diploma and degree courses in Theology to replace the NWU programme which will phase out in July 2020. We are hoping that our new local programmes will also be supported by many of our friends. May God continue to bless all who have supported St John’s Seminary training for many years and, in particular, ABM. Many thanks. "

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11.29
Adopt a Project... and support the Anglican Church around the world.

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:**
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I would like to donate by:

- [ ] Regular giving through ABM’s Direct Debit Program – Please turn over 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.

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**Please detach and return this form to:**

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  - Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd
  - Locked Bag 04005
  - Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230

- [ ] FAX
  - (021) 9261 3560

- [ ] EMAIL
  - info@abm.asn.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.

For the latest on all these projects and for new projects please go to: www.abmission.org/projects
# Direct Debit Request

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Request and authorise Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM) to process the amount specified below through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System from an account held at the financial institution below, subject to the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement and further instructions that may be provided below.

### Name of Financial Institution that holds the account

| **Financial Institution Name** |  |
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### Details of account and amount to be debited

(Please note that direct debiting may not be available on all accounts)

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| **one payment only** |  |
| **at any one time** |  |

(Description of amount in words)

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**The first debit may be made on**

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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.

| **Signature** | **Date** |
| **Signature** | **Date** |
Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

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 (ABMI).
‘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.

DEBITING 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:
ai 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.

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 to 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
b 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 the Anglican Board of Mission – Australia reasonably believes that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious or imminent threat to an individual’s life or health; or
b 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 D4005, 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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