

ABM Partner Countries



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From the ABM Executive Director



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As promises of an effective vaccine give countries, at least in the developed world, new cause for hope, it is timely to reflect on the impact COVID-19 has had, and continues to have, on ABM's projects and on the international development and humanitarian scene generally.

These impacts have created challenges but have also reinforced the critical nature of ABM's community development projects for impoverished communities.

During 2020, some of ABM's partners and the projects they implement were hit harder than others. The Philippines, where two partners live and work, was particularly hard hit. By late 2020 there had been almost half a million cases of COVID-19 – the highest number in Southeast Asia – and over 8,000 deaths. There have been national lockdowns, followed by more localised lockdowns, preventing many poor people from buying and selling at nearby markets if they happen to be in a different local government area.

In Myanmar, we hear a common story. The virus was thought to have all but gone, but now seems to have returned more virulent than before. Myanmar has more than twice Australia's population, but its testing rate is about 3% of ours. Most of the cases are in areas of high population density such as the capital, Yangon.

It is similar in Papua New Guinea. For many months there were just a few cases, most of them easily traceable. But, not long after a new spike began, people were reluctant to get tested. In many countries where education levels are lower, social media scare campaigns can gain a lot of traction.

ABM's projects supporting theological education, for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans and also in other parts of the world, seek to provide the capable and visionary leadership required to guide the church and community in the midst of these challenges. ABM and its partners and communities have had to be flexible and innovative. The projects you have supported in the past have helped to make this possible.

In Papua New Guinea the church and its outreach arm, Anglicare PNG, have been proactive in going into communities, churches and schools to dispel harmful myths and install handwashing facilities.

There is a similar story in Vanuatu, with the church there spreading helpful messages about preventing the spread of the virus, keeping people safe at this time.

In Kenya, too, the church stepped up early and trained and commissioned community health workers to carry messages of protection and prevention to the most remote farming communities. And bishops blessed new water tanks installed in communal areas where most people could access them.

All of ABM's partners have expressed particular gratitude for the extra support you have given them during this time. They've said it is comforting to know that there are people who care about what happens to them, whether a near neighbour, or on the other side of the world.

I commend this year's projects to you and urge you to become engaged in God's mission through the projects you select. The need for your support is greater than ever.

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The Rev'd Dr John Deane **ABM Executive Director**

The Five Marks of Mission

This year we have grouped our Project Book offerings under the Five Marks of Mission.

Marks of Mission are sure signs of God's grace in the world. And whilst it is clear that many of the projects might easily "fit" under more than one Mark of Mission, we thought arranging them this way might help to draw out some key elements of each project.

You will find the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Projects listed under the first Mark – **Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people.** As you read about the projects in this section, we invite you to think and pray about the forgiveness and reconciliation brought to us by Christ's life and death, and to ponder how such forgiveness and reconciliation are brought into our own lives. We also invite you to pray for ABM's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program, and for the ten projects listed under this Mark. You may wish to use the Reconciliation Prayer on page 17.

Under the second Mark of Mission – **Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith** – we have grouped the three Church to Church projects. All three seek to enhance the building of faith communities, whether in Papua New Guinea, Zambia, Australia or anywhere in the world where ABM's Encounter program operates. Whilst taking time to think about this Mark of Mission, we invite you to reflect on and pray for ABM's Church to Church Program, and for its three projects. The prayer on page 24 may be helpful.

The remaining three Marks of Mission relate to ABM's Community Development and Humanitarian projects.

Reading about some of these projects will call us to **Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy** (third Mark); others to **Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation;** whilst three in particular focus on God's call to us to **Protect, care for and renew life on our planet.**

Prayers have been included for the last three Marks of Mission at the end of each section. Please join us in God's mission through your prayers, and by making a commitment to support one or more projects this year.

First Mark of Mission

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



Welcome to the

Aboviginal and Torrey Strait Islander Projects

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)

Mission is the manifestation of Christ's saving, forgiving, reconciling love. In our own land, reconciliation begins by listening to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are saying and discerning where God is at work. ABM's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander projects provide vital resources that contribute to a future of love, hope and justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander churches and communities. ABM's work is focussed on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in the Anglican Church of Australia, especially by working closely with the National Aboriginal Bishop and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC). Your support for these projects helps to raise up and equip Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders and build platforms which enable their voices to be heard.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander readers are advised that the following pages may contain images of people who have died.

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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.

COVID-19 has brought about changes to the way Wontulp courses are delivered. All face to face teaching had to cease and the college was presented with the challenge of delivering appropriate remote learning opportunities to 131 students spread across Australia.

Many students live in remote communities where there is little access to internet or computers. The small hard-working team of staff rose to the challenge and have been supporting all their students through a multi-stage plan to see every person have access to teaching support and materials needed. This included the move to online course delivery, regional visits by staff to provide training (where permitted), and the provision of college-owned devices that can be loaned out to students. In 2021 the college will continue in this mode of operation and needs your support to do so.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya owns no buildings and operates from a converted church hall in Cairns. College principal, the Rev'd Canon Victor Joseph, is an important theological leader in the Anglican Church of Australia and leads the college with much enthusiasm and vision.

Please support Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in equipping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders.



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Nungalinya College in Darwin is a Combined Churches Training College for Indigenous Australians. The College is formally supported by the Anglican, Uniting and Catholic churches of the Northern Territory. Established in 1974, Nungalinya College equips men and women for leadership roles in churches and communities. Training programs explore the Christian faith contextually through courses in Foundation Studies, Bible Overview, Media, Music and Discipleship, Christian Ministry and Theology, and Bible Translation.

COVID-19 meant that students were unable to attend classes during part of 2020, but classes recommenced in Term 3 which was a busy and, at times, difficult season as there were many deaths and funerals and other sad happenings. College Principal, Ben van Gelderen, reflects, "God is faithful to supply all our needs, and much deep learning and sharing was undertaken in the second half of the year. Some of the most memorable times were students sharing their learning through art, Testimony Tuesdays on Facebook, the inaugural Men's Class studying the life of Peter, and the Certificate IV in Theology/Ministry graduation. As always, our daily morning chapel services, featuring various languages and clans, were precious and unique times and a true taste of heaven."

In 2021 Nungalinya College is looking forward to introducing a new Faith and Family course focused on family well-being and domestic violence prevention, a new Art course focused on working in the Aboriginal art industry and integrating traditional artistic expressions with Christianity, the first Certificate II in Old Testament Overview, and the graduation of the first Diploma of Translating cohort.

Your support for Nungalinya College helps to train Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders.







The Tranfiguration - Roderick Dairiyi © Nungalinya College. Used with permission.





Diocese of the Northern Territory

This project needs **\$36,700 in 2021** AU008BA is non tax-deductible

The Ordination of Craig Rogers of Ngukurr community in southeast Arnhem land in October just past, was an event of great significance . Existing Aboriginal ministers are aging, and have been crying out for younger people to step up into ministry leadership. Yet, ministry in this region is not easy. The remote communities conduct church and fellowship in Kriol, in a style that is culturally appropriate. So, any would-be church leader really needs to be locally raised. It is a demanding ministry context in many ways and calls for a wise, gentle leader with the heart of a peacemaker. So, it was cause for great celebration that Craig has stepped faithfully and with a servant-heart towards this calling.

As a younger church leader, Craig was involved in leading youth camps, taking groups of kids camping by the billabong and telling bible stories to them around times for fishing and cooking. He is well-respected in the community and he and his wife, Rose, have fostered many children through the years. Craig is looking forward to working with others to help people in his community grow in their faith and get the training he has benefited from, through Nungalinya College. He continues to have a heart to help young people know God in their lives and grow up in good ways.

Your support for the Diocese of the Northern Territory helps to enable support for leaders like Craig, across vast distances and in situations of community strife.

With some original plans delayed by COVID-19, the Diocese of the Northern Territory needs your support for: the Territory Aboriginal Anglican Leaders Conference, the Urban Aboriginal Family Event, the Territory Aboriginal Anglican Consultative Council/Reference Group, publication of the Kriol Preya Buk, a Women's Retreat, a Men's Bible Camp and other priority Aboriginal ministry initiatives.



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The Diocese of North Queensland

This project needs **\$25,000 in 2021** AU007NQ is non tax-deductible

The Diocese of North Queensland includes a large number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Many are remote communities for whom the cost of travel and daily expenses are exorbitant and most Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clergy are non-stipended. Of the 50 parishes in the Diocese of North Queensland only 17 have stipended clergy.

Despite these monumental challenges, clergy and lay ministers in these communities are working tirelessly to proclaim the gospel, build community, and provide pastoral care and practical support to their communities. Communities are working to implement missional projects that will raise funds for their communities, as well as meet practical needs. For example, in the Ministry Unit of Kowanyama, ministry is funded through a diocesan store. In Yarrabah, a new project is underway that will include a drop-in centre, op-shop, and cafe.

The Diocese has appointed the Rev'd Annette Woods, Rector of Yarrabah, as Ministry Development Officer to support mission and ministry on the Cape York Peninsula. The role is to support and mentor ministers in Aboriginal communities, especially non-stipended and lay ministers. There is also a training role for those seeking ordination or appointment as a lay minister. At present the Diocese has very few Aboriginal priests and a key part of this role is to raise up Aboriginal leadership.

Your support for this project assists the Diocese of North Queensland with priority Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission and supports the work of the Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsula.

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The Torrey Strait Islands

Torres Strait "The Coming of the Light"

This project needs **\$50,000 in 2021** AU023TS is non tax-deductible

Coming of the Light – Mission and Ministry in the Torres Straits

2021 marks the 150th anniversary of The Coming of the Light to the Torres Strait Islands. The London Missionary Society with Melanesian leaders landed on the shores of Darnley Island and introduced the Bible to the people who lived there. This event, The Coming of the Light, is an integral part of cultural identity to Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is marked as a public holiday within the region and there is much joy around its anniversary. It is also an important anniversary for the national Anglican church, hence its being in our lectionary.

The Coming of the Light invites us to reflect on our national history, on the good and the bad. It invites us to celebrate mission and ministry, particularly within the Torres Strait, and it invites us to listen to the church in the Torres Strait, which is made up of vibrant communities of hope.

In 2020, the Melanesian Brotherhood established a household on Thursday Island. The Melanesian Brotherhood is the world's largest Anglican religious order and is headquartered in the Solomon Islands. The Brothers will live and minister at the cathedral on Thursday Island, nurturing community and supporting clergy and lay ministers across the islands of the Torres Strait.

The Anglican Church of Australia faces many challenges, and in the words of the Rev'd Canon Victor Joseph, it is time for the church to be "missioned to" by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders. The church in the Torres Strait has much to teach the church around Australia, much salt and light to offer. The Coming of the Light is not simply an historic event, it is an invitation for all of us to be changed by the work of God in the Torres Strait.

ABM invites you to celebrate and support the vibrant ministry and mission of the Torres Strait Islander Anglican Church. Funds donated to this project will be used to support priority mission activities by the church in the Torres Strait under the oversight of the Bishop of North Queensland.



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This project needs **\$12,500 in 2021** AU019NA is non tax-deductible

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

NATSIAC (The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council) is an official body of the Anglican Church of Australia with representatives from across the national church working together on issues that are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans.

NATSIAC members are immersed in Indigenous ministry. From their own experience and accumulated wisdom, they guide the wider church on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander matters. Although postponed last year due to COVID-19, the annual NATSIAC Gathering is an important coming together of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders from across the Australian church. The Gathering is a place of mutual support, refreshment, collective discernment and a prophetic wellspring that enriches our understanding of how God is at work in this land.

Funds received for this project are passed on to NATSIAC to assist in the accomplishment of their vision.



Aytralia Walkabout Ministries (The Reverend Gloria Shipp)

This project needs **\$25,000 in 2021** AU005DB is non tax-deductible

Walkabout Ministries is the way that the Reverend Gloria Shipp continues to be a pioneer for Aboriginal ministry in the Anglican Church of Australia. The first Aboriginal woman to be ordained a priest in 1996, Gloria has spent her ministry bridging cultures and demonstrating Christ's love and concern to communities in Dubbo, NSW.

Although COVID-19 has meant Gloria has retired from her role as a Juvenile Justice Chaplain, she continues to run a busy schedule of events which include a Women's Camp, weekly Elders Group, Reconciliation luncheon, Women of the Bible afternoons, a Christian rally in Dubbo and outreach trips, as well as baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Your support for this project provides a small stipend for Gloria, some administrative assistance, and supplies for the various activities.









Gawura is a unique Indigenous day school, located within St Andrew's Cathedral School for children from inner Sydney.

Gawura's purpose is to close the gap in educational disadvantage of First Nations Peoples.

The school provides a safe, culturally authentic education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from Kindergarten to Year 6. Students are then offered a fully paid scholarship for secondary schooling at St Andrew's Cathedral School.

Students learn Wiradjuri language and culture which in turn gives them strength of character to excel and the drive to complete school. Gawura shifts expectations and gives choice in education which opens doors to greater opportunities in life.



This project needs **\$20,000 in 2021** AU018SS is tax-deductible

One of the great joys of 2020 was seeing the first Gawura graduate commence a medical degree. Izak who completed year 12 in 2019 plans to specialise as a cardiothoracic surgeon and work for the community in his home state of South Australia.

Your support of this project will help to provide a Gawura scholarship for a student in secondary school, making a world class education accessible to someone who wouldn't otherwise receive this opportunity.



Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants

This project needs **\$100,000 in 2021** XG015ID is non tax-deductible

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

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

Last year the projects included chaplaincy in an Aboriginal school, musical instruments for a

new ministry engaging young men in the Northern Territory, funding for an Aboriginal Anglican Leaders conference, help for the establishment of the new Torres Strait Regional Council for the Anglican Church, help for newly established Aboriginal churches, Bible camps, breakfast programs, an event to connect with the families of school children involved in Religious Education, publication of curriculum resources, copies of Kriol prayer books for Aboriginal churches, and help to investigate the viability of a new commercial enterprise for one Aboriginal church.

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





Anglicans to speak prophetically to the wider church. By listening to what Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are saying to the church today we have a chance to discern the call of God from the margins. That's why we carry statements from leaders like National Aboriginal Bishop, Chris McLeod, who pointed to systemic racism in our own society in his Black Lives Matter! statement. Nearly 2000 people subsequently watched the

30 minute video where Bishop Chris explained what he saw as the key challenges for Australian Anglicans around Reconciliation.

Your support for this project helps ABM to amplify the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican leaders in the church and more broadly. It supports the study guides, videos, retreats, conferences and work towards responding to the calls of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, especially the calls made in the Statement from the Heart at Uluru in 2017.

> Aunty (Dr) Rose Elu National Reconciliation Week **Conversations 2020**





Prayer for the First Mark Of Mission

Reconciliation prayer

Holy Father, God of Love, You are the Creator of all things. We acknowledge the pain and shame of our history and the sufferings of Our peoples, and we ask your forgiveness. We thank you for the survival of Indigenous cultures Our hope is in you because you gave your Son Jesus to reconcile the world to you. We pray for your strength and grace to forgive, accept and love one another, as you love us and forgive and accept us in the sacrifice of your Son. Give us the courage to accept the realities of our history so that we may build a better future for our Nation. Teach us to respect all cultures. Teach us to care for our land and waters. Help us to share justly the resources of this land. Help us to bring about spiritual and social change to improve the quality of life for all groups in our communities, especially the disadvantaged. Help young people to find true dignity and self-esteem by your Spirit. May your power and love be the foundations on which we build our families. our communities and our Nation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Theology Working Group, 13 March 1997, Brisbane



Second Mark of Mission

Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith.

The gospel stories of Jesus and his followers provide us with a model of a community of faith which welcomes all comers, heals and transforms individuals, and empowers some to become leaders and take the good news to the far corners of the earth. Your support of the projects on the next few pages will both strengthen our own church, and enable partner churches to be bearers of the good news of the kingdom of God, and to build strong, loving faith communities.





Welcome to the

Church to Church Program

ABM's **Church to Church Program** exists to help Australian parishes and individual donors make a difference to the Church overseas.

Empowered by the prayers, interest and generosity of donors, ABM works together with Overseas Partners to strengthen the institution of the Church itself through quality theological formation and training.

In Papua New Guinea, a place close to the hearts of many Australians, ABM supports **Newton Theological College** – the national ordination training college for those seeking ordination as deacons and priests within the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In Kitwe in Zambia, a place known to Australians who work in the copper mining industry, ABM supports **St John's Seminary.** Like Newton Theological College, St John's trains students for the Church's ordained ministry.

ABM's **Encounter Program** is a way in which two-way learning can happen and long-term friendships can be made. The aim of the program is to bring specially selected lay or clergy staff from overseas Anglican partner churches to spend time either in parts of the Australian Church working on their own learning goals or to spend time with another overseas partner church learning from them.







This project needs **\$81,000 in 2021** PG022NT is non tax-deductible



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Building welcoming, transforming communities of faith - Papua New Guinea

ABM's Newton Theological College (NTC) project currently sees us collaborating with the NTC staff and students, specialist volunteers, Acting Principal, the Rt Rev'd Dr Jeff Driver and Deputy Principal, Fr Giles Motisi.

Fr Giles began his working life with an agriculture degree, managing a plantation company. But he always felt a call to the ordained ministry of the Church. So, having consulted with his family and parish priest, he put himself forward to his bishop for consideration and was accepted to study at Newton College. After graduating, he did further theological study, then returned to Newton on the staff, and eventually was made its Deputy Principal. On any given day Fr Giles might be presiding at the Eucharist, writing and delivering lectures, mowing sections of the college's extensive lawns, taking sick students into town to the hospital on the PMV (the local bus service), reading in the library to prepare for a sermon, leading a student pastoral group, or growing food in his vegetable plot (the source of most food for people living on the campus).

He is sustained by the daily reading of his bible and praying Morning and Evening Prayer. Fr Giles says of his busy life, "Last semester, due to COVID-19, I was the only priest and lecturer, and was doing lots of administration too. I remember someone asking how I was handling all that. And the answer was 'by the grace of God'.

"I think my experience as a plantation manager has been helpful with the work in the college, especially with supervision, organising and time management. My degree in agriculture also makes it easy to manage our cocoa block, and rice mill and I'm hopeful we'll be able to develop a chicken and fish farm for the college.

"Now that the power has been connected by PNG Power through the generosity of ABM donors – a long-held dream – it will mean we can begin to improve life at the college by adding an internet booster and working to establish an IT lab with students having access to computers."

By donating to Newton Theological College you're joining with others who want to see the college continue the improvements already made. You'll be empowering the NTC staff and students, the Rt Rev Dr Jeff Driver, specialist volunteers and Fr Giles, all of whom are determined to build on the strong foundation that we've already been able to create together and see the college flourish.





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St John's Theological Seminary

This project needs **\$24,500 in 2021** ZM004TF is non tax-deductible

Building welcoming, transforming communities of faith - Zambia

St John's Anglican Seminary in Kitwe, Zambia was established by the Australian priest, Fr Charles Helms to train students for the Church's ordained ministry. With Covid-19 wreaking havoc worldwide, one of St John's partners had to call two lecturers home in December. Thankfully, funds from ABM's generous donors have allowed the seminary to continue to keep its doors open as they enable operating costs to be met.

The Rev'd John Kafwanka, who has just moved to parish ministry after 12 years as the Anglican Communion Office's Director for Mission, was a student at St John's. After some time studying in Melbourne, he returned in 2000 with his wife, Martha, to teach at St John's.

John says, "At that time, there were only two full-time teaching staff and about three part-time. Within six months I was the only full-time staff."

But when he left the college after three years, John had a team of five full-time and six parttime academic staff, and five non-academic staff. Computers had been acquired for the staff, and students could use them in the library, which had its book stock expanded. The Women's Training Program (for the wives of the students and other women in the community) had been re-focussed to give the women practical skills. Training was provided in tailoring and design, knitting, batik making, tie-dye, home management, health matters, counselling, English, bible knowledge and preaching. Sewing machines were acquired for this program.

"The theological formation I received in Kitwe and Melbourne, and my work experiences at St John's Seminary and then CMS were important preparation for the work I was to do later at the Anglican Communion level," says John.

In his role at the Anglican Communion Office, John has helped national Churches and mission agencies coordinate their work. An outcome was the Anglican Church Growth Initiative, now called Anglican Discipleship.

So, by donating to St John's Theological Seminary you're joining with others who want to see the college continue to produce quality graduates with a passion for making a positive difference whether at a local or a global level. You'll be ensuring that ABM can help the staff and students to transform the world by making things better one step at a time.



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This project needs **\$6,300 in 2021** AU012EP is non tax-deductible

A Myanmar encounter in Melbourne: Nant Hnin Hnin Aye

Nant Hnin Hnin Aye (known as Snow because her middle name means "Snow" in Burmese) has recently returned to Myanmar after spending three and a half years studying for a higher degree in theology at Melbourne's Trinity College, as part of ABM's Encounter Program.

Snow says, "I am a New Testament lecturer at Holy Cross Theological College in Yangon".

Snow's research has focussed on the Gospel of St Matthew and the life of the early Christian community as it separated itself from first-century Judaism. She hopes to make a contribution to the ever-increasing output of Asian theologians.

The church that Snow comes from is small but vigorous. Snow says that Anglicanism "is the thirdlargest Christian denomination in Myanmar. There are approximately 65,000 Anglicans living in six dioceses."

She adds: "I am so impressed by how the Anglican Church of Australia responds immediately to current issues, both global and local, and raises its voice for the sake of the least in the community."

Learning about new cultures and perspectives has been a part of the Encounter Program for Snow: "Coming out from my country and studying in Melbourne has been the biggest challenge of my life – being away from my parents for three and a half years. The most difficult part of my life was when my father died in 2018. I was devasted by his sudden death... It has been a good thing to have a supportive community in Trinity, friends from the local Karen community and a small group family, who have all encouraged me not to lose motivation and to move forward.

"I would like to express a heart-felt thank you to ABM and Trinity who have generously supported me, both in financial and spiritual terms, throughout this journey...I never imagined I'd be



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able to do this, but by the grace of God I have had this opportunity.

"May God continue to bless ABM's ministry." ABM's Encounter Program brings staff (lay or clergy) from overseas Anglican partner churches to spend time either in Australia working on their own learning goals or with another Anglican church partner, learning from them. Although COVID-19 has paused the Encounter visits, we plan to send one or two students from Papua New Guinea to study for degrees at St Andrew's Seminary in Manila as soon as safe travel is possible again.

By donating to ABM's Encounter Program, you join with others who want to provide lifechanging opportunities for staff from overseas Anglican partner churches. Or your own life might be changed by encountering a visitor here in Australia.

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Prayer for the Second Mark of Mission

God of community, you call us into solidarity with our brothers and sisters to create welcoming and transforming communities of faith. Give us the vision and desire to work for your kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Third Mark of Mission

Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy.

Jesus stood in solidarity with the poor. He preached good news to them, and clearly told his followers to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the prisoner and clothe the naked. ABM's projects in this next section help to address poverty through literacy education, community training, early childhood health interventions, by enabling better access to clean water, and by responding to humanitarian emergencies. By supporting one or more of these projects through your prayers or a donation, you are standing in solidarity with the poor and needy in our world today.



Welcome to the evelopment Program Community

As COVID-19 is expected to push an additional 100 to 150 million people into extreme poverty in 2020-21, all these Community Development projects are more in need of funds this year than ever before.

Your donation to one or more of these projects will make a real difference to many living in poverty in the Philippines, Gaza, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, and around the world.

It will make a difference to many suffering from gender and family violence in Zambia and the Solomon Islands and from the effects of war in Myanmar.

It will make a difference to communities affected by Climate Change in Kenya, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

There are 15 Community Development Projects this year, including a new ongoing emergency fund to enable ABM and its partners to continue to tackle COVID-19 and its impacts (page 34). Please keep them all in your hearts and prayers.





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The gift of giving

One of ABM's partners in the Philippines, E-CARE, has been having great success turning "receivers" into "givers". This project seeks to strengthen community groups so that they not only have sustainable livelihoods, but also share the benefits they have received from the project with another community. People who previously only "received" project benefits now become "givers" or donors to others.

The 34 community groups - over 3000 people - that make up this project are in the final stages of becoming self-sufficient, albeit with some set-backs caused by COVID-19. Most of the communities have fully developed strategic plans to help put their businesses on a good footing. People have been trained in bookkeeping and in preparing their own income statements.

Since March, 2020, because of COVID-19, training activities in high-risk areas which involve community gatherings have been postponed until it is safe to resume them. However, E-CARE keeps in regular contact with the community organisations through phone calls, messaging and social media. One-on-one coaching has also commenced on how to draw up financial statements.

During COVID-19 the project has made "labour vouchers" available, whereby households can make an advance payment of a future service (for example a promise to do two weeks of farm labour) in exchange for a cash grant now.

Community markets have been established to provide ready access to low-priced necessities (food staples, hygiene products etc) where people are unable to travel to regular markets to purchase these necessities due to travel restrictions at the local level.

The project is also helping affected farmers to market their produce to enable them to recover costs and earn income from their ventures.

Loans have also been made available for people to start small-scale alternative livelihoods that

provide affected households and communities with income sources while their main livelihood is being rehabilitated after COVID-19, or as a long-term additional source of income

And the community groups themselves are playing their part. Some have established their own monitoring teams for the Receivers to Givers Program. They visit their members to check on how their livelihoods are going. They then report to the organization during monthly meetings and agree on any follow-up needed. This ensures immediate action can be taken if any of the members are having difficulties with their livelihoods, especially during COVID-19.

Your support of this project will enable the 34 community groups to surmount the barriers of COVID-19 and continue to grow in selfsufficiency. Most of all, it will enable more groups to be transformed from "receivers" into "givers" so that an increasing number can benefit.











The Philippines Asset Based Community Development (VIMROD)

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Engaging youth to end poverty

"Our message to the youth is never to be afraid of responsibility". These words were spoken by Margie and Joel, two office-bearers of the Bolongan-Camugao Youth Organization (BCYO). BCYO is made up of 17 young people, aged between 15 and 23, all of whom come from poor families who have a daily struggle for survival. The focus of their project is to set up a convenience store to help their parents out with every-day expenses. They also wanted to work together to make a positive impact on the environment.

"We made use of the asset-map to identify available community assets necessary for our project. Negotiating and coming up with a written agreement with the land-owner was the first thing we did. Next, was soliciting bamboo for the walling. And since we needed to raise funds to purchase other materials like nails and a steel roof, we decided to harvest watercress from a public area in our community and sell it. We earned 240 Philippine pesos on the first day (about \$7), and we continued until we were able to reach about 1,500

pesos (about \$45)," Margie said.

Joel added, "Every Saturday, we meet to discuss and assess our project. Meetings enable us to understand each other and persevere for the common goal."

After the construction of the convenience store, BCYO continued selling watercress, and added banana cue (barbecued bananas) and pastries, but this initiative was unfortunately stopped by COVID-19 community guarantine.

"We project officers still meet to plan and assess our organisation. We hope that this crisis will end because we are really determined to continue with our project as it gives us practical experiences and learning in managing a business," Joel said.

"When you have an organisation you work as a team. You will see later that all your hard work will create benefits", Margie concluded.

Engaging the youth is an exciting new aspect of ABM's Asset-based Community Development project implemented by our partner, IFI-VIMROD.

Your donation to this project will help groups, like the one to which Margie and Joel belong, to use local assets, and their own initiative, to overcome poverty.



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You can help vulnerable children in Gaza

Raghad was born in the spring of 2018 in Gaza. Although she was a full-term baby, she weighed just two kilos at birth. Raghad lives with her family in a one-room apartment shared with another family. Her parents are among Gaza's 45% unemployed, and the family lives in poverty. When she was examined by the Ahli Arab Hospital's paediatrician at the age of two, Raghad was found to be severely underweight (weighing a mere 7.6kg). Because of this she was selected, as one of 60 children, for three months treatment with high energy biscuits. Her mother was given health and nutrition education and counselling, and she



brought little Raghad back to the hospital every two weeks for a progress check.

After three months, she had gained almost 2kg and 4cm in height. Her mother was hugely grateful to the hospital for this free health and nutrition service for her daughter.

ABM's Child Nutrition Project targets malnourished and underweight children aged between six months and five years. As well as thorough nutritional assessments (last year 429 children were assessed) and a clinical examination, the children's health is followed up with laboratory and radiology investigations when needed. Any needed medicines are prescribed for additional issues such as infections and parasites.

Last year almost half the 429 children surveyed were anaemic, 21% had low height for their age and almost 21% were underweight. 60% of the children were refugees. Of the 60 children selected for the program, all were underweight or severely underweight and had rickets, 72% were low height for age.

The good news is that, thanks to ABM's generous supporters, 95% of the children gained weight and almost 60% gained height during the three-month intervention. Those who do not make sufficient progress during the time are brought into the next round of the program.

During this time of COVID-19 the hospital follows all the recommendations of the WHO and Ministry of Health of the Gaza Strip.

Your support of this project will help many more malnourished and underweight children like Raghad to gain weight and have a much better chance of having a healthy life. The counselling and education provided to mothers will also help them have a greater understanding of child nutrition, which will benefit all their children.



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Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project

This project needs **\$86,600 in 2021** MM001WS is tax-deductible

You can help provide clean water

Having easy access to enough water will have a huge impact on the well-being and livelihoods of people in seven villages across Myanmar this coming year.

For some villages, there is year-long availability of fresh water, but it is located a considerable distance from the village and needs to be piped down to where people live. In other villages a well needs to be dug to access underground water. In another, the ground water has become inundated with sea water, and thus a concrete rainwater tank has been selected as the means of obtaining fresh water.

Often people have to pay a water-carrying business a fee to bring water long distances to their homes. If they can't afford the fee, then they need to collect it themselves, often taking many hours.

Some of the villages experience additional challenges such as the presence of armed conflict in the area, which can prevent free movement of people and equipment. In such cases, they have to wait until the conflict subsides before completing the water project.

Last year ABM's partner, the Church of the Province of Myanmar, carried out a total of eight Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) projects with support from ABM: from Chin State in the country's far west, to the Ayeyarwady River, to Mandalay in the centre, to Kachin State in the north and Kayin State in the south, near the Thai border.

More than 2000 villagers benefitted. In Chin State, the village of Phong Phaing comprises 23 families (106 people). The people there are traditional hillside cultivators. Prior to the project, it would take 30 minutes for a woman or child to walk to a stream to get a small bucket of water, but this water was not always clean. So, the villagers formed a water committee, did some research, and found it was possible to pipe clean water using a gravity feed down to the village from the stream's source in a forest, some four kilometres away. The pipes were then ordered, and people were trained in hygiene and sanitation, and in environmental conservation. But armed conflict in the area meant that delivery of the pipes was delayed. Finally, the new water facility was installed in June, when an opening ceremony was held to mark the completion of the new water source.

Your generous donation to this project will enable more villages like Phong Phaing to have daily access to clean water at their doorsteps.



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This project needs **\$59,700 in 2021** Australian Aid

Help someone in Papua New Guinea learn to read

In 2020, in spite of COVID-19, the Anglicare Adult Literacy program trained ten new teachers (making a total of 104 across the country). They also enrolled 250 new Literacy, Language and Numeracy students during the past year, a total of 2,200 in all (based on numbers who attend more than 75% of the time). Another two new Adult Literacy Schools were started, bringing that total to 66 schools.

Gervina, from West New Britain, is a recent graduate of the program.

The third child in a family of nine children, Gervina had to leave school at grade 6 because her parents were unable to continue paying her school fees, and she was sent home by the Board of Education. It is a familiar story.

She had presumed she was too old (she is 30) to go back to school, even though she always wanted to complete her education. But one day, the priest at her local Catholic church announced that the new Adult Literacy school was open for enrolments.

"I know that God sees my desire and responds to my need to be educated," said Gervina. "I was the first to arrive to enrol." Gervina said she didn't mind if other people criticised her for going back to school.

Because she'd done six years of primary education, she could already read and write, and so was put into the fourth level of the program.

"I learnt a lot of new things, especially in mathematics. I learnt about percentages and fractions. I also learned life skills such as different kinds of baking."

The principal of Poinini Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) was present when Gervina graduated with a Certificate of Adult Literacy, and she was one of five selected to bridge into a Certificate of Tourism and Hospitality course.

"I was very nervous about sitting the entrance exam, and I knew that some of the other applicants had attended high school up to grade 10 or 11. But the lessons taught in the Adult Literacy classes were very helpful, because most of the questions had been referred to in the topics I studied. Most of the questions were to do with Mathematics.

"When I heard I'd got in, I was speechless! Tears of joy were running down my cheeks."

Gervina will continue her studies until she completes her Diploma in Hospitality and Tourism. She then hopes to work in the hotel or tourism industry.

Your donation to this project will enable many more like Gervina to pursue their dreams of furthering their education through the Papua New Guinea Language, Literacy and Numeracy program.



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This project needs **\$40,000 in 2021** PG008IS is tax-deductible

Strengthening the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea to reach those in need

This project includes a range of activities of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea that ABM plans to support in the coming year.

As well as working through its national outreach arm, Anglicare PNG, the church also wants to strengthen its capacity to directly engage in community development work, especially in the communities in which it has parishes.

One of these projects is to improve the communications infrastructure of the church, especially internet connectivity, so that information about important social issues can be sent to parishes and wider communities.

Building up leadership and financial skills is another area in which support has been requested.

Another project is the Mothers' Union (MU) Positive Parenting Program which aims to offer parents skills in communication and conflict resolution, so that they can build effective relationships with their children and between themselves and other family members. This project was delayed in 2020 due to COVID-19, but MU took the opportunity to train their members about COVID-19, as well as gender-based violence and other social issues that affect Papua New Guineans. They also sewed more than 500 fabric face masks and distributed these to rural and remote members during the training sessions.

It is hoped that the first training of trainers (the people who will be providing training to groups of women and men in the parishes) in Positive Parenting will be rolled out this year.

Your donation to this project will support one or more of the above activities and help to put the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea on a good footing to engage in its social ministries.







This project needs **\$80,000 in 2021** CO001EX is tax-deductible



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Continuing to respond to a global pandemic

How does COVID-19 cause food insecurity?

Where outbreaks of the virus cause national lockdowns, or even localised lockdowns, people cannot buy and sell food at nearby markets if they happen to be in a different local government area. Food shortages are therefore common.

ABM has established a COVID-19 Emergency Fund to enable it to respond quickly to partners and their communities experiencing an emergency due to COVID-19. COVID-related emergencies can occur suddenly and create health risks and food shortages in the short term, and unemployment and food insecurity and communal conflict in the longer term.

ABM's Philippine partner, VIMROD, has been providing vital rice supplies for project participants whom the restrictions had cut off from both earning an income and markets in which to buy food. The Philippines has been particularly hard hit. By late 2020 there had been over 400,000 cases – the highest number in Southeast Asia, and among the worst-hit 20 countries in the world – and over 8,000 deaths, with little sign of the pandemic abating.

In Myanmar we hear another common story. The virus was thought to have all but gone, but now seems to have returned more virulent than before. Myanmar has more than twice Australia's population, but its testing rate is about 5% of ours. Most of the cases are in areas of high population density such as the capital, Yangon. But communities in remote areas are also affected by food shortages, since local lockdowns prevent people going to market. This fund will also help to provide food staples and a tube well for migrant workers who lost their livelihoods to COVID-19 and were temporarily re-located to Yangon. It will also provide personal protection equipment for 30 church volunteers who are assisting with the distribution of emergency supplies.

All of ABM's partners have expressed deep gratitude for the extra help you, our supporters, have already given them during this time. It is comforting to know that there are people who care about what happens to others, whether a near neighbour, or someone on the other side of the world.

Your generous donation to ABM's COVID-19 Emergency fund will enable ABM's partners around the world to continue to respond to the impacts of the virus.







This project needs **\$144,000 in 2021** XG011ZD is tax-deductible

Help us reach those in need

We all know that we can often achieve so much more together than if we just try to do something on our own. That is why ABM is connected to two international networks and a regional one.

The Anglican Alliance, established about 10 years ago to bring together the strengths of Anglican churches around the Communion, is one of these networks. During COVID-19 the Alliance rang around the Communion to learn what the main concerns of churches were. This revealed the economic impact of COVID-19, due to general and localised lock-downs, school closures, and fears of children being trafficked to work in the fishing and cocoa industries in parts of Africa. From the networking coordinated by the Anglican Alliance, ABM was able to send funds to South Sudan and the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa for their COVID-19 response – helping out some of the most vulnerable people across that continent.

Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance is the development, advocacy and humanitarian arm of the World Council of Churches. ABM's membership of this ecumenical organisation enables us to respond to disasters in places where we do not have regular partners. Its accreditation system and commitment to high standards of practice let ABM have the confidence to fund disasters where we would not have the resources to do our own due diligence. Through your support, ABM has also been able to fund local partners to attend high quality ACT Alliance trainings on topics such as Climate Change Advocacy and Disaster Response. Last year ABM funded two of its Philippine partners to attend regional training in Climate Change Advocacy in Iloilo in the Visayas, and two staff members from Kenyan partner, Anglican Development Services, Eastern, to attend a similar workshop in Malawi.

After the Malawi workshop, one of the staff members, John, said, "The workshop learning will help in developing ADSE's advocacy strategies, sharing platforms and enhance our participation globally for the benefit of our community in climate change adaptation."

Another staff member, Jenniffer, added, "We should work on ensuring climate justice is done."

Closer to home, ABM's membership of the Church Agencies Network Disaster Operations (CAN DO) gives ABM and its Pacific partners access to large grant funding from the Australian Humanitarian Program. Most recently this has meant funding support for local partners' COVID-19 response work in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. In Papua New Guinea, Anglicare PNG is working with Anglican dioceses in Popondetta and New Guinea Islands to raise awareness of the virus and install 19 water tanks. In Vanuatu, the Anglican Church of Melanesia is raising COVID-19 awareness and installing or repairing water supply systems in 18 communities in SANMA and PENAMA provinces.

Your support of ABM's General Community Development Fund will enable ABM to access further funding so that more of this important work can happen, both in our region and in any part of the world where there is great need.



Prayer for the Third Mark of Mission

Loving God,

Enter our hearts today and disturb us with your passion and zeal, helping us to respond with love and compassion to the needs of our neighbours. When we are too strong to understand the needs of the poor, remind us of our weaknesses and support us in our vulnerability. You go out before us proclaiming a kingdom of love, hope and justice, teach us to love and to welcome all people who are created in your image. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.


For the latest on all these projects and for new projects please go to: abmission.org/projects

Fourth Mark of Mission

Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation.

Sometimes it seems as if our world contains within it insurmountable degrees of violence, injustice and oppression. What difference can any one of us make to the sum-total of human suffering? During Jesus' earthly ministry we read that he frequently called out people who were oppressing others. He challenged the hypocrisy of those who placed unnecessary burdens on people. His death on the cross was the ultimate act of reconciliation in a violent, unjust world. There are no easy answers, and yet we are called to follow Jesus in challenging the injustices of the world as we meet them. Your support of the following ABM projects will do just that.





This project needs **\$48,900 in 2021** Australian Aid

Help end gender-based violence in Zambia

Ending gender-based violence takes time and involves a strong commitment by all levels of society. ABM's partner, ZACOP, has embraced the challenge with a multi-faceted approach.

Part of the approach is to train community counsellors to counsel victims or survivors of gender-based violence, to refer them on to other services, and to refer perpetrators for counselling or to the police.

Ending gender-based violence also involves awareness-raising and education among the community members. Volunteer Gender Action Groups, many of whose members are survivors of gender-based violence themselves, and drama performances are key to this process. To gain the support of men, ZACOP has created Men Engage Networks (MENs), platforms where men can speak out against violence, and encourage other men to do likewise.

Another strategy has been to involve church groups and traditional Zambian leaders. Traditional women leaders, for example, can be key in negotiating with families to return child brides to their homes and back to school. Last year alone 36 girls have been returned to home and school from early marriages.

Gender-based violence flourishes where women live in poverty. To address this, Savings with Education groups have been set up to help people form small groups to pool their savings so that they can get a micro loan to invest in a small business, pay their children's school fees on time, or even borrow the bus fare to attend a family funeral in another part of the country.

Catherine is a member of the Tikondane Savings Group – one of 57 active Savings with Education groups established by the project. Her life has greatly improved due to the project: "Being a member of a Savings with Education group has been beneficial not only to me but also to my family. The savings and loans helped me to start a



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small shop, and to buy a cow. I'm able to put food on the table for my family and can manage to meet other household needs. As a woman I feel proud to be able to make my own money and be the proud owner of a cow."

Your generous donation to this project can ensure a smooth transition for the project into its next phase, so that other women like Catherine can look forward to a future filled with hope, rather than violence.







This project needs **\$10,000 in 2021** KE011DB is tax-deductible



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Challenging injustice - Inclusion of people with a disability in Kenya

What a difference a strong church partnership can make! The Kenya Disability Inclusion Project is the fruit of a mission partnership between the Diocese of Perth, the Diocese of Eldoret in Kenya's Rift Valley, and ABM. The project has just passed its three-year milestone, and so much has been achieved.

The project supports adults with a disability, or parents caring for a child with a disability, with small business loans and training so they can improve their livelihoods and flourish as God intends. It also raises awareness within the church and community of the human rights of people with a disability.

Margaret is a vegetable vendor. She has also survived polio, and looks after her aging mother. The project has helped her with stocktaking, so she can now manage her business better by ensuring that she has all the products she needs. The project has also helped Margaret develop the confidence to participate in things like family gatherings and events. Through the training, and through developing her business, she says she feels a greater sense of human dignity. "I'm now eating a balanced diet, I like to dress well, and I have enough funds to pay my insurance cover. Right now I'm constructing my house", says Margaret.

Susan also lives with a disability. At 30, she is both a shopkeeper and hairdresser. Through the project she has learned a lot about how to manage her businesses under one roof. She found the stocktaking training particularly useful. Her business has now expanded, and she has returned to school to enrich her skills. Her sister helps her with the shop when she needs to be in class.

Susan says, "The project has helped me to believe in myself. I now dress well and do smart make-up and hairstyles. This attracts more customers to my hairdressing salon. I have my own income, and am very happy that I can make my own decisions." The project has ensured Susan is able to meet her personal needs and pay part of her school fees.

"My dream is to purchase my own land where I can build my own shop and hairdressing salon", says Susan.

Your donation to this project can assist more people with a disability like Susan and Margaret to access small loans, and receive small business training and mentorship, so that they can live full, dignified and productive lives.







This project needs **\$17,700 in 2021**Australian
Aid

Myanmar - What happens after the war?

Sometimes it is surprising what makes an impact on people. ABM's Sustainable Agriculture project assists people in three villages in Myanmar's Kayin State. As in many parts of Myanmar, this area has a long history of conflict, dating back to 1949. During this time many have been displaced from their lands. The project strengthens community resilience by encouraging people to work together on development initiatives using an assets-based approach. Project funds enable the villagers to buy equipment such as a rice mill or sesame seed press to improve their agricultural livelihoods. They have developed community farms, and they are given training on environmental protection and climate change, disability rights, as well as skills such as liquid soap-making, fertiliser-making and animal husbandry.

But it was the two sessions on gender equality that impacted most on Daw Thein Kwye.

"I've always believed that women's duty is to stay at home, look after children and do cooking. But after attending gender equality training twice, I realize that we women have rights and responsibilities in the community. I am now definitely doing my duty for the community," she said.

Daw Thein Kywe, from Thit Or Pha village, has been a member of the village development committee for some years. In that time, she has attended many meetings simply because it is a requirement of being on the committee. But she had never joined in the discussions.

However, since attending gender equality trainings for this project, she not only gives advice to the committee but is leading the committee in its development work.

The gender training has also impacted on other women. Graduates of the training have all formed gender-balanced development committees, something unheard of in the past. Previously, most committees only had one woman, and she was usually given the job of treasurer. Not any more!

But the project is not without its challenges. COVID-19 has impacted on these villages in that they are near the Thai border, and have had their movements restricted. The project has fortunately been able to help the villagers with provision of food which they can no longer purchase from markets, and with hygiene kits to help prevent the spread of the virus.

Please help the women of these remote villages realise their potential by donating to this project.



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This project needs **\$20,000 in 2021** SB012YC is tax-deductible

Help educate parents for change

Gender-based violence is on the rise in many parts of the Solomon Islands. This is why the Mothers' Union Positive Parenting Program is so important. The project has already been rolled out in most dioceses of the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Last year, 16 new project facilitators were trained in the Diocese of Hanuato'o. This year a further 32 will be trained in the dioceses of Central Melanesia and Guadalcanal. The program material was originally developed by the worldwide Mothers' Union, but it has been adapted to the Melanesian context.

What does it mean to be a facilitator of the project? Facilitators are trained in things like adult learning, how to facilitate groups, how to handle sensitive issues, and how to deal with trauma. These latter skills are needed because often during the Positive Parenting sessions, the topics discussed may cause people to recall traumatic experiences from their past. It is not uncommon for the sessions to remind people of times when they were either perpetrators or victims of domestic violence, so it's important that the facilitators know how to care for the needs of such people during the sessions.

Once trained, these facilitators will also be supported to organize and run training for parenting groups in selected districts or parishes in each of the dioceses. The facilitators themselves all live in the parishes or districts where they will be working.

The 16 Hanuato'o facilitators are excited to begin facilitating Postitive Parenting groups in their dioceses this coming year.

Your donation to this project will ensure that this important program will continue to help people across the Solomon Islands to better understand how to deal positively and non-violently with conflict as it arises.





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Prayer for the Fourth Mark of Mission

God of justice, you call us to share in the creation of a world where all people may know freedom from violence, and the flourishing of peace. May our words and actions express your reconciling love for all humanity. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fifth Mark of Mission

Protect, care for and renew life on our planet.

COVID-19 has in recent times obscured our growing understanding of the need to address climate change in any way we can, both at local and global levels. And yet the climate is still changing, the planet is still warming. Drought and erratic weather conditions are increasing. Like COVID-19, climate change has more immediate and disastrous effects on poorer countries than it does where safety nets are better established. Through your support of these projects you can join with others around the world to protect, care for and renew life on our planet.



This project needs **\$39,300 in 2021**Australian
Aid

Help people farm sustainably in Kenya

Mwikali and her fellow farmers have lived for generations in the semi-arid region of Eastern Kenya. One of the most pressing barriers to growing food successfully is the increasingly unreliable rainfall. This also contributes to increased desertification. Here you can read about how through your support Mwikali was shown that a simple technique like a Zai pit^{*} can, by concentrating water around the plant, enable a good harvest and prevent further desertification of the land.

Several years before ABM's Kenyan partner, Anglican Development Services Eastern (ADSE), came to her community, Mwikali was instrumental in forming a "self-help group" for women in her village, called Kyeni Kwa Aka Kyua (Light for the Women of Kyua). The group started to engage in a form of group savings called "table banking". Then they began to help each other to do major farm work like digging terraces and preparing their farms for the rains.

When ADSE arrived to assist the community, Mwikali's group joined up with the newly-established Community-based Organisation.

"First, we learned a new concept of saving - Village Savings and Loans (VSL) - which is easier and more organized than the normal table banking. Second, we learned about different agricultural technologies. The one which has helped us most is the use of Zai pits for soil and water conservation, bearing in mind that our area is usually very dry during most months of the year. We were taught that we can use the Zai pits to plant vegetables and so we have dug the pits near the group farm pond. This allows us to water our vegetables just once every week," says Mwikali.

Each woman in the group was also able to dig her own pits next to her kitchen, fence the area off and plant vegetables for her family.



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Now no woman in the group needs to go to the market to buy vegetables.

Because of the pits, Mwikali was able to feed her family healthy vegetables during the dry season. This meant she also didn't need to sell her chickens before they matured, in order to buy vegetables for the family.

"ADSE has enabled us women to be able to be productive in our families and we are very happy," says Mwikali.

To help more women like Mwikali to farm sustainably, conserving precious soil and water, please consider donating to this project.

*30cm square and deep Zai pits were traditionally used in the Sahel region of Africa and are dug almost a metre apart, before the rainy season, to collect water and allow composting. Once the rains come, the farmer plants in each Zai pit.







Integrated WASH Project

This project needs **\$62,000 in 2021** VU006WS is tax-deductible

Accessing safe, clean drinking water in Vanuatu

Climate change has caused an increase in the frequency and intensity of cyclones in Vanuatu in recent years. Cyclone Pam in 2015, for example, affected the water and food supply of almost half Vanuatu's population. The cumulative effects of damaging cyclones wash soil from people's vegetable gardens and contaminate water supplies with salt water from the ocean and plant and soil debris which gets washed or blown into the water storage areas.

Here is a story about how your donations have enabled the Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu (ACOM-V) to successfully support local people to address the worst impacts of climate change and increasing population, ensuring people have access to clean water supply and that the water supply is not contaminated by human waste.

Gaua Island in Northern Vanuatu is home to Losalava School which accommodates more than 140 students and staff.

The island's population of 2,500 people depends on a main dam and system of reservoirs for their daily needs. Some time ago, the island's water system had been extended to the school by means of a 10000L reservoir tank, but this was now proving insufficient to meet the school's water needs.

ACOM-V sent its team of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) volunteers to Losalava School to identify ways to address the water shortage. They worked with the Gaua Area Council and Administrator to hold several meetings with the neighbouring communities to discuss how to improve on the current water system.

When water is scarce, and each segment of a community is concerned for their own needs, community negotiations require ingenuity and diplomacy.

The ACOM-V WASH volunteers presented their design of a planned upgrade of the existing system in such a way that it gained the



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consent and support of the whole community.

In the way that is customary in Vanuatu, everyone, including the local land owners, formally submitted their consents, and the ACOM-V WASH volunteers constructed a separate dam to collect water, repaired the existing reservoir tanks, and installed new piping to connect water from the new dam to the school.

Now both the school population and those in the three communities closest to the school (more than 300 people) are enjoying adequate supplies of fresh running water, the basis of healthy living.

And the students were delighted with the outcome: "We are enjoying the daily use of water", they said.

Your donation to this project will help many more children and families across rural and remote Vanuatu gain access to clean drinking water.







Solomon Islands

Climate Change and Disaster Management Project

This project needs **\$43,700 in 2021** SB012EP is tax-deductible

Climate Change -Educating Solomon Islanders for Resilience

Your donations have already enabled the establishment of Diocesan Disaster Committees within the Anglican Church of Melanesia in the Solomon Islands (ACOM-S). These put the church in a better position to respond to disasters through improved coordination before, during and after disasters occur. This year, ACOM-S will train these committees in initial damage assessments. Proper damage assessments following a disaster are vital for being able to make an effective and targeted response.

This project will also promote backyard gardening as a way of enabling people to adapt to sudden-onset disasters and climate change.

The government State of Emergency declared at the onset of COVID-19 led to increased pressure in village communities from people returning home from Honiara and other large towns. The need to promote backyard gardening is therefore even more urgent than before, in order to prevent food shortages.

Like many island states, the Solomon Islands is highly vulnerable both to natural disasters and the impacts of climate change. These impacts include sea level rising, high swells, and tropical storm saltwater intrusion, which in turn affect people's food security, availability of fresh water and even their ability to remain living in certain parts of the country.

This year ABM is excited to share with you plans to support "Environment Observatories" being established in four communities served by the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Such observatories enable local communities to collect their own on environmental change data (temperature, rainfall, water levels, shoreline changes and extreme weather events) that will form the basis for evidence-based climate change adaptation and mitigation. In the process, they raise local awareness of environmental changes, and strengthen the likelihood of communityled advocacy. In order to facilitate communication between the local communities and the research team based at the ACOM office in Honiara, a "Green Apostle" is appointed. This person also takes responsibility for data collection, supported by a team of trained local people.

Your donation to this project will enable vital data to be collected on climate change, foster the spread of backyard gardens for greater resilience to disasters, and continue to build the capacity of the diocesan disaster committees to prepare for and respond to the disasters that frequently affect the Solomon Islands.



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Prayer for the Fifth Mark of Mission

God of creation, we rejoice in the goodness of all that you have made. May our wise stewardship of all that you give us serve to protect and care for our local and global environment, that the renewal of our planet will sustain the life of all humanity. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen





For more information on Sustainable Development Goals, please visit:

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs

Projects:

Kenya - Disability Inclusion Project, Myanmar - Sustainable Agriculture Project, The Philippines - Asset Based Community Development (E-CARE), and The Philippines - Asset Based Community Development (VIMROD).



These projects aim to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 1:

End poverty in all its forms, everywhere, including...

Target 1.4:

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

Target 1.5:

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

Projects:

ABM's COVID-19 Global Emergency Fund, and Holy Land - Gaza Child Nutrition Project .



These projects aim to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 3:

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, including...

Target 3d:

Strengthen the capacity of all countries, in particular developing countries, for early warning, risk reduction and management of national and global health risks.

Projects:

Papua New Guinea - Literacy and Numeracy Project, and Papua New Guinea - Institutional Strengthening.



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

Target 4.6:

By 2030, ensure that all youth and a substantial proportion of adults, both men and women, achieve literacy and numeracy.

Projects:

Solomon Islands - Positive Parenting Program, and Zambia - Integrated Gender Project.



This project aims to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 5:

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, including...

Target 5.2:

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

Target 5.3:

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

Projects:

Myanmar - Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project, and Vanuatu - Integrated WASH Project.



These projects aim to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 6:

Ensure access to water and sanitation for all, including...

Target 6.1:

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

Target 6.2:

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

Target 6b:

Support and strengthen the participation of local communities in improving water and sanitation management.

Projects:

Kenya - Kenya Sustainable Livelihoods Program, and Solomon Islands - Climate Change and Disaster Management Project.



This project aims to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 13:

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts, including...

Target 13.1:

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

Target 13.3:

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

Target 13.b:

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

Projects:

General Community Development Fund.



These projects aim to contribute to UN Sustainable Development Goal 3:

Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development, including...

Target 17.3:

Mobilize additional financial resources for developing countries from multiple sources.





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DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

'debit payment' means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

'Direct Debit Request' means the Direct Debit Request between you and us.

'us or we' means Anglican Board of Mission - Australia (ABM).

'you' means the customer who signed the Direct Debit Request.

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

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:

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

ACCOUNTS

You should check:

- a) with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions;
- b) your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and
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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:

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NOTICE

If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this Agreement you should write to ABM-A Locked Bag Q4005, 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.

2021 Projects

| Project Code | Project Name | Тах | Fundraising Target 2020 | Page |
|-----------------|--|--------------|----------------------------|------|
| | Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program | | | |
| AU016WB | Australia - Wontulp-Bi-Buya College | \checkmark | \$62,500 | 7 |
| AU017NG | Australia - Nungalinya College | \checkmark | \$42,750 | 8 |
| AU008BA | Australia - Diocese of the Northern Territory | | \$36,700 | 9 |
| AU007NQ | Australia - Diocese of North Queensland | | \$25,000 | 10 |
| AU023TS | Australia - Torres Strait (Coming of the Light) | | \$50,000 | 11 |
| AU019NA | Australia - NATSIAC | | \$12,500 | 12 |
| AU005DB | Australia - Walkabout Ministries (The Reverend Gloria Shipp) | | \$25,000 | 13 |
| AU018SS | Australia - Gawura School | \checkmark | \$20,000 | 14 |
| XG015ID | Australia - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants | | \$100,000 | 15 |
| AU021RE | Australia - Reconciliation | | \$15,000 | 16 |



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| ZM004TF | Zambia - St John's Theological Seminary | \$24,500 | 22 |
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| AU012EP | Australia - Encounter Program | \$6,300 | 23 |

| Protoconte | Community Development Program | Australian Aid 🔶 | | ves partial funding f ustralian Governme | |
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| PH001EE | Philippines - Asset-based Community Development (E-CARE) | Australian Aid 🔶 | \checkmark | \$25,000 | 27 |
| PH001IF | Philippines - Asset-based Community Development (VIMROD) | Australian Aid 🔶 | \checkmark | \$36,400 | 28 |
| PS001LH | Holy Land - Gaza Child Nutrition Project | | \checkmark | \$29,100 | 29 |
| MM001WS | Myanmar - Integrated WASH Project | | \checkmark | \$86,600 | 30 |
| PG005ED | Papua New Guinea - Literacy, Language and Numeracy | Australian Aid 🔶 | \checkmark | \$59,700 | 31 |
| PG008IS | Papua New Guinea - Institutional Strengthening | | \checkmark | \$40,000 | 32 |
| CO001EX | Global - COVID-19 Emergency Fund | | \checkmark | \$80,000 | 33 |
| XG011ZD | General Community Development Fund | | \checkmark | \$144,000 | 34 |
| ZM003GE | Zambia - Integrated Gender Project | Australian Aid 🔶 | \checkmark | \$48,900 | 38 |
| KE011DB | Kenya - Disabilty Inclusion Project | | \checkmark | \$10,000 | 39 |
| MM001SA | Myanmar - Sustainable Agriculture in Hpa-an Villages | Australian Aid 🔶 | \checkmark | \$17,700 | 40 |
| SB012YC | Solomon Islands - Positive Parenting Program | | \checkmark | \$20,000 | 41 |
| KE001IC | Kenya - Sustainable Livelihoods Program | Australian Aid 🔶 | \checkmark | \$31,300 | 44 |
| VU006WS | Vanuatu - Integrated WASH and Literacy Project | Australian Aid 🔶 | \checkmark | \$62,000 | 45 |
| SB012EP | Solomon Islands - Climate Change and Disaster Management Project | | ✓ | \$43,700 | 46 |

For the latest on all these projects and for new projects please go to: abmission.org/projects



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