



**ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION**  
*Working for Love, Hope & Justice*

**ABM Diocesan Representatives' Conference 27-29 July, 2018**

**St Peter's Anglican Church, 1 Torrens Square, Glenelg SA**

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
<i>Friday 27 July</i>			
Acknowledgement of Country, Opening Prayers and Welcome to Diocese			
Bishop Chris McLeod	+Chris acknowledged the history of the Kurna People and their relationship with the land of the Adelaide Plains and paid respects to their elders, past and present, their ongoing presence and their culture. He then opened in prayer and gave an overview of the Diocese of Adelaide.	Nil	
Diocese of Willochra Feature			
+ Chris McLeod	+Chris spoke about Anglican mission work at Point Pearce, Willochra Diocese. Originally a government station, Anglicans provided ministry oversight to the surrounding community, predominantly Narungga people but also Kurna people. A highly mobile community, it swells in population at times e.g. funerals. Some agricultural and fishing activities have diminished. Holy Trinity Chapel is at centre of community (physically). Lots of other church groups have come and gone e.g. revivalists with no follow-up. Anglicans have struggled with long-term ministry in terms of both funding and people and has varied in quantity and quality. The Diocese asked the community what they'd like the Church to do: "we'd like to see Church start again at PP". Baptists had been visiting for 10 yrs and so Anglicans discussed how to support ministry together without factionalism. Agreed on ecumenical services under Anglican leadership in recognition of Anglican history. First service advertised, volunteers door knocked community to invite people – about 80 people attended from 150 community members! Going for 12 months and still getting about 80 people – about 50 kids. But now they want more of it – bible study and home groups. Province in discussion with ABM about how we can help it to grow. Needs local leadership fostered and mentored. Aim is to have PP Anglican church lead itself – need to identify, support and encourage local Christians to grow and lead community. This will give community sense of love and unity that Gospel brings. Ministry of Willochra, but really provincial due to connections with Adelaide.	Nil	
Conference Housekeeping			
Rev'd Andrew Mintern, Meagan Schwarz	No record taken of housekeeping notices		



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
Purpose of Conference & Outcomes			
	Meagan Schwarz	Agreed purposes and objectives of the Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking</li> <li>• Encouragement of Dio Reps and ABM staff</li> <li>• ABM listening to voices from Diocese and how best ABM can respond</li> <li>• Finding out what is happening around the Dioceses and in ABM face to face</li> <li>• Learning from each other so that we don't re-invent the wheel</li> <li>• Hearing where shifts have occurred in ABM and why – being able to put 'flesh' on ideas</li> <li>• Promoting uniform approach where needed and beneficial</li> <li>• To meet people who we email/ talk to on the phone and get to know them better</li> </ul>	At the beginning and end of Day 2, the participants indicated how well we'd met these. By end of Day 2 all agreed that these had been met.
<i>Morning Tea</i>			
Anglicans in Development (AID) update			
	Lina Magallanes	Refer to Lina's <a href="#">presentation</a>	
Reconciliation, Advocacy and Education update			
	Brad Chapman	Brad Chapman presented an update on the work of the Reconciliation, Advocacy and Education Team: Brad (Manager, Adelaide), Steve Daughtry (Education, Adelaide), Jas Dow (Education, Brisbane), Celia Kemp (Reconciliation, Alice Springs). 2 documents of significance for ABM's work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Together Towards Life (World Council of Churches)</a>- gathered worldwide vision on mission and stories of mission – ABM's role is to connect the Australian Anglican Church with the wider church which often does not look like us but needs us and we need them. We can be energised by what is happening elsewhere and inspire us to meet what is happening in our own area: God of mission is on the margins, in the dreams and struggles of those with no power</li> <li>• <a href="#">Statement from the Heart</a> – The Uluru Statement: result of historically significant national consultation process that was the most comprehensive of its nature. Almost universally accepted by those involved.</li> </ul> ABM has been bringing these 2 documents together to inform, inspire, challenge and correct our programs. Celia produced " <a href="#">A Voice from the Desert</a> " in response to these documents and all that went into them. ABM's posture in this is one of listening, sharing, linking and not doing as we are not the ones with the answers or the power. We are trying to empower NATSIAC, +Chris as National Aboriginal Bishop, and local champions in indigenous mission. ABM has also changed our funding project process – rather than ABM receiving applications and allocating	<b>Dio Reps</b> to encourage their Diocese to support Wontulp-Bi-Buya and consider sending their own theological students to Wontulp-Bi-Buya to spend time with their students in fellowship and study. For more information visit <a href="https://www.abmission.org/pages/make-a-pilgrimage.html">https://www.abmission.org/pages/make-a-pilgrimage.html</a>



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>funding, we've invited NATSIAC to be part of that process – the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Grants - to have the discussions about where the priorities are and how we can support the work that is needed. Using the gifts and skills that each have, rather than ABM holding onto power for the sake of it – giving power at all levels to ATSI people to manage their own mission. ABM's support for Nungalinya College, Darwin and Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, Cairns will still be funded separately to the grant process. In particular ABM will support Wontulp-Bi-Buya as it is less well known and less funded</p>	
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)			
	Brad Chapman	<p>Brad led a small exercise to illustrate global distribution of wealth which led into brief explanation of history of SDGs and the motion at General Synod 2017 (<a href="#">see here</a>) which calls on Dioceses to give 0.7% towards sustainable development. Bne and Perth both have programs in response. Janice said that it would be difficult to commit 0.7% in Grafton due to other financial issues. Keith suggested that parishes might be willing to do it more than than the Diocese. In some Dioceses there are a small number of parishes that actually make up the bulk of ABM donations. There are also significant individual givers who may or may not be part of a parish that is a partner parish. Brett asked about the need for a 'listening'/consultative phase first to gather support and interest to support motion. Bunbury is looking to start partnership that isn't going through ABM and so we therefore don't know about. There might be other projects inspired by SDGs E.g. one parish in Bunbury is working with community gardens. A number noted that the 0.7% won't always go through ABM – Brad responded that ABM does see itself as the national mission agency and so has a role in promoting our call in mission even if others end up doing it – it's about collaboration not competition: Mission is bigger than us and calls us to look out and up! Brad suggested that ABM can provide resources to help people engage more with this motion encouraging them to look at how they do it. <a href="#">The ABM Lenten Study</a> introduces people to real stories about the SDG – to be relaunched as specific study for SDGs. Lionel noted that in many Dioceses ABM does not have a voice at Synod. But as the official mission agency we should have a seat and voice. But this is not the case – we have a Canon of General Synod which mandates us and so we should try and reinforce it.</p>	<p><b>ABM</b> draft a letter to all Dioceses reminding them of the commitment made that can then go to Diocesan Councils for discussion.  <b>Dio Reps</b> to make parishes aware of the decision made and how they can participate  <b>ABM</b> to provide educational materials and ideas (or links to such) to support action  <i>Possible resources:</i>  wording for motions, notes for speaking to motion, letter to Diocesan Bishops requesting time for presentation at Synod, possible article in magazines, presentation template.</p>



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
<b>Marketing and Fundraising Update</b>			
	Viv For	<p>Viv presented Mike’s Marketing and Fundraising update: Team – Michael (M&amp;F Manager), Viv (Communications), Robert Peck (Database), Meagan (Committee Support Officer), Fiona Richardson (Receptionist, Coaldrake). Refer to <a href="#">presentation</a>.</p> <p><i>Summary of discussion/comments during presentation:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Janice pointed out that there is a lot of waste, especially unused envelopes. Asked if they can be undated or more generic? Viv noted the request and said that needs to balance that against the different focus for each year.</li> <li>• Viv noted that ABM regularly surveys what parishes want but Dio reps responded that some might be embarrassed to ask for less, or the wrong person fills it in and doesn’t know.</li> <li>• In response to suggestion regarding smart phone/tablet apps e.g. ‘Giving App’, Dio Reps reminded ABM that many supporters aren’t on social media/smart phone, and they need to be catered for too.</li> <li>• Dio Reps raised some concerns about prayer Diary. Viv shared that some concerns were received but that ABM did print out and send to 150 people. Discussion will be continued tomorrow.</li> <li>• Viv handed out communications/marketing survey for Dio Reps to fill in for feedback.</li> </ul> <p>Viv then presented more details on Communications (refer to <a href="#">presentation</a>). Need to encourage more people to sign up for the e-news. Viv reminded Dio Reps that we can help advertise their events via email to supporters on our database and the website.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i> On updates, Brett suggested an email blast whenever a new update is done to make it easier to access. Others said that updates on monthly on a mission are sometimes missed or too late</p>	<p><b>ABM</b> to consider ways to may giving envelopes more generic to reduce wastage.</p> <p><b>ABM</b> let Dio Reps know when parish survey is going out</p> <p><b>Dio Reps</b> to follow-up on parish surveys at Dio/Parish level.</p> <p><b>Dio Reps</b> to complete Coms survey and return to Viv</p> <p><b>Dio Reps</b> to take copy of sign-up sheet with them to all events</p> <p><b>Meagan</b> to send link to secret page again</p> <p><b>Viv</b> to look at how ABM can send out updates (or a link to them) via email at the time they are done</p>
<i>Lunch</i>			
<b>Committee Support Officer Update</b>			
	Meagan Schwarz	<p><b>STOLES</b> – discussion around giving of stoles to improve consistency and impact of use.</p> <p><i>WHO TO GIVE TO:</i> Traditionally given to ordinands (green to deacons and while to priests), one at each ordination. Decision of which ordinands to give to is largely with Dio Rep to ensure stoles given to those who would appreciate and use them. If giving to others e.g. at installation of new parish priest if one not received at their ordination, then ABM’s discretion as they are a relatively expensive gift and we want to use the resource</p>	<p><b>STOLES</b></p> <p><b>Meagan</b> send questionnaire to Dio Reps to gather info use of stoles (general and</p>



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>wisely. Currently the decision making process is not consistent as 2 Dio Reps got different answers in almost same situation. Dio Reps requested that stoles be given to pro-ABM priests (check whether priest previously received one) at installation (induction, commencement etc) to new parish to introduce ABM to parish in positive way, or to a new priest into a ABM supporting parish (still need to check not received earlier). Different stoles also given at consecrations and sometimes at installation of Dean. ABM coordinates these.</p> <p><i>Which one to give:</i> Dio Reps suggested that colour given should be determined by Dio Reps as that will ensure most use e.g. Lionel gives white for deacons, red for priests, and Janice said Deacons won't wear a green stole. Paul noted that deacons will get more use out of stoles as often priest uses parish stoles.</p> <p><i>When to give:</i> Wide range of options- some are given at time of ordination, some are given afterwards in one-on-one or group presentations, others mailed out when not possible for personal presentation. When giving one-on-one, Dio Rep is presenting the stoles to captive audiences, good promo and establishes personal relationship.</p> <p><i>What is being given:</i> generally, to go with the stole, Viv prepares an info pack (project book and other materials) with covering letter signed by John D naming the Dio Rep for that Diocese. Perth co-signs the letter with John. Bne writes card to go with letter. Suggestion made that for those not receiving stole initially, that the info pack be sent with a letter inviting them to request a stole. General agreement that this would be better than not giving anything.</p> <p><i>What is the purpose of giving:</i> different reasons given: way of bringing ABM to people's notice, 'rewarding/thanking/recognising' pro-ABM clergy, introducing ABM to a new parish, starting relationship with new clergy, being the national mission agency that is there for ALL regardless of theological background</p> <p><b>SYNODS</b></p> <p><i>Promo materials:</i> Meagan explained that Fiona needs notice of what to pack and where to send it at least 1 month (and preferably 2) prior to synod. Different 'gift' each year, otherwise same kind of materials on offer. Need to think carefully about what will be appreciated and used to reduce wastage. If there are requests for speakers they will need to be found from within the Dioceses as this FY no funds for staff to attend Synods. While one approach won't work for all Dio Reps, for 2019 ABM will trial a Synod Request Form to be put on Secret Page with a group email at beginning of year and follow-up email 4 and 2 months out from Synod. <i>Motions</i> etc Brad and Meagan will draft synod information.</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS</b></p> <p>Discussion re finding, using and resourcing speakers from within the Diocese to reduce burden (financial and</p>	<p>exceptions) and how ABM is to work with this – tick-box with options</p> <p><b>Meagan</b> seek clarification around giving of stoles in Dios where giving at ordination isn't always happening.</p> <p><b>ABM</b> ask Bishop Chris about alternatives for Nungalinya stoles</p> <p><b>Viv</b> prepare Letter template to be given with stoles and put on secret page.</p> <p><b>SYNODS</b></p> <p><b>Meagan</b> draft Synod Request Form and send to Dio Reps in Feb with follow-up emails</p> <p><b>Dio Reps</b> respond at least 2 months out from Synod.</p> <p><b>Meagan and Brad</b> to draft information to help with Synod motions and speeches</p> <p><b>SPEAKERS</b></p>



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>timewise) on ABM staff. Wide range of responses within each Diocese – some have a few people willing but may not be close to where request is from. One Dio has a new speaker willing to travel to do speaking. General agreement that an ABM produced standard general Powerpoint would be useful for speakers. Meagan reminded Dio Reps of YouTube videos as resources to be used with or instead of a speaker. Meagan can help with speakers’ notes, presentation, resources. Viv can prepare a generic ABM presentation. Also invited other Dio Reps to share their presentations to give others ideas. Brett noted that we should be able to use each other’s presentations and edit according to suit audience. Ken shared that in Bne they look at parish support (from giving summaries) and contact supporting parishes to say Thank You. General discussion around Speakers Strategy and the challenge of different dioceses. Suggestion made to approach provincial board member to do speaking engagements. Dio Reps who are clergy can find it difficult to be released from parish duties to do speaking engagements (need parish support of ABM to release them to do ABM work). Suggestion for Dio Reps who are clergy to have lay alternatives. Bill noted that he’s the Dio Rep because he’s the Mission Council Chair and therefore not solely ABM rep, which is a challenge</p> <p><b>COALDRAKE AWARDS</b>            Many of those who have accepted nominations are quite elderly so action is needed to present them before much longer. Bne, Syd, Adl have had (or have organised to have) presentations. Melb and Perth have a larger number and should be getting an event organised. Tas has discussed it at committee. Discussed posthumous awards and requirements for nomination (<a href="#">see website for more details</a>). Suggestion made that Dioceses could coincide a presentation with other events like Martyrs’ Day, Advent or Lenten Launches. If possible Dio (or assistant) Bishop, Prov Board Rep or Dio Rep should present the award.            If Dio Reps are aware of people who meet the criteria then they can submit a nomination form. Not all nominees have accepted the award and only those that accept actually receive the award. Email Viv if you are thinking of putting anything in your Dio newsletter/magazine about Coaldrake</p> <p><b>NAME TAGS</b>            Some have commercially produced name-tag with old logo, some have plastic/paper name-tag. Need consistency with new logo. Edwina gave her contact for name badges @ \$11 each. Badgeman@Cessnock, Newcastle. Meagan to follow-up. Brett offered to pay for the name-tags if there was a budget issue.</p>	<p><b>Dio Reps</b> make list of possible speakers for ABM to send additional resources to help them prepare talks  <b>Viv</b> to prepare basic ABM talk with pics and place on secret page and send on CD/flash drive  <b>Dio Reps</b> with presentations send to Meagan to put on Secret page to inspire others.</p> <p><b>COALDRAKE</b>  <b>Meagan</b> email NT Grafton, Bunbury and NQ number of accepted nominations.  <b>Melb and Perth</b> to get moving on organising event to present.  <b>Bunbury</b> to work with Perth if possible.  <b>Dio Reps</b> with smaller numbers to look at presenting after church  <b>ABM</b> to confirm requirements for posthumous awards  <b>NAME TAGS</b></p>



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p><b>BUSINESS CARDS</b>            Only 2 Dio Reps indicated that they wanted them and one had made his own using ABM logo. For consistency sake a template will be produced that can then just be printed off onto pre-perforated business card stock.</p>	<p><b>Meagan</b> get quotes  <b>Dio Reps</b> give name for name badge to Meagan  <b>BUSINESS CARDS</b>  <b>Viv</b> send template to Janice and Ken to print so they are consistent</p>
<i>Afternoon Tea</i>			
Around the Diocese updates			
	<p>Dio Reps with Meagan Schwarz facilitating</p>	<p><b>Grafton:</b> Stoles (<a href="#">see photo report</a>) given at ordinations and inductions. Stoles blessed by the bishop beforehand. Mission and Ministry Units talks – addressed 4 plus present at other events; Fundraising lunch with +Cam as guest speaker, 70 pax and \$2000 raised. Requests coming in for speaking engagements but unable to fill them all. New Bishop was host rector from Bne Conference.</p> <p><b>NQ:</b> changes in Diocese, new clergy, Bishop retiring later in year. Own parish now giving \$2000/yr (up from &lt;\$50) to ABM. Synod planning committee gave 5min to Rod to talk. Will ask for more next year.</p> <p><b>Murray:</b> Sits on SA Prov Committee; major annual event is Provincial Dinner; Diocesan Rep at Synod, ABM display table and gifts to Synod members with annual report at Synod; stoles given to 3 Deacons; as Editor of Dio mag able to get ABM ads etc into editions; giving had dropped off but has increased a little since Synod report last year.</p> <p><b>Adelaide:</b> Auxiliary fundraisers (palm crosses, bulbs, film morning, lamington drive, afternoon tea, thanksgiving day/Christmas puddings) given to General Fund; Aux rep on Provincial Committee; Provincial events: Martyrs Day, Prov Dinner, St Andrew’s Tide mission intercessions (with CMS/BCA); new Diocesan ++ is prev ABM National Director. ABM display at 2017 Synod and again in 2018. Stoles given at ordination.</p> <p><b>Sydney:</b> Committee re-energised with Reps from other parishes, 10-12 members, first stole presentation, Lenten Appeal launch, speaker volunteered to go around parishes to promote ABM, picked middle giving parishes to invite requests to have speaker. Things looking positive</p> <p><b>Bunbury:</b> Bishop retired unexpectedly while in process of working with ABM to set up partnership with Kapsabet Diocese in Kenya. Partnership visit on hold until new Bishop in place. Diocese has focused on developing mission on home soil – Mission Day in Sept with local focus, but will also put up displays for mission agencies incl ABM.</p> <p><b>National Auxiliary:</b> cause of some concern with some Diocesan Auxiliaries closing – only 11 Dioceses with</p>	<p><b>Bill</b> liaise with Meagan re materials for ABM display at Mission Day</p> <p><b>Dio Reps</b> follow-up with</p>





Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>Auxiliary support. Annual meeting in Sept – election year. Even if no active Auxiliary, Dioceses can still send a rep. Maryborough Aux had Centenary in 2018. Annual project is Adult Literacy in PNG.</p> <p><b>Wangaratta:</b> see <a href="#">notes</a> from Michelle. Additional note, there have been stole presentations and a Synod presence.</p> <p><b>Melbourne:</b> small but faithful 6 member committee; Launch of Lent Appeal – attended by top 10-12 giving parishes; many ABM supporting clergy retiring – looking at how to ensure new clergy continue; ‘Table of 12 at 12’ – Deb and Brett with 10 others invited to lunch Christ Church South Yarra Old Vicarage Parish Centre to talk about ABM, about their experience with ABM, hear their story, build relationship and bond, 3 so far (1 cancelled); Martyrs Day Service @ St Peter’s Eastern Hill – Dio wide gathering, ABM rep present; Marketing Committee based in Melb and Brett sits on this. John preaching at some key parishes annually and looking how to fund this; went to Myanmar with major donors from USA – CPM 25 yrs in past small church but growing, country fractured, long distances over difficult terrain, very thankful to ABM’s support; Annual Dinner and Coaldrake award will happen; stoles given to ordinands at Post Ordination Training – Brett had 40min chat with them; multitude of mission agencies in Dio and Synod is challenging but ABM present. Clergy Conference every second yr - in 2017 ABM present with display table – more engagement. Will do again.</p> <p><b>Perth:</b> change in personnel so Perth Committee small – 3 meet regularly to plan and others co-opted to execute plan. Stoles given out. Synod coming up, Coaldrake not yet planned but will do. Auxiliary closed but integrated into Committee to keep members updated. Dinner with Clagel before Wontok Conference which were both well attended. Partnership arrangement with El Doret going well (neighbour to Kapsabet Diocese, sister Dio with Bunbury) after hitting rocky patch as they had previously been ‘fed’ by other partners, so true partnership growing. Gave thanks to Julianne S for her sage advice.</p> <p><b>Tasmania:</b> Difficult to give committee report without discussing Diocesan politics – energy has been on survival. ABM supporting clergy are all set to retire due to changes in Diocese. One member of committee will still be on Synod. Limited interaction at Synod as nothing allowed on tables but display still allowed. Report to Synod tabled and some comments received. Work of ABM continues to be positive thing if message can get out. Not sure what to do about speaker in parishes. Warwick Cuthbertson trying to get Coaldrake Award presentations organised.</p> <p><b>NT:</b> Issues of politics; ABM Rep in that position by default as only 2 parishes with significant support (Cathedral and Alice Springs) and wears many other hats. Just had Dio 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary but little memory of role of ABM and Bush Brothers in establishing Diocese – almost all stipendiary parishes are paid for by BCA or CMS. So little room for ABM with those parishes. Aboriginal ministry has collapsed so MCS missionaries brought into manage</p>	<p>Bishop re sending rep for Auxiliary meeting even if no Auxiliary in the Diocese</p>





Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>those parishes. RAP for Anglicare had comment re spiritual connection to land removed. ABM should talk with Anglicare rather than Diocese. Future – Dio Rep in 5<sup>th</sup> of 7yr contract, if moving, not sure who will replace.</p> <p><b>Brisbane:</b> Refer to Ken’s <a href="#">written report</a>; also Committee FB page shares ABM posts and others</p> <p><b>Rockhampton:</b> Refer to Delfina’s <a href="#">written report</a>, Potential for more growth so keep watering</p>	
Closing prayer			
	+ Cameron Venables		
<i>Saturday 28 July</i>			
Opening Eucharist			
	+ Chris McLeod		
Review of Day 1 / Agenda			
	Meagan Schwarz	Conducted ‘check-in’ on objectives/outcomes – progressing well. Noted revisions to Day 2 Agenda	Nil
<i>Morning Tea</i>			
Host showcase			
	+Chris McLeod	<p>Province of SA is large in area but small in terms of Church – 3 Dioceses only but work well together. Strong PROVINCIAL identity enabled by provincial instruments: Provincial Council – sharing resources that are of benefit, making decisions of mutual interest; ABM Provincial Committee – decides how to support ABM. 3 ABM Provincial events: (ongoing) speakers – invitation sent out to clergy to invite speakers; Provincial Dinner; Martyrs Day Provincial Gathering. In 2018 Coaldrake Awards presented at Martyrs Day. A number of strong ABM supporting parishes – St Peter’s Glenelg is one of them. Trying to increase profile of ABM within Province. For +Chris, the strength of ABM lies in its understanding of partnership. Some missionaries think ‘we have the gospel and you don’t, and we need to take to you’, but this is highly offensive to many people who consider that God was present with them BEFORE. ABM works WITH partners to support their gifts and skills. So Provincial Committee aims to work in partnership within Dioceses and with parishes and promote this way of working in partnership. Province is looking to how they can further this partnership with indigenous peoples through reconciliation – RAP Steering Group looking to draft Provincial RAP. Values partnership with ABM greatly. Paul (The Murray) endorses all that +Chris has said about Prov Committee and ABM – wonderful to see how 3 Dioceses can work together to promote ABM. Paul finds the Provincial Committee helpful to him as Murray Dio Rep. Very happy with The Murray turnout at the dinner. Looking to start up ‘Friends of ABM’ group in The Murray. Murray Bishop is a mission Bishop but focused on growing the church and doesn’t take active role in ABM. Adelaide Auxiliary small but active. John thanked +Chris for his leadership for ABM. Conscious that he is involved in a range of ministries and will ask all to pray for +Chris in his ministries and ensure him of our</p>	Nil



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		support and care.	
ABM Update			
	Rev John Deane	<p>John covered 3 things in session: 1. tell a story; 2 breakout group (15min) 3/grp; 3. Talked about strategic directions and planning process.</p> <p>1. <b>THE STORY:</b> 2019 is 25 yrs since ABM formally started development work. Robert Cooper (former missionary in Malaysia) attended conference and met Robert Longey (later +) who was passionate about development. Decision to support 2 projects in Philippines: Community Mobilisation and reforestation. 1994 programs commenced. Process started to get development embedded into ABM DNA – John started in 1996 to build up ABM to get accredited with Govt. Brian Kyme (then Chair of ABM) sent John to Philippines for 6 wks – discovered a willingness of partner to share their experience and expertise. Partnered by Church in Philippines. Small but respectable program started – and accredited with Government. Then 1999 PNG Community Development program started– recognising that much work being done in PNG was actually development work but not labelled as such. The PNG Church was being asked to step into directions that they were not so comfortable with. But realised we weren’t alone in PNG and other churches were experiencing similar things. Out of these discussions the PNG Church Partnership Program evolved – persuaded Aus Govt to fund it. Since 2004 funded – for ACPNG, the most significant achievement has been Anglicare PNG – HIV and Literacy. Current ++ and GS passionate about development – encouraging staff to do Agents for Change (Anglican Communion program). Hasn’t always been that easy. After success of PNG CPP, Aus Govt asked if could do it in Sol Islands after ethnic tensions, violence and conflict – needed to rebuild social fabric. ABM and AngliCORD (now AOA) developed Inclusive Communities Program – but church didn’t really understand – the Bishops didn’t get picture – ABM needed to listen to that and understand where they were. Didn’t get initial building blocks right – didn’t create understanding, establish foundation etc. So stepped back, continue relationship journey but not try and do something (impose) that partner is not yet ready for. Then Myanmar opportunity emerged – had previous engagement in small way in 80’s and 90’s – but more needed. At same time, ECP emerging as stronger partner, not needing money so much but having lots to share. So invited ECP to send staff to CPM and work in tripartite way – exciting development program growing in CPM and Myanmar is feeling in control of partnerships – encouraged CPM to take control and set the agenda that other partners are to follow, rather than being directed by the partners and pulled in different ways. Africa: Perth and Bunbury’s back yard – Kenyan ABM staff member established initial connections, then this grew as initial Diocese grew and split then Perth and Bunbury have partnerships (or are developing ones). Plus relationship with Zambia – it had almost been forgotten by ABM (in Australia) but not in Zambia. So ECP is about to move away from needing funding,</p>	



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>but IFI is ready to step up to do more. PNG is looking at what to do post CPP. ACOM is looking at what might work. So from \$300,000 to \$3million in 25 years. Important model – engagement has taught us what partnership means. There will be a celebration in Philippines.</p> <p>Reflections from Dio Reps: Lionel excited to see how the ground up approach has worked so well after top-down failed – and that we learned from early failure. John noted that integrated approach with other church programs e.g. theological colleges is emerging as we understand more.</p> <p>2. <b>Breakout groups:</b> Why does there need to be an Anglican Church in our area? What do we add that wouldn't be there? What value add does the Anglican Church bring? Important that we ask ourselves hard questions. Why is there a need for the denominational churches?</p> <p><i>Grp1.</i> Anglicans aren't seen as a threat to other theological persuasions but still downfall, Anglicans coexist in diversity.</p> <p><i>Grp2:</i> Spirituality – caters for breadth; difficulty in closing churches down – people feel threatened when moves made to bring them together; one of our problems with relevance is that too much naval gazing (John: our identity is attached to buildings and we need to realise that). Need to recognise grief involved that comes from how we recognise ourselves as church. Ability to change/move when needed. Anglicans often first in place</p> <p><i>Grp3:</i> have we lost our identity/core purpose? Have we become so inclusive that we've lost identity? Become more academic/building focused and lost our spirituality. Lost our visibility in community and responding to needs? Reflecting on past and tradition (who we are and where we come from) but need to embrace the future – rebuilding communication and human relations.</p> <p><i>Grp4:</i> Anglican Church is link between ourselves and community, building block of society, not stressing individualism, needs to be diverse to cater for diversity in community, Anglican church is bridge to wider church and supporting in helping overseas partners.</p> <p>John shared Kenya' experience: maintains balance between teaching/ preaching and sacraments – both important for building community. Anglian Church has sense of order – Kenya didn't always agree with it, but that order was important. Sense of holiness of God – transcendence of God. Anglican Church committed to culture. Don't have to conform / be uniform within Anglicanism.</p> <p>3. <b>STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS:</b> 7 yrs since last one – focused on fundraising - identified opportunities with schools and started program but there were greater demands that we could meet e.g. schools wanted to be able to send large groups of students on service learning but our partners were not able to absorb this. Had to step back. Coming into current strategic planning process recognised that fundraising was still important – there has been dramatic drop in donations: drop in parish giving but increase in individual giving so net plateau</p>	



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>as some expenses have decreased. Investment income down – supports infrastructure that isn’t funded from projects e.g Board, EO etc. Decided to run deficit budgets while strategic planning process occurred but took longer than expected. So needed to prune budget significantly across all areas – so hence decision made to not print prayer diary and wall planner etc. 5 strat directions agreed upon: Board recognises that these do not cover ALL aspects of our work but these 5 really need to be looked at in detail:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Engage Whole of Anglican Church of Australia in ABM work:</i> about missiology – our mandate has been to educate about mission. Board concerned that we get caught up with politics and lose sight of what our commitment is: we are an agency with a contemporary Anglican missiology (missional theology) that is in keeping with what is emerging across broader church. Moving from Christocentric understanding of mission to Spirit-centred mission: from mission in the centre to mission in the margins because the spirit isn’t just with us it is out there and we need to find it – commitment to radical hospitality and interfaith dialogue. We need to hold this out to the wider church and not get dragged down into politics. Need to lift our eye to see where Jesus is walking on the water so that we can join in. ABM needs to give leadership to cast vision of what is happening beyond our immediate concerns (within and without the church) of where Jesus is out there and where we are called to go.</li> <li>2. <i>To amplify the voice of ATSI People and partner churches to the Anglican Church of Australia and in the Anglican Communion.</i> We’ve been committed to this work in the past and are doing it now. This is central to partnership and mutuality – sharing what we receive back. John shared that at first he questioned why we still were mandated to work with ATSI as they are part of church – why need this? But in reality, if we aren’t listening specifically, who is listening? ABM needs to continue to play this role to ensure voices are heard</li> <li>3. <i>To renew development work in the light of changes in Australian Government policy.</i> The PNG CPP funding will either cease or go direct to PNG partners. This funding has supported staff and admin and so will have significant impact on staffing and programs. ABM has been nurturing trees to ensure there is future fruit but it won’t be a smooth road. Need to look at synergies between programs as decrease in Govt funding may open up ways of working more together</li> <li>4. <i>To simplify governance and operational structures.</i> Large Board (14) has mandated structures which mean making smaller not easy. DevCom is highly professional and hard working. Grassroots engagement also needs working on: Dio reps, Committees, Auxiliary, Associates, Friends...can we simplify this to have a more cohesive approach across most Dioceses.</li> <li>5. <i>Generate substantially increased support and funding to maintain and expand ABM’s work.</i> Fundraising</li> </ol>	



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>audit just completed – emerging donor generation is problem solving focused but ABM is strengths focused. So how do we match our approach with needs of donors. Reality is that investment income is down, individual donors is steady but want to increase it, parish giving down – particularly uptake of project giving as per Project Book. How can we work with Dio Reps to promote project book more?            Need more donors on database to get info out</p> <p>Wanted to end with encouraging story – Maryborough Centenary – 12 people committed to embroidery that is sold and income donated to ABM – life and soul of parish. Consecration of Gippsland Bishop – former Rector of Sth Yarra – offers a renewed relationship. At end of FY, due to changes in accounting practice, we actually ended up in surplus. It’s a bumpy road ahead but lots of promise.</p>	
<b>Church Partnerships Update</b>			
	Robert McLean	<p>Handed out report from Wilnor on <a href="#">Church to Church Program</a> for reading.            In response to concerns raised about non-printing of Prayer Diary, Robert has prepared a draft ‘replacement’ for discussion. Monthly format, allows us to update when things change, emergencies, new Bishops, reflect things happening in our partners, enable greater alignment with significant days/ anniversaries/saints days relevant to partners. Summary of comments/discussion:  <i>Positive:</i> good for relevance and immediacy, many liked new format but noted possible issues below. Lionel noted that Perth has just moved to that format and while many like it there has been some pushback as people are getting us to it; many liked partner profile on back as enables more focused prayer and more information coming out; A5 size good; One Dio Rep said they would consider asking Dio Office to print and send to clergy.  <i>Issues to overcome:</i> question about how to print at home – one Dio Rep could only do it single sided A4; it needs to be out early enough to get into where it’s needed for each new month  <i>Possible ways to overcome problems:</i> Ask parishes to print them monthly and leave at back of parish for those who can’t print at home. ABM printing for those parishes who can’t. John noted that some supporters don’t use email so won’t get it and will need to cater for them. So if we know it will be used, we will respond. One Dio Rep noted that everything they get from their Diocese is electronic and needs to be printed at parish.</p>	<p><b>Robert</b> to take all feedback and incorporate into next draft and develop notes for helping people print it</p>
<i>Lunch</i>			
<b>Q&amp;A with ABM staff</b>			
	Dio Reps with Meagan facilitating	<p>KEY: <i>C</i> – comment; <i>Q</i> – question; <i>R</i> – response; <i>D</i> - discussion</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>C</i> -John: asked Dio Reps to let Office know of significant happening in your Diocese</li> <li><i>Q</i> - Keith: On Board of Anglicare NT, see how they make excess from Govt funding of projects to put towards other things: <i>R</i> - John:already heavily dependent on Govt funding – PNG CPP and ANCP – no other</li> </ol>	



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
		<p>avenues for funding O/S projects that would enable us to support infrastructure. One option is to become Public Benevolent Institution but this requires change to constitution and going to GS Standing Committee is not wise now. This would allow us to be more flexible with raising funds. <i>D</i> - Janice: timeframe for this change? John – already have tax deductibility status for certain projects in certain countries but PBI waiting for +Garry to find right time to put it through GSSC.</p> <p>3. <i>Q</i> - Janice: why can't new Grafton Diocesan Committee use ABM ABN to open bank account? <i>R</i> – John: auditing requirement means having separate accounts is problematic. Janice: understands that but finding it hard to move forward with no bank account. John: talk to Ivy</p> <p>4. <i>Q</i> - Brett: what's going on with Bequests? <i>R</i> - John: Bequest brochure, talked to committees before but often nervous to have conversation. We are getting bequests in but could be more. May end up getting specialised staff with time to do it. <i>D</i> - Brett: how do we include it in our presentations? John: have already suggested a speakers training day the day before the next conference and this could be addressed. Brett: how can we get it on the radar? Put article in magazines? John: bequests are often getting specific and better if general.</p> <p>5. <i>Q</i> - Mary: Pilgrimages? <i>R</i> - John: haven't given up on them, as important way of getting voices heard. Learning from pilgrimages – really need to send staff with pilgrimages, especially those involved in program. This makes it difficult with current staffing constraints. Wanting to create opportunities for theological students to visit partners. But also wanting to ensure our partners visit us as well. <i>D</i> - Brett: there are things in the pipe-line for pilgrimage to CPM in late Jan.</p> <p>6. <i>Q</i> - Keith: requests for sister diocese relationships – what role does ABM have in helping diocesan relationships? <i>R</i> - John: there aren't many dioceses 'vacant' wanting sister diocesan relationships at the moment. There are one or 2 Dioceses that don't have partnerships and it depends on Bishops. We need to be realistic about what we can do, but we can try and help. MBM might be able to help facilitate the request</p> <p>7. <i>Q</i> - Brett: how can Dio Reps get tutorials on how to do things e.g. smart phones, internet etc. <i>R</i> - Meagan: see Meagan in first instance and then Viv.</p> <p>8. <i>Q</i> - Brett: parish partnerships? <i>R</i> - Robert: not so much parish partnerships but Diocesan partnerships – if there is interest from a parish or Diocese, please refer them to <a href="#">Suggested Guidelines for Successful partnerships</a>.</p> <p>9. <i>C</i> - John: ABM is interested in our history and we are looking for historical material. If you know of people in your Dio who hold any information that might be of interest, please get them to contact us</p>	<p><b>Janice</b> to email Meagan re options for banking for Grafton Committee to raise with Ivy.</p> <p><b>Meagan</b> to program Bequests into speakers training day</p>





Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
ABM Youth Ambassador Proposal Discussion			
	Ken Spreadborough	<p>Ken gave brief background to this <a href="#">Proposal</a> and John lead a discussion  <i>History:</i> started in Tasmania, Ken heard about it at a Dio Reps Conference, Bne Committee interested and did it themselves in 2016, sending one young woman on Modawa Pilgrimage. Then in 2017 sent 3 young women to Vanuatu. Then started talking about 2018 but issues arose regarding ABM staffing and funding. John suggested it come to Dio Reps Conference for discussion.  <i>Brief summary of discussion:</i>            Is it worthwhile? Trevor: met with the 3 Tas Youth Ambassadors who had gone on Modawa Pilgrimage – they didn’t now see themselves as Youth Ambassadors NOW – they were Alumni but now they have no relationship with ABM. Question is, beyond that year what expectations can we have? What benefit does ABM get beyond a few speaking engagements? Unsure what long-term benefit or what might grow out of it. For individuals, answer is YES. For ABM...questionable?            John: had discussions with partners about how we engage with them in this way. They asked that groups go with ABM staff member but very small staff numbers so hard to spare staff. Need to work within budget and amount spent on fundraising to keep our funding ratios at an acceptable level – for every \$1 we spend on fundraising we need to raise \$10. So we’d need to see \$70,000 income as a result of pilgrimage if ABM staff involved as that would cost around \$7000. ABM sees this is as good but more thinking is needed and currently not in position to do this in current budget environment.            Meagan: reiterated importance of having staff member go along as work is done before and after visit to ensure expectations are realistic and met and to deal with anything that comes up from the visit.            Janice: hunger amongst youth in schools to find out more and go there, and do things. But need to ensure education is done to ensure it’s not paternalistic. John: easy for visit to trip into paternalism so need careful planning and support.            Trevor: are there alternate options to send people to e.g. Wontulp, or the Alice Springs event that ABM had scholarships for. John: internal Aust events are different.            Brett: have seen how it’s worked and have learnt from it e.g. expectations, criteria. Don’t want to see it lost            Brad: Wontulp and Ordinands/Theological students focus is result of learning – making most of our resources at this time. Annual – 2 weeks studying alongside students.            John: nothing happening next year, but keep talking and put it on agenda next year.</p>	<p><b>Meagan</b> add follow-up discussion regarding Youth Ambassadors to 2019 Agenda</p>
Provincial Meetings			
	Dio Reps	Refer to ‘Update on outcomes and actions’ for report on these meetings	



Activity	Speaker/Organiser	Notes of discussion	Actions / Decisions
<i>Afternoon Tea</i>			
Anglican Church of Melanesia			
	Fr Nigel Kelaepa	Fr Nigel greeted everyone in his mother tongue, Solomon Islands Pigin and English. <a href="#">See presentation</a>	
Update on outcomes and actions			
	Meagan Schwarz	<p><b>Queensland:</b> considering self-funding a possible Provincial gathering in Townsville in 2019. Would be interested in inviting an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to attend. Looking for suggestions. Victor Joseph one option. Wanting to increase the network of indigenous Anglicans and identify a point of contact at Diocese and local levels. November Appeal for 2019 going ahead.</p> <p><b>Tas and Victoria:</b> Victoria (plus Tas) Provincial meeting planned for 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019, Gisbourne Parish. Might include Debra Safry-Collins as Board Member. Discussion points: Coaldrake, events, how they work together as a province.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Melb:</i> Lenten Launch in Feb 2019      <i>Gippsland:</i> new Bishop will hopefully appoint new Dio Rep</p> <p><b>South Australia</b>            Launch of Lenten Appeal 2019 to incorporate ABM Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday before Lent: Promote Lenten Study, hand out Lent related materials. 2019 Prov dinner, Martyrs Day, St Andrews, Aux etc  <i>The Murray Dio:</i> Develop Aux member/ABM friends group, look at using You Tube videos instead of speakers for promotion in the Riverland</p> <p><b>Western Australia</b> – Coaldrake Awards will take separate approach in each Diocese. Synods are on same weekend. Possible collaboration with partner visitors as have neighbouring Sister Dioceses (Eldoret-Perth, Kapsabet-Bunbury)      <i>Perth:</i> possible WonTok 2019</p> <p><b>ALL DIOCESES</b> – Synods and Stoles are to be the minimum activities undertaken.</p>	<p><b>Brad</b> to talk with Celia regarding suitable person to invoice to Qld Prov Gathering. Victor Joseph suggested.</p> <p><b>Dio Reps with Committees</b> send minutes to Meagan  <b>ABM</b> confirm if Board Report will be made public after meetings  <b>ABM</b> confirm what actions are being taken to have Provincial Rep appointed to Board where there are currently vacancies</p>
Closing Prayer			
	Fr Nigel Kelaepa	This ended for the formal proceedings of the Conference.	
<i>Sunday 29 July</i>			
Sunday Eucharist			
	Fr Andrew Mintern	Fr Rod Gooden peached at the 10am service.	
Thank you presentations and final blessing			
	Meagan Schwarz	Thanks given to St Peter’s Glenelg. Rev Michelle Yuen accepted the thank you gifts on behalf of the parish, prayed a blessing over the Diocesan Reps and ABM staff and blessed the food.	Nil
<i>Lunch</i>			

**Conference Speakers (in order of agenda)**

- ❖ Rt Rev'd Chris McLeod: Chair, South Australian Provincial ABM Committee; Assistant Bishop, Dioceses of Adelaide, Willochra and The Murray
- ❖ Rev'd Andrew Mintern: Rector, St Peter's Glenelg
- ❖ Megan Schwarz: ABM Committee Support Officer
- ❖ Brad Chapman: ABM Education, Reconciliation and Advocacy Manager
- ❖ Vivienne For: Communications Coordinator
- ❖ Rev John Deane: ABM Executive Director
- ❖ Robert McLean: ABM Partnerships Missioner
- ❖ Fr Nigel Kelaepa – Mission Secretary of the Melanesian Board of Mission, Anglican Church of Melanesia

**Conference/SA Provincial ABM Dinner Guest Speakers**

- ❖ Rt Rev'd Cameron Venables: Assistant Bishop, Diocese of Southern Queensland
- ❖ Rt Rev'd John Stead, Diocesan Bishop, Willochra Diocese
- ❖ Rev'd Christy Capper, Director of Missions , College of Divinity, Adelaide



**ATTENDANCE LIST**

***Diocesan Reps – 14 Dio Reps / 14 Dioceses***

<i>Dio</i>	<i>Surname</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>First name</i>	<i>27/7</i>	<i>28/7</i>	<i>29/7</i>
Adelaide	McEvoy	Mrs	Margaret	X	X	X
Bendigo	Hopkins	Ven	Michael	X	X	X
Bne	Spreadborough	Rev	Ken	X	X	X
Bunbury	Byleveld	Rev	Bill	X	X	X
Grafton	Peate	Mrs	Janice	X	X	X
Melbourne	Collins	Mr	Brett	X	X	X
Murray	Devenport	Rev	Paul	X	X	A
NQ	Gooden	Rev	Rodney	X	X	X
NT	Joseph	Very Rev Dr	Keith	X	X	X
Perth	Snell	Rev	Lionel	X	X	X
Rockhampton	Trail	Rev	Delfina	X	X	X
Sydney	Waddy	Mrs	Edwina	X	X	X
Tasmania	Smith	Rev	Trevor	X	X	X
Wangaratta	Bester	Mrs	Michelle	X	X	X

***ABM Auxiliary - 1***

National President	Catford	Mrs	Mary	X	X	X
--------------------	---------	-----	------	---	---	---

***ABM Staff - 6***

Executive Director	Deane	Rev	John	X	X	X
Partnerships Coordinator	McLean	Mr	Robert	X	X	X
Education Manager	Chapman	Mr	Brad	X	X	X
Communications Coordinator	For	Ms	Vivienne	X	X	X
Committee Support Officer	Schwarz	Mrs	Meagan	X	X	X
Missioner	Daughtry	Rev	Steve		X	

***Partner Visitor***

Mission Secretary of the Melanesian Board of Mission, Anglican Church of Melanesia	Kelaepa	Rev'd	Nigel	X	X	X
--	---------	-------	-------	---	---	---

***Apologies***

Mike Begaud, ABM Marketing and Fundraising Manager

Lina Magallanes, ABM Programs Manager

Wilnor Flores, Church to Church Officer

Alice Knight, Ballarat Dio Rep

Mathew Crane, alternate Ballarat Dio Rep

Val Gribble, Central Queensland Dio Rep

Paul Black, Canberra and Goulburn Dio Rep

Meredith Francis, Willochra Dio Rep

***Dioceses without Diocesan Representatives at time of Conference***

Armidale

Gippsland

North West Australia

Bathurst

Newcastle

Riverina