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Central Qld Dio REPORT to Annual Conference July 2019

Cannon Val Gribble resigned as an ABM Rep at the beginning of this year. Before she did this however, she had the privilege of presenting priest's stoles to Tim Mannix and Matt Taylor on behalf of ABM on the occasion of their ordinations. These were gratefully received.

Val has been a dedicated ABM supporter for many years and we give deep and sincere thanks for her years of commitment to ABM.

In December last year Alan and I, along with two other women who are long-time supporters of ABM, met and agreed to collectively become an ABM support group. Although I myself am stepping aside, as National Rep, I am abundantly thankful that Alan has agreed to become the ABM representative for Central Qld. I have every confidence that he and Helen (his wife) will bless ABM with their dedication and unique gifts. They each serve on various committees and boards and have great passion for social justice issues.

I will continue to be a part of the local support group.

Through the Bishop's PA, ABM on a Mission, has been distributed to all the parishes. Sadly we no longer have a diocesan Gazette editor and the only quite unsatisfactory way of getting ABM news to the parishes, is via email to clergy and at times to parish offices.

At Bishop David's invitation, Revd John Deane flew up and spoke at Synod, preached on Synod Sunday and presented the Coaldrake Awards to Bishop David and his wife, Revd Jan Robinson. The medal presentation is a rich method of honouring those who have served with great faithfulness and fostering bonds of relationship between ABM's and the diocese.

Meagan prompted me to move a motion at Synod in support of SDG's. This was seconded by Cannon Val Gribble and passed unanimously. I will leave Alan to speak about this some more.

Many thanks to so many of you for gathering me into the ABM family these past years. Long may our relationship continue – albeit from a distance.

Warm regards
Revd Delfina Trail CQ