

# **ABM** Anglican Board of Mission - Australia **Working for Love, Hope & Justice**

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## Report on the meeting of Provincial ABM representatives Held at Holy Trinity Church, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane On Friday and Saturday, 27th and 28th February, 2015.

An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all on the Friday evening in the Rectory at Holy Trinity. Thank you to Fr Trevor Bulled and his team for this repast.

Those present for all or part of the Saturday were: Christopher Brooks, Brad Chapman (ABM), The Rev'd Ken Spreadborough, The Rev'd John and Kaye Corner, The Rev'd Jon Cornish, The Rev'd Patrick Doulin, The Rev'd Alan and Jan Gate, Stephen Harrison, Lynette Keyes, Christopher Gehrman, (Brisbane), The Rev'd Delfina Trail, Val Gribble (Rockhampton), The Rev'd Rod Gooden (North Queensland)

To begin the day, Fr Trevor celebrated a mass for the spread of the Gospel.

Brad Chapman, ABM Education Missioner spoke on a sense of ABM from his perspective, noting education as a deliberate section of ABM activities and as a response to all of ABM in the need to accept the challenge to change, responding to the transformation of the church throughout the world. He challenged all to consider what mission meant to us in our lives and Parishes. He spoke of his recent visit to Myanmar, of the setting up of relationships between ABM and the church there over the years, noting the relationship being set up between Church schools in the Diocese of Bunbury and Thandaung Gyi village in Myanmar. He spoke of how the people there thankfully pointed out all of the help and project results through the work of ABM, and that there was a keen awareness of ABM's work. (He referred to the ABMs social media pages).

Delfina Trail and Val Gribble reported on the recent cyclone in the Rockhampton area, noting the great effect it had on the community, but that the rebuilding will be valuable to the structure of the community. They advised that there was not a great deal of serious damage to Church property, though there was some damage to the Anglicare Office and the Church at Mt Larcom has lost its roof, and to the roof of the rectory at Keppel Parish. The Bishop of Rockhampton has set up an emergency fund to help those in need. There were a few keen to go on the Modawa Pilgrimage. Robert Mc Lean is to speak at Synod. A PNG support committee has been established linked to Popondotta Diocese. Clergy wives from Popondotta are raising funds to come to Rockhampton.

Rod Gooden gave an excellent run-down of activities and awareness of ABM in many of the Parishes in North Queensland. He noted the greater awareness of ABM in Cairns and it is hoped to raise the ABM profile even more in many parishes.

Ken Spreadborough reported on the continuing Parish Visiting Programme in Brisbane Diocese in which it is hoped that by the end of this year, during the last three years, a visit will have been made to all Parishes who wish to have one, in the Northern and Southern Regions and a number in the Western Region. He spoke about the project of establishing an ABM youth Ambassador in the Diocese adapted from the idea in Tasmania. Archbishop Phillip Aspinall was able to be present at the last Committee meeting and offered thanks and encouragement for the committee's work for ABM.

Following morning tea, Christopher Brooks spoke about the Communications portfolio (See attached slides)

The Rev'd Jon Cornish outlined the One World WonTok conferences. (See attached notes)

In a very interesting and enjoyable session after lunch, The Rev'd Alan and Jan Gate, as well as The Rev'd Patrick Doulin, reminisced on their experiences as Missionaries in PNG.

The Rev'd John and Kaye Corner detailed the work being done with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Kenya as well as explaining what the Catechesis actually was. See attached document "Development of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Kenya and East Africa."

Ken Spreadborough and Jan Gate spoke about the November Appeal, noting its over 100 year history, the background behind the choice of projects and the timeline for selection and implementation for each year's project. It was noted that each project usually raised between \$25000 and \$30000, occasionally going higher. They indicated the concerns of Archbishop Clyde Igarra re the state of Adult members of AC-PNG and his concern regarding preparedness of clergy, their pay and the reasons why this situation is happening. It was explained that he would be speaking with Archbishop Phillip Aspinall at the National Bishop's Conference in Cairns on 8 and 9 March, and it is hoped that this may be the basis for the Appeal this year.

After afternoon tea, it was decided that the conference was useful and that another should be held next year. It seems that it must be in Brisbane because of the costs of airfares and ease of commuting to Brisbane, compared with other areas. It was agreed that February was a good time to have the conference and that a major topic for next year should be "Getting ABM into rural Parishes."