2016 Diocesan Representatives Conference

**Around the Dioceses**

Adelaide

- Thanks from John Deane to Archbishop Jeffrey Driver who is retiring.

- Has a current project in Sudan that he has been working on.

- There is a good energy with this project.

Armidale – Bill and Judy Howarth

- little change - work around

- new clergy not supportive

- support from Cathedral

- ABM fellowship group - includes 4 from original group.

- 6 breakfasts during the year.

- 3 or 4 new parishioners who are joining the ABM group

- Moree good supporting parish

- A mission spot twice a year at cathedral - CMS & BCA are part of it.

- used glass jar instead of money box. Got $150

- High Tea in October - usually $1,000 raised.

Auxiliary – Mary Catford

- meeting on the 6th & 7th September - Bishop Garry will be attending.

- commended the work of Fiona Robertson, Auxiliary Secretary.

Ballarat – not present

Bathurst – Lorraine Clarkson

- Spoken to priests to see if they want to invite Lorraine

- Distributed bookmarks

- Encourage prayer

- Put material in newsletter

- Speaking about Kenya as part of the Auxiliary project

- Invited herself to speak at Synod for half an hour

- Encourage parishes to adopt a project and send money specifically for that project

- "Spring in Mission" - give the cost of a coffee - $1,500 raised

- Tri-diocesan mission day with Riverina, Bathurst and Canberra/Goulburn

Bendigo – Michael Hopkins

- Range of activities - Dinners that raised $7,000 to?

- People on the ground looking for new ideas to fundraise

- Lent App very well received.

- Only 2 parishes have a requirement to give a % to mission. Disappointing

- How do we get young people involved?

- Need to raise awareness of the prayer diary

Brisbane – Ken Spreadborough

- November Appeal very successful - $32,000 raised for PNG clergy service

- 1st attempt last year to have Youth Ambassador - only one applicant

- Another crack at that this year.

- Parish presentations – aim to visit every parish over 2 years

- Auxiliary struggling due to death and illness-needs restructuring

- Last 2 years had Provincial Reps Conference - combined with Partnership Conference in Darwin this year. Excellent

- Pleased with diocesan giving for 2015

- Christmas e-Cards - not heard a good response. Too long

- Setting up a Diocesan sub-Committee

- One World Wontok conference on Gold Coast - very good

- Set up a Facebook page by younger members of committee

Bunbury – Bill Byleveld

- Nothing specific in ABM terms in Diocese - had a few distractions over the couple of years

- Giving new clergy a pack - a lot of new clergy from overseas. Don't know ABM - need a pack

- Will promote Lent App next year

- Personal note - Successful Partnership Guidelines very worthwhile - not just for overseas use; can be used at local level I.e. Parish and School partnership

- JD suggested a lunch for new clergy or conference that ABM can attend

Canberra/Goulburn – Paul Black

- No committee - status quo for long time

- How will ABM make an impact with new clergy?

- Diocese is a strong CMS supporter

- Dinner was good - invites sent out to ACT supporters as well as parishioners

- Lay Mission Day in Goulburn

Grafton – Helen Newton

- New Bishop on Board - very useful

- She called a meeting of the ABM Auxiliary - discussed strategies

- Looking at new ways to go forward

- Having a big function with ABM speaker later in year

- Reviving ABM table at Synod

- Looking at pre-schools and play schools in diocese to hand money boxes out to

- Lot of parishes vacant

Melbourne – Brett Collins

- Committee meets every 6 weeks. Got 2 new members of committee

- Cross section of the diocese. Members pulled from each of the regions

- The Table at 12 Lunch - 12 people - Brett and Debra plus younger clergy - curates and parishes that support - 3 so far

- Synod - presence - all members have to wear their ABM badge. Synod of 700

- ABM Dinner - invite parishes to venue and share ABM stories. $45 a head

- Giving OK but followed up with phone call to parish to talk about giving

- Launch of Lent Appeal is starting again next year

Newcastle – Katherine Bowyer

- No ABM committee but have a mission committee. Katherine meant to be impartial

- Diocese decided that they would have a criteria for agencies they support. Mission and Anglican

- Putting together a pack for mission secretaries

- Establishing links with schools. How to integrate mission activities into the curriculum

- Sense of ownership in ABM in Diocese. Bishop's supportive

- Newspaper went from monthly to every 2 months. Introduced a weekly e-news. ABM gets included

- Material for synod

North Queensland – Rod Gooden

- Cairns parish - giving low. Parish had been CMS focussed but now giving to ABM has increased

- Giving figure is over $1,000 in just 6 months

- Diocese has seen a downward trend in giving- latest figures shows that ABM giving has increased

- Partnership Mission Conference - Provincial ABM Meeting - very well put together. Made all the mission agencies more aware of what was happening in the diocese

- Increase fundraising efforts in Diocese - each parish comes up with an idea that the diocese can adopt to raise funds for ABM

North West Australia – Not present

Northern Territory – Kate Beer

- Refer to presentation

- Being good stewards of the ABM support that they receive, but diocese can be more proactive in promoting other ABM projects

Perth – Lionel Snell

- Ups and downs in Perth

- Lost a few committee members. Now no-one on committee that served as missionary. Interesting

- Have more younger members but struggling to find time to meet

- Usual spot on the Synod. Move a motion so they have more time to talk

- Locum clergy giving their money to ABM so not to affect their pension

- Eldoret - people giving to that are small in number so hasn't really affected other giving to ABM

- Working hard to engage young people after they return from Reach Out Manilla

Riverina – Not present

Rockhampton – Colleen Rees

- Delfina and Val sent apologies

- Mothers’ Union have a strong profile

- Lent App used a lot

- Val attended Provincial Meeting in Darwin

South Australia – Chris McLeod

- ++Driver is retiring in 3 weeks. Bishop Chris is new Chair and attended first meeting 3 weeks ago

- Provincial Committee struggled to make quorum over the past 12 months

- Need to be thinking more strategically about new members

- Bishop of Mandalay visited last year. Held in most northern parish of The Murray so Adelaide people could attend

Sydney – Edwina Waddy

- Bishops in the Diocese not supportive

- Giving is good though and there is huge support

- Getting into parishes that aren't ABM supporting is a challenge

- Looking at enlarging the Sydney Committee and energising them

Tasmania – Trevor Smith

- Youth Ambassador is good. Fr Warwick retired from Holy Trinity and they are the main financial supporters

- New rector of HT will have a passion for ABM

- There is still some surprise at which parishes are giving to ABM

- Auxiliary very close to closing due to age attrition

- Auxiliary had 80 people at a talk by Youth Ambassador

- Strong support for Martyrs Appeal

- Tim Swifte still puts in a lot of work for the committee. His work at Synod and staffing it is appreciated.

- Lent App very good and great meditative material

The Murray – Paul Devenport

- Bishop went to PNG last year to re-establish the relationship

- Bishop David McCall now long term locum in the diocese

- ABM Media put in the diocesan magazine

- Parishes aim for a particular ABM project to support

- Giving has dropped this year but found out that the Registrar sits on the money longer so should be large amount coming through

Wangaratta – Kim Benton

- Some successes - regular coverage from Registry going out and newspaper

- ABM presence at Synod

- Auxiliary struggling but meeting has been called which is a good sign

- Used the Lenten series from the website. 3 parishes picked it up

- 24 parishes in diocese. Got 6 responses

- Offertory envelopes been picked up by 3 parishes

- 5c jar collection. Going well and surprising how it fills up

- Lot of stamp gathering

- Parish viability issue is a major concern and affects giving

Willochra – Mary Catford

- Have to drive a long way to get together. Age is barrier to that happening

- Mission Day each year and about 30 people attend

- Progressive lunch in Missionary District

- Mary leaving Willochra and going to Adelaide at the end of the year

- Sold wine at Synod!

- Op Shop gives $1,000 to ABM each year