

ABM Speakers' Corner

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Welcome to the first Speakers' Corner

Hello Volunteer Speakers,

And a very warm welcome to your inaugural Speakers' Corner newsletter.

This is your publication for your voice. We very much appreciate the contributions that you have all made to this issue and would welcome everybody's feedback.

I would love to hear your comments on the layout, grammar and style of the newsletter and please feel free to update us whenever you have an event that you think the other dioceses would benefit hearing about. I'd also like to hear what you think future Speakers' Corner editions should contain.

Thank you for your hard work, tireless efforts and support of ABM – we can't do it without you.

Have a very Blessed Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

– Christopher Brooks, Speakers' Organiser

Speaking Requests in 2011

There are nearly 1,400 parishes in Australia, 23 dioceses – many with Auxiliaries or Committees – and many more schools and other Anglican community groups that all generously support ABM. Since joining ABM just over a year ago, I have noticed that there are many supporters of ABM who we have never reached out to with a visit. In order to facilitate this we want to be more pro-active with our speaking requests next year.

As our eyes and ears on the ground, we wanted you to be the first people we tell about our strategy for 2011. Over the next year, we would love to send a speaker to any group that requests it, availability permitting. We won't be fulfilling more than one request though for each group, so they would need to carefully choose what event they want an ABM speaker for over the next 12 months. This will hopefully free up some of our resources to visit the supporters who we owe a (sometimes long overdue) "thank you" to.

I hope this sounds fair. If you have any thoughts about how we can do it better, then we're all ears.

Project Updates: News from the Northern Territory and a Livelihoods Project in drought-prone rural Kenya.

ABM has been supporting the Diocese of the Northern Territory, particularly the work of Nungalinya College and the ministry of Rev'd Tom Slockee. Sadly Tom has recently resigned from this ministry, for personal reasons. In his ten months with the Diocese, Tom made a great deal of contact with local Aboriginal communities in both the towns and more remote

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Speakers' Prayer

Almighty God, as we engage with our listeners around Australia, may the gifts that you have taught us give us the confidence to spread your word and bring the work of ABM into the hearts of all Australians. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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AROUND THE TRAPS

Adelaide Diocese - Elaine Edwards

The Provincial Committee met yesterday - but prior to that Meeting, an ABM Parish Contacts' Day had been arranged. The Provincial Committee organizes one of these each year in order to keep our Parish Contacts up to date with ABM happenings and, most importantly, to say 'thank you' to them for their support and witness in their own parishes.

Yesterday's gathering was held in St. Peter's Cathedral at North Adelaide - we met at 11a.m. for morning tea; then the Chairman of the ABM Provincial Committee [and ABM Board member] (Bishop Garry Weatherill) spoke very encouragingly to our Parish Contacts, thanking them for their ministry within their own parishes and then telling them of recent developments and news from ABM. Bishop Garry spoke warmly and well.

After questions, Bishop Garry took us on a tour of the Cathedral, speaking about the stained glass windows and historical and interesting features. We all enjoyed that very much.

And then it was time for more food! We concluded with a delicious lunch, prepared by ABM Auxiliary members - chicken sandwiches, sweet slices [with due consideration for those who need gluten free food] 'bubbly' [non-alcoholic]; white wine, and of course tea/coffee. One of those who attended was Bishop David McCall, the immediate past Patron of the ABM Auxiliary, who now lives in Adelaide.

Twenty-five ABM Parish Contacts were encouraged and thanked at a happy occasion.

Armidale Diocese - Fr. Bill Howarth

St. Peter's Cathedral Parish of Armidale held their Annual Mission Weekend on 16/17 October 2010. It is an annual event with the purpose of raising awareness of mission. Each year a speaker is invited from one of Anglican Mission societies, ABM, BCA, CMS, NHMS. This year it was the turn of ABM and we had Robert McLean as our guest speaker.

A parish dinner was held on the Saturday evening in the Cathedral Parish Hall with about 40 people attending.

On the Sunday Robert preached at the following services -

- 8.00am Eucharist at St. Mary's West Armidale
- 9.30am Morning Prayer at the Cathedral
- 7.00pm Evening Service in the Cathedral Hall.

All services were very well attended and Robert's sermons were very well received. Feedback from the Dean and other clergy supported this.

Sunday lunchtime we held a BBQ at our place and we had the Vicar and three parishioners come to join us from St. John's Tamworth along with members of our ABM Fellowship group and others from the Cathedral.

It was advertised through the weekly Pew Bulletins and an invitation was sent to St. John's Tamworth for representatives to join us for the BBQ.

We hope to arrange something next time at St. John's Tamworth.



The final day of the Chairs of Committee Conference in Adelaide. August 2010

Bendigo Diocese – Myrtle Shay

ABM Auxiliary AGM on 19th October. We did not have a speaker, the person we asked wasn't able to come.

We played 2 sections of a DVD and one of our group had prepared a set of questions all the answers were in a *Partners*. Those present were given a copy of *Partners* to help them find the answers.

Brad Chapman spoke to our Diocesan Missionary Agencies committee at our meeting on Tuesday 9th Nov 2010.

Letters were sent to all affiliated groups/individuals and all mission secretaries. There were 20 present. Will have another AGM next year.

Brisbane Diocese – George Smith

Late September four members of the Brisbane Committee with two helpers spent two days making up packs of promotion material for the Archbishop's November Appeal. These were mailed to every priest in the Province of Queensland. That is the dioceses of Northern Territory, North Queensland, Rockhampton and Brisbane. This appeal is for the support of the work of Nungalinya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya in strengthening leadership and capacity in training Christians to build communities of faith and trust.

I visited Noosa Parish on Sunday October 24 to promote ABM in the Parish. Noosa is approx. 2 hours north of Brisbane and I was able to make a presentation at a 7.30am service at Sunshine Beach and then at the 9.30 service at Tewantin about 20 minutes away. Due to time constraints the presentation at Sunshine Beach was restricted and took the form of an interview by the Rector and then I was able to promote the November Appeal. At Tewantin I was also interviewed and then was able to show the DVD and make greater impact.

In March a group started to plan an ART EXHIBITION with a theme of drawing attention to the eight Millennium Development Goals in an attempt to MAKE POVERTY HISTORY. It was given the name of B AWARE ART EXHIBITION, held in St. John's Cathedral from 8 to 21 October. Approx 70 works were shown all relating to the theme.

Bunbury Diocese – Fr. Bill Byleveld

On the Friday afternoon prior to our Synod we had the Reverend John Dean join with Bishop Allan and members of clergy, synod reps and some of the Mission Secretaries for an afternoon tea and presentation by John. This was followed by an opportunity for people to ask questions of John.

An invitation was sent out to all who would be attending synod as they were already coming to Bunbury to come earlier and approximately 30 took up this opportunity. The people who attended had their questions of ABM answered. From this perspective it was a great opportunity for us as a diocese to take hold of. I would recommend this as an opportunity that can cover a wide section of the Diocese if you are having someone come from ABM to your Synod.

South Australia Province – Stephen Matthew

Report on ABM SA Province Martyrs Day, 2 September 2010

St Cuthbert's Church Prospect

It has been something of a tradition that Martyrs' Day is held at St Cuthbert's church each year.

Lilla Lashmar, one of the twelve martyrs who were either killed by the Japanese, or who died as a result of the conflict, came from that parish, and it is a fitting that this connection be celebrated in Prospect.

Some 60 people were in attendance for a Eucharist, and we were privileged to have Bp Clyde Igara of the Diocese of Dogura present to give an address. Archbishop Jeffrey Driver presided.

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– Elaine Edwards

Tasmania Diocese – Fr. Warwick Cuthbertson

Our parish (Holy Trinity Launceston) held a Martyrs Day Eucharist followed by lunch.

The Address was given by Rev'd Alan Bulmer which was excellent. The occasion was advertised in the Tasmanian Anglican, throughout the parishes around Launceston in Pew Sheets and a colour poster was sent with a request to display on notice boards. The response was disappointing with only a few parishioners attending (10 in all)

We will plan for another next year and seek more support within our local parish and maintain the level of advertising among other parishes.

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areas, and obtained a good understanding of their needs. That information will be invaluable in assisting the Bishop to plan for the future. We would ask this Advent that you pray that God will raise up new leadership for this important work of helping to build God's kingdom in the far north of this land.

We are delighted to be supporting Nungalinga College in an exciting new program which they are devising. This involves inviting Aboriginal leaders from within remote communities to come to the College for a period of a few months to train as tutors. When these leaders go back to their communities they will be able to mentor and teach others.

Our partner in rural Kenya, Ukamba Christian Community Services has reported that the money ABM sent on behalf of its supporters is being well spent on a variety of projects. John Matua, the Program Manager, writes about a soil conservation project: "Awareness creation on the importance of terracing, road water harvesting, and importance of good farming practices is ongoing. Terracing has been started in individual farms and over 1,000 meters of bench terraces and cut off drains have been done." He also writes about the new tree nurseries: "Two standard tree nurseries (20M x 20M) have been established and each has a capacity of having over 20,000 seedlings. These tree nurseries will provide the 18,000 assorted trees (fruit and shade trees) to be planted on the onset of the rain season." ABM's Programs Director, Julianne Stewart, will be returning to Kenya in the New Year to visit the community and to continue to monitor progress of the projects.

LIST OF RESOURCES

For Education and Publicity

- Project Books
- Annual Reports
- Partner Brochures
- Posters (Marks of Mission, Country overview)
- Banners
- ABM DVDs
- Magnets

For Fundraising

- Giving envelopes
- Bequest Forms
- Prayer Diaries with appeal flyers
- Purses
- Crosses

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- † Canberra – The Rev'd Rebecca Newland
- † Gippsland – The Rev'd Lloyd George
- † Melbourne – Mr. Brett Collins
- † Newcastle – The Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer
- † Perth – The Ven. Lionel Snell
- † Rockhampton – Mrs. Sybil Pawley
- † SA Province – The Rt. Rev'd Garry Weatherall
- † Sydney – Mrs. Catherine Crouch
- † Tasmania – Mr. Tim Swifte

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UPCOMING SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

There are no scheduled speaking engagements over Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

If you know of any "ABM awareness" engagements in your area, please inform the office. Thank you

