

ABM Speakers' Corner

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Conference Greetings from Speakers' Corner

Greetings to all our Chairs of Committee Delegates.

A very warm welcome to your fifth edition of Speakers' Corner for 2012. Your feedback is always most welcome. We would again 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.

Richest Blessings.

Michael Robinson

Speakers' Prayer

Almighty God, as we engage with our ABM family and friends around Australia, may the gifts that you have taught us give us the confidence to spread your word and bring our work into the hearts of all Australians.

Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

St Margaret's Hospital

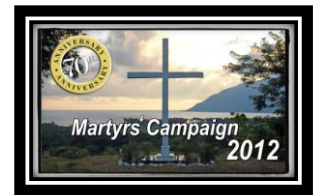
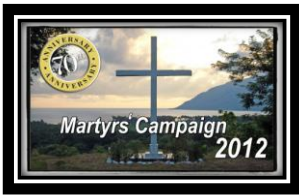
Over the past few years, ABM has been working with ACPNG to upgrade St Margaret's Health Clinic in Oro Bay to a Level 5 hospital. The hospital will now operate as a satellite hospital to the state-run Popondetta General Hospital while upskilling and recruiting staff.

The renovating and building of staff housing is one of the main priorities at present as quite a large number are needed. Currently the focus is on the construction of houses for the Hospital Manager and the Doctor.

Once the upgrading is complete, it will greatly benefit the local community living in this remote region of Papua New Guinea.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT, JUNE 2012

“As individuals and as an organisation ABM embraces the following values:

- **Faithfulness to God.** ABM celebrates the capacity of every person to respond to God’s love. Holding a clear Christian commitment ABM respects the traditions and beliefs of other faiths.
- **Integrity in every aspect of our work.** ABM pursues transparency and accountability in all matters.
- **Respect for the created order and human dignity.** ABM’s mission has its basis in God’s unconditional love made known in Christ. ABM acknowledges the human responsibility to care for Creation. ABM respects the dignity and vulnerability of each person and seeks to emulate God’s love in its relationship and working with others.
- **Wise management of our resources.** Recognising the fine balance between good stewardship and compassionate action ABM commits itself to practical, equitable and merciful outcomes.
- **Creativity and hard work.** ABM believes that innovation and resourcefulness, combined with diligence, will have a powerful and positive impact on the struggle for justice.
- **Relational reciprocity.** In our internal and external relationships ABM commits to genuine two-way engagement, shared learning, honesty and cultural sensitivity.
- **Caring for and serving others.** ABM takes its inspiration from the example of Christ who modeled non-discriminatory love and compassion for others.”

THE FUTURE

ABM will continue to build a strong and effective organisation which participates in the mission of God through supporting the Anglican Church’s witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ABM will also continue to assist the Church in serving the poor, feeding the hungry, teaching and preaching the Gospel, healing the sick, and building strong communities of faith. Our model of engaging with partners has changed with mutual learning and accountability, helping ABM to appreciate more fully the transformational nature of mission for all who are engaged in it. As we look towards the future ABM has much to be thankful for, especially for the foundations which have been laid by those generations which have preceded us. ABM remains grateful for the ongoing and increasing support of Australians across the country through prayer and financial giving, and through involvement with ABM’s activities and events. ABM recognises that it is the steward of the generosity of Australians, and seeks to execute that responsibility with diligence. ABM welcomes feedback and communication with all who are interested in the work and witness of ABM. Please feel free to contact us on (02) 9264 1021 (Email info@abm.asn.au) or visit our website at www.abmission.org.

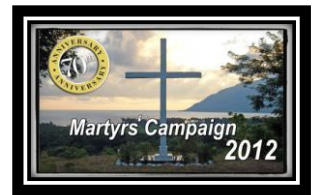
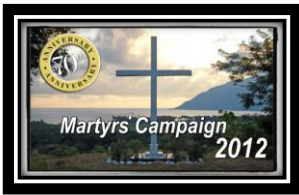
The Rev’d John Deane
Executive Director, ABM-A

STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

ABM’s Board and staff undertook a strategic planning exercise in 2011/2012 and identified nine goals for 2012-2017.

The Anglican Board of Mission Australia will:

- 1) inspire in Australian Anglicans a deeper engagement and understanding of mission, grounded in ABM’s relationships with its partners.
- 2) empower its partners to share their own experiences of mission to enthuse Australians.
- 3) be the mission organisation of choice for Australian Anglicans.
- 4) double the annual funds raised from individual supporters and non government funding during the term of this strategic plan.
- 5) work closely with its Program Partners in building their capacity to deliver effective programs efficiently.
- 6) enhance its commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry.
- 7) have strong and open working relationships with all its Program Partners.
- 8) have high quality programs facilitated by systems which reflect best practice.
- 9) be part of a strong network of related organisations and be recognised as a leading exponent of holistic mission



A SERIES OF PEW REFLECTIONS WRITTEN BY ROBERT McLEAN

The Martyrs of New Guinea – Sunday 2 September 2012

- Zephaniah 3.14-20; Psalm 130;
Romans 8.33-39; John 12.20-32

No matter how bad a situation, renewal in Christ is possible. Even death cannot separate us from God's love for us which heals and restores. If we want to bear fruit for Christ we need to die – not perhaps as the Martyrs of New Guinea were called to do, but in terms of ego and will. By aligning our lives with the mind of Christ, we bear fruit and bring God glory.

Today's question: Which parts of my life need to die away so that I can bring glory to God and bear fruit?

- Pray for all who are persecuted for their faith
- Give thanks for the heroic and inspiring witness of martyrs

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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 9 September 2012

- Proverbs 22.1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125;
James, 2.1-10 (11-13) 14-17; Mark 7.24-37

St Mark tells us of the healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter and of the deaf mute whose friends brought him to Jesus. In both cases, Jesus was implored to heal someone by another and he answered affirmatively.

Today's questions: Do I know anyone for whom I ought to pray? What is my prayer for them?

- Pray for all those in special need – especially any known to you in particular
- Give thanks for the work of those involved in healing ministry in Australia and within ABM's Overseas Partners

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Holy Cross Day – Friday 14 September 2012

- Numbers 21:4b-9; Psalm 78.1-2, 34-48 *or* 98.1-6;
1 Corinthians 1.18-24 *or* Philippians 2.5-11;
John 3.13-17

St John tells us that God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, so that we should perish. Rather, God sent his Son to save us and grant us everlasting life. Jesus' death on the cross makes it possible for us to enjoy life with God for ever.

Today's question: How do I thank God for such a great gift as salvation?

- Give thanks for the work and witness of Holy Cross Cathedral, Geraldton
- Pray for all who are yet to know God and about the eternal life that is offered to us.

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday 16 September 2012

- Proverbs 1.20-33 *or* Wisdom 7.26 – 8.1; Psalm 19;
James 2.18-26; Mark 8.27-38

Jesus warns us not to be ashamed of him and his words in our 'adulterous and sinful generation'. Our task, as the Church and as individual Christians, is to honour Jesus and the words he gave us.

Today's questions: How do I honour Jesus in my life? Can I do a better job of it?

- Let us pray that we will never be ashamed of Jesus, but live our lives in a way that gives God glory.
- Give thanks for the work ABM's Overseas Partners do to bring God glory in their churches and communities

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2012 MARTYRS' CAMPAIGN

At this time of the year, may we encourage you to commemorate the Martyrs of New Guinea with your prayers and gifts in support of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

ABM's projects, **St Margaret's Hospital** and the **Encounter Program**, are the focus of the Martyrs' Campaign

This list only contains people who have given ABM written permission to have their contact details published. To be included, please e-mail your details to Michael Robinson (see address below).

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<i>Canberra</i>	<i>The Rev'd Rebecca Newland</i>
<i>Grafton</i>	<i>Helen Newton</i>
<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Mr Brett Collins</i>
<i>Newcastle</i>	<i>The Rev'd Canon Katherine Bowyer</i>
<i>Perth</i>	<i>The Ven. Lionel Snell</i>
<i>Rockhampton</i>	<i>Mrs Sybil Pawley</i>
<i>SA Province</i>	<i>The Right Rev'd David McCall</i>
<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Mrs Edwina Waddy</i>
<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>The Rev'd Warwick Cuthbertson</i>

List of Resources

For Education and Publicity

- Prayer Diary
- Project Book
- Annual Report
- ABM DVDs
- Partner Brochures
- Magnets
- Posters (Marks of Mission, Country overview)
- Banners

For Fundraising

- Duplex (Giving) envelopes
- Purses
- Bequest Forms
- Crosses
- Prayer Diaries
- Project Book

2012 CHRISTMAS CARDS ARE AVAILABLE

You can now purchase the 2012 Christmas Cards from the Sydney office. The order form may be downloaded from here, or the Merchandise page on our website or please contact our office to place your order.

Get in early this year!

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