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Quarterly Anglican Schools Newsletter Term 2 2014

Welcome to ABM's quarterly Anglican schools newsletter! This newsletter will keep you up-to-date with educational resources for students and staff as well as highlighting news stories from our partners around the world.

One World WonTok Conference Resources

This year's conferences are now complete, but that doesn't mean you can't replicate some of the conference activities at your school! We have uploaded resources to our website <u>here.</u>

Read about the the 2014 One World WonTok Conference <u>here.</u>



Who is My Neighbour? Education Resource



The 'Who is My Neighbour?' Photographic Exhibition is a moving and educating display of images brought to you by Anglican Board of Mission.

An education resource for schools has been put together by St Mark's Anglican Community School, Perth, Western Australia, to accompany the photographic exhibition currently touring Australia.

To find out more about the **Who is My Neighbour?** Photographic Exhibition, <u>visit the Events section on the website</u>.

Download the Who is My Neighbour? Education Resource here.

Climate change and disaster risk reduction

How can you help us defy climate change?

It's easy! Simply register your school, select an activity and begin fundraising for ABM. You may want to host a morning tea, have a mufti day, run a cake stall or anything you please!

The Anglican Board of Mission is working with some of its partners to reduce the risks and minimise the effects of climate change in their countries and we need your help.



When you raise money from your choice of

fundraising activity, you will be helping ABM provide Partners in countries such as Kenya and the Philippines with valuable resources. These resources will help to train communities that are in desperate need to build rain catchment ponds, sand dams, low drip irrigation systems, seedling nurseries, water tanks and invest in improved livestock programs.

Download a .pdf copy of the School Project 2014 flyer here.

Is 'Voluntourism' the new colonialism?

A recent Encounter program on ABC Radio National explored the rise of volunteer tourism and the potential hazards involved. Listen to the program here.

http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/encounter/5341384

Reflections from ABM's Youth Ambassador



From stepping onto the plane bound for Port Moresby, PNG, to stepping behind the lecterns of churches and chapels around Tasmania, the ABM Youth Ambassadorship has been a hugely valuable experience for me, and is one that I am immensely grateful for.

Primarily, my ambassadorship has been an experience of

education. It's enabled me to learn about myself, about ABM and about Papua New Guinea, about people and about movements for change, and about our place in God's mission for the poor. It's also taught me that there is genuine power in that kind of knowledge and surety. Furthermore, I pray that it has been one of education and empowerment for those I have met, and with whom I shared, in speeches and in discussion, my reflections on the Modawa Pilgrimage and on our world.

This is a prayer motivated by the fact that acting as Ambassador for ABM has consolidated within me the belief that there are certain truths and stories that ought to be widespread knowledge in creating change: the work of ABM and of organisations like it, and of how worthy it is of support and investment; the suffering of our brothers and sisters throughout the word and the great injustice it poses, accompanied by the fact that we are in a serious position to alleviate it; and the compassion that God has, and how best to respond to the call He gives for us, too, to be compassionate. I have endeavoured to convey these as ABM's Youth Ambassador.

Once more, I am so grateful for the blessing that has been the Youth Ambassadorship, and I continue to pray that it may also be a blessing to others through God's work in my life and through ABM.

Rowena Clark-Hansen ABM Youth Ambassador

Celebrating Coming of the Light

July 1, 2014 marks the 143rd anniversary of the 'Coming of the Light', the occasion that celebrates when the London Missionary Society first landed on Erub, also known as Darnley Island, in Torres Strait.



ABM's Reconciliation Coordinator, Malcolm MacCallum said

July sees a number of occasions to reflect on reconciliation and Aboriginal history including NAIDOC Week and the 'Coming of the Light'.

Mr MacCullum said, "The arrival of the first missionaries was an event that was celebrated. Missionaries sometimes spelt the end of many Indigenous peoples' traditional belief systems, but in Torres Strait it was a different story." <u>Read More...</u>

Join Global Anglicans' in the Anglican Alliance's Upcoming Webinar!



On Tuesday 24th June 2014 at 9am UK time you can take part in a global webinar which will bring people together from every corner of the Anglican Communion. Presenters will talk about how we can all have our voices heard by decision-makers and take part in advocacy initiatives.

You can click on the following link and enter your name to join in this one hour discussion - <u>http://workcast.adobeconnect.com/anglican</u>.

Find out more about how you and your church can speak up and the ways that you can bring your voices to your leaders. <u>Read more...</u>

Recommended Reading for Chaplains and RE Educators



Book:

World-shaped Mission

The last few decades have brought with them some major shifts in the way that mission is understood. Today, the distinction between 'home' and 'world' mission is blurred, and separating 'mission' from 'development' is no longer straightforward.

There are some robust conversations happening right now in Anglican Schools in Australia about adopting new frameworks for establishing local and international partnerships. This book is the fruit of much hindsight and the latest understanding of partnership developed in close consultation with mission and development agencies, dioceses and others engaged in mission activity in the Church of England.

World Shaped Mission is sure to challenge and reconfigure the way Anglican Schools talk about, and practice, mission in the world today.

World Shaped Mission is available for \$20-\$25 at most major online bookstores.

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Witness to Christ's saving, forgiving & reconciling love for all people

Build welcoming, transforming communities of faith

Stand in solidarity with the poor and needy

Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation

Protect, care for and renew life on our planet

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