

# PARTNERS

A close-up portrait of a Black woman with her hair styled in intricate braids, some adorned with small gold beads. She is looking directly at the camera with a gentle expression. The background is a blurred classroom setting with several children sitting at wooden desks.

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**Front cover photo:** Violet Nekhata from the  
Zambian Anglican Council's micro-financing  
project *Circle of Hope*. The members learn  
income generating activities which is helping  
about 140 people across the Lusaka Diocese.  
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# From the Anglican Alliance



Dear Friends in Mission,  
I was recently honoured to be the guest of ABM in Australia.

ABM is one of the founding organisations of the Anglican Alliance, of which I am the Chairperson and John Deane, ABM's Executive Director, is one of the Alliance's Trustees.

The Alliance was set up in 2011 in response to a strong desire across the Anglican Communion to strengthen its commitments to the poor and vulnerable. It brings together the work of the many Anglican mission and development agencies that function within our Church so that the Communion can be more focused in its response and collaboration to humanitarian issues.

Since its humble beginnings, the Alliance has continued to grow and has been set up as a charity within the United Kingdom. Before then, it was supported from the offices of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Alliance has recently announced its new Executive Directors to take it into the next phase of its existence. With funding from its member agencies, including ABM, and donations from its supporters, the Alliance continues to work for a world free of poverty and injustice, to be a voice for the voiceless, to reconcile those in conflict and to safeguard the earth.

The Alliance, in my opinion, is a force for good. It enables Anglican Sisters and Brothers in Christ to stand in solidarity, a united voice, to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

As you read through this edition of Partners, I encourage you to pray and bless those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Yours in Christ,

**Archbishop Albert Chama**

Primate of Central Africa and Bishop of Zambia



# Insight into Africa

## **ABM welcomed the Most Rev Albert Chama, the Archbishop of Central Africa and Bishop of Northern Zambia to Australia in September.**

Archbishop Albert Chama is the Primate of the Province of Central Africa which includes 15 dioceses in Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. His visit to Australia, as a guest of ABM, saw him visit Sydney, Brisbane and Perth to speak to parishes, participate in ABM's board meetings and be a guest of honour at events.

Since 2011 Archbishop Chama has been the 6th Archbishop of Central Africa, a role which he says is about advocacy as well as leadership.

His work in the last decade has seen him involved in advocacy for refugees and the political problems in Zimbabwe including meeting with President Mugabe in 2011 (see page 6).

"I thank ABM for inviting me to Australia," he said.

"The Church in Australia has continued to work with the Church in Zambia by empowering women economically and educating them about



Mary Mulanga learns to sew at the Zambia Anglican Council. © ABM/Stephen Daughtry 2011.

gender-based violence."

"We are saying, if we empower women economically they will be able to stand and make decisions on their own. This is working very well where ABM has sponsored the project and now we are expanding it in other areas because we believe it will really make women feel free."

Despite, a variety of dialects and tribes, Zambia is a very peaceful country. As a result it has many refugees. According to the UN Refugee Agency, Zambia hosts some 34,000 refugees, almost half of whom were born in the country.

Archbishop Chama said, "As a church our role is to continually pray for them, encouraging them and be with them in this very difficult time."

"At times we went out to provide seed and fertiliser to help them be self-sufficient. We as a church felt it was our obligation to stand with our brothers and sisters in this difficult time. This couldn't have happened without support from ABM and all who support the work," he said.

"I do a lot of advocacy with the government to encourage them to give them space before they can go back home but also identify that they are not ready to go. Some are very scared so we are saying let people stay and doing some advocacy work to negotiate."

Advocacy work is also core to Archbishop Chama's role as the Board Chairperson of the Anglican Alliance. The Alliance says it brings together those in the Anglican family of churches and agencies to work for a world free of poverty and injustice, to be a voice for the voiceless, to reconcile those in conflict and to safeguard the earth.

Archbishop Chama told ABM, "The Anglican Alliance's core business is to share best practices across the communion, not to do

the work on the ground, but ensure there is advocacy at an apex level, as a communion.”

“How we do this is by working with people like ABM, ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development) all the mission agencies. We are saying to them please give us the information so that we can do that advocacy. We have regional facilitators who are feeding into leadership of Alliance to inform us of developments and issues of justice and we can send that information across the world.

“Of course one would say there will be transformation as we go but we need to set up this advisory committee and coordinate the sharing of experiences across the world,” he said.

“We are praying that with supporters like ABM we can be a force to be reckoned with but we are really making sure we are not down there undercutting our partners. Our job is to share the information and we depend on people on the ground. We disseminate information and highlight what is best practice. We want to show others what has worked. . . so that we will continue to grow the Anglican Alliance and make sure everyone is included, not just the UK and America but bishops and mission in Africa and other countries.”

**Archbishop Albert Chama** is married with four children, 2 boys and 2 girls. He worked in a ceramics company before his theological ministry.

He went to Bishop Gaul Theological College in Zimbabwe and the University of Zimbabwe. He also attended the University of Birmingham in the UK where he studied for a Master’s Degree in Community Development.

Archbishop Chama worked as a parish priest and then as a Chaplain to the University congregation. His strong inclination is towards theology and development.

He is currently the Board Chairperson of the Anglican Alliance, which is based in the Anglican Communion Office in the UK, and is a member of the advisory Council based at the Episcopal Relief and Development in the USA.

He serves as Vice Chairperson of the Council of the Anglican Provinces in Africa, based in Nairobi,

Kenya. As well as his Primate role, he is the Diocesan Bishop of Northern Zambia. The Archbishop is working with partners on Financial Sustainability across the African continent as a resource person. He also served as Provincial Secretary in the Provincial Office.



Archbishop Chama spoke at a dinner for ABM while he was in Australia.

# New Page in Zimbabwe

## Leading the Church in a Time of Conflict

The Church and its people in Zimbabwe have been persecuted in recent years. Political turmoil and a split within the church in the country (and the wider Communion) caused much tension.

Archbishop Chama said, "Anglican congregations in Zimbabwe have suffered serious persecution at the hands of the police. They have been intimidated. Their churches have been closed. Properties, including schools and clinics, have been seized."

"At the time, I was providing leadership and yes, it was quite rough, it was not easy to do that work. Each time I went to Zimbabwe I was scared, it was really something else until everything calmed down."

Nolbert Kunonga, the former Bishop of Harare, accused Anglicans worldwide of promoting homosexuality. It was on this pretext that he claimed to have taken Zimbabwe's Anglicans out of the province of Central Africa and formed the Zimbabwe province, taking with him much land and property of the church.

Archbishop Charma was still having to manage the administration and everyday work of the



L-R: Archbishop Thabo Makgoba (Primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa), Archbishop Albert Chama (Primate of the Province of Central Africa), Archbishop Rowan Williams (Archbishop of Canterbury), Archbishop Valentino Mokiwa (Archbishop of Tanzania).

church as well as the stress of the tension between the church and politics. He said the church tried to do a lot of advocacy work.

"Our people were affected by tear gas and some of our churches were taken away. It was really rough but when the Supreme Court passed it in our favour, our provinces were given back."

"We encouraged our faithful Christians, particularly those in affected areas to remain faithful and steadfast, to pray and you know, that worked wonders. Our church grew out of that confusion."

"It is like a fresh start, a very interesting time and from this time in the Supreme Court we know things are on our side."

"We thank the support from around the world, like prayer from Australia. I thank God for giving me the courage throughout that time."

In 2011 Archbishop Chama met with Zimbabwean President Mugabe along with the then Archbishop of Canterbury,

Archbishop of Southern Africa and the President of the All Africa Conference of Churches, the Archbishop of Tanzania.

"Us four Archbishops went to see Mugabe, it was very interesting. Some parts were very casual but we had a good discussion and left the courts to decide the outcome."

"We had to be courageous and stand for what we believe in and represent others," he said.

"Now we hope they are starting a new page in Zimbabwe. We pray that this kind of peaceful spirit will continue. It is a great hope."

*NB: Some years ago ABM supporters raised and sent funds for trauma counselling of Zimbabwean Anglicans who suffered during this time.*



# Building Community in Kenya

**In Eastern Kenya, people experience long periods of drought so often that these conditions have become the norm.**

**Two staff members of ABM, Lina Magallanes and Beth Snedden, visited Kenya in July to monitor this ABM project and saw the hardship of the communities. They share one of the great stories they learned.**

The Kamba people in south eastern Kenya have experienced periods of drought at least 5 times in the last 10 to 15 years.

Martha and her family were affected by the harsh conditions and she had no choice but to queue up at the local government office to receive support.

As many farmers in the region have harvested minimal crops, limiting the food their families have access to, the Kenyan government has developed processes to help people survive during times of severe drought.

Families like Martha's need to register with the government to be able to access this relief support.

Martha and her family have been on the register for the last ten years. The register contains the



Women in Kenya learn about agriculture through the integrated food security program.

**ABM works in partnership with UCCS to help communities in the Ukamba region improve their livelihood and increase their resilience to the effects of climate change.**

list of the most vulnerable families in the area and each household is given 3kg of rice or maize.

Proudly, in February this year, Martha was able to walk to the office of the district area chief and ask for her family name to be taken off this list.

Martha is one of the beneficiaries of Ukamba Christian Community Services' (UCCS) integrated

food security program that aims to work with communities to minimise the effects of climate change and periodic droughts by introducing farming techniques that promote resilience.

For example, the program has introduced drought-resistant seeds and drip irrigation for vegetable farms which are close to the rivers or sand dams so that even with only very little water, farmers and their families can plant vegetables to eat and even to sell during drought periods.

In Martha's village, a demonstration of a prototype fishpond has been recently set up so that families can have fish all year round. Each time the fish are harvested, Martha and the other community members get a share of the harvest, as well as a portion of the income from fish sold at the market.

In the same village, energy-saving ovens have been constructed to minimise the use of wood and charcoal. Some goats are provided to the poorest families and all of these strategies have contributed to better nutrition and health for the community.

Martha has a multi-storied garden (what some



Martha tending to her multi-storey gardens.

call a kitchen garden) in her backyard planted with kale, spinach and other vegetables. She learnt how to grow this food and look after it through the UCCS program. After receiving training in poultry raising and goat-raising she is breeding these animals and taking care of an organic farming compost.

Alongside this training and food security development, Martha is a member of the village

savings and loans group in the Kalumu area. This is another component of the UCCS integrated food security program, which offers small loans which members can use for household expenses such as school needs or health check-ups.

The group also has a small "social fund", a collection of money from meetings. This money empowers the group to make an offering to those in the community who need extra support. If there is a sickness in one family or a large school fee, the group members are able to decide how they can support their fellow community members.

ABM works in partnership with UCCS to help communities in the Ukamba

region improve their livelihood and increase their resilience to the effects of climate change. This 3-year integrated food security program works with women and men with small farms, providing training in new agricultural techniques and teaching them environmental conservation measures to improve productivity, among other things.

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# AID ANGLICANS IN DEVELOPMENT

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- 1 End Poverty and Hunger
- 2 Achieve Universal Primary Education
- 3 Promote Gender Equality
- 4 Reduce Child Deaths
- 5 Improve Maternal Health
- 6 Combat AIDS and Malaria
- 7 Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- 8 Strengthen the Global Partnership

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# UNDERSTANDING THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

There are 8 Millennium Development Goals, adopted by the international community in 2000. Each goal is broken into measurable targets and indicators.

In this edition of *Anglicans in Development* we take a closer look at Goal 3.



## TARGET:

**Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015.**

## QUICK FACTS

- > Of the 113 countries that failed to achieve gender parity in primary and secondary school enrolment by the target date of 2005, only 18 are likely to achieve the goal by 2015.
- > Girls account for 55 per cent of the out-of-school population.
- > Between 2000 and 2008, the proportion of seats for women in parliaments only increased from 13.5 to 17.9 per cent. Women occupy at least 30 per cent of parliamentary seats in 20 countries. None of these countries are in Asia.

Source: UN Department of Public Information – DPI/25171

## EDUCATION FOR ALL

There is a saying, “if you educate a man you educate an individual, but if you educate a woman you educate the whole country”.

Bishop William Mchombo is speaking about the role that the Anglican Church in Zambia plays in empowering women. Through the Zambia Anglican Council, ABM is helping the church to create awareness of gender equality, gender-based violence and cultural and religious practices which disadvantage women.

Zambia recently introduced a number of legal and policy reforms to promote gender equality. However, women in Zambia remain unequal compared to their male counterparts on most indicators including economic empowerment, educational attainment and political empowerment. A key



obstacle to gender equality in Zambia is the persistence of discriminatory practices in the family arising from a dual legal system and high levels of gender-based violence.

Work by the Anglican Church in Zambia to promote gender equality and empower women is multifaceted. It involves workshops, training for women and also for

from everyone in the community about why gender equality is important. Change is gradual but Ms Mazala Phiri points to examples in other areas of the Zambia Anglican Council's work where women are now coming forward to take on leadership roles in projects as a sign that attitudes are changing.

...women's empowerment requires a lot of civic education and solid understanding from everyone in the community about why gender equality is important.

community leaders, small scale income generation activities and advocacy. On International Women's Day this year (8th March), thousands of women around Zambia gathered for public events and church services to raise awareness of gender equality and to remember the victims of gender-based violence.

Grace Mazala Phiri is Director of the Zambia Anglican Council. She stresses that women's empowerment requires a lot of civic education and solid understanding

In Zambia, like many other countries, progress is being made towards the third Millennium Development Goal but there is still more work required before women are free from the fear of gender-based violence and able to participate equally in the leadership of their communities.

In 2011 ABM made a video about the work of the Zambia Anglican Council called 'Gender and Governance'. You can view the video at <http://youtu.be/pqccmfjD4tY>

Charity Mwale Kabamba is a volunteer literacy and sewing teacher in Lusaka, Zambia.





# ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOPS DISCUSS GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

SINCE THEY WERE AGREED IN 2000, THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS HAVE BECOME A FOCUS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS WE WORK TO OVERCOME THE SCOURGE OF POVERTY.

The goals, which set out a roadmap and measurable indicators for development progress, have helped all countries to concentrate their poverty alleviation efforts.

In the foreword to the official 2013 MDG Report, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon calls the goals “the most successful global anti-poverty push in history.” Since 1990 the number of people living in extreme poverty has halved and an extra 2 billion people have access to safe drinking water.

Many more children have the opportunity to access primary school education. But many of the Millennium Development Goal targets around disease, child mortality and environmental sustainability are still to be met. With the Millennium Development Goals framework due to expire in 2015, it is worth asking the question, what should come next?

The Anglican Alliance, a global coordinating body for the Anglican Church’s development,

relief and advocacy work, established an online forum to ask exactly this question. In September 2013, the Anglican Alliance organised the Anglican Communion’s first global webinar to discuss the post-2015 development agenda.

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reconciliation**

The webinar brought together Archbishop Bernard Ntahoturi from the Anglican Church of Burundi with Archbishop Maurício Andrade of the Anglican Church in Brazil along with Lord Mark Malloch-Brown and David Hallam in the United Kingdom. Each participant provided

commentary on the effectiveness of the Millennium Development Goals from their own particular standpoint.

The webinar encouraged participation from all across the Anglican Communion with a live online audience submitting questions about which issues had been overlooked in the current Millennium Development Goals and what areas are most important for the international community to be considering as a new global framework for development.

Many of the participants, who included ABM staff members Brad Chapman and Julianne Stewart, commented on the importance of reducing violence in order to achieve development. This understanding is reflected in ABM’s own change to the Fourth Mark of Mission earlier this year. The Fourth Mark of Mission is now ‘Challenge violence, injustice and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation’.

A full recording of the one hour discussion is available from the Anglican Alliance website [www.anglicanalliance.org/](http://www.anglicanalliance.org/).

The Anglican Alliance is also encouraging all Anglicans to participate in the United Nation’s global consultation on a new global development agenda. You can participate by visiting [www.myworld2015.org/](http://www.myworld2015.org/).

# Diocesan Representatives Conference 2013

## A report on the recent gathering in Melbourne.

Each year, ABM representatives from each diocese gather to learn and share information about the organisation's Partners, projects and what's happening in other dioceses in Australia.

ABM has a small team of staff who work mainly from the office in Sydney. As the National Mission agency, we have to work with people and parishes around Australia as well as with our Partners overseas.

To enable this to happen, ABM relies on the hard work and dedication of our volunteer representatives in each diocese. These people have a passion for the mission of ABM and have also been recognised by their diocesan bishop, who puts them forward.

Each diocese has different needs and each is served by an ABM representative in many different ways. Some are sole representatives that have to cover a geographically large area, and some are chairs of a committee with a team of volunteer helpers to support them.

In order for them to share their experiences and learn best practices from their volunteer colleagues, each year ABM organises a



conference for all the Diocesan Representatives. This year's conference took place in Melbourne during August.

The Chair of the Melbourne Committee, Brett Collins, and his team of committee members, acted superbly as host, organisers, and taxi service for the delegates. Our main venue was a building that had recently been acquired by Christ Church South Yarra Anglican School.

An array of topics were covered over the three days, including conference objectives, hearing from others about what they were doing in their dioceses, and presentations from a number of staff.

The Representatives heard about ABM's work in China (which the Melbourne Committee dinner on the Friday evening was raising funds for), the work of the Board, what's happening in ABM's Education department, and a report from John Deane, ABM's Executive Director, about the future direction of the organisation.

All-in-all, the conference was a wonderful time of fellowship, worship and collaboration. Already, as a result of the conference, ABM is hearing of new changes happening at the diocesan level that has been directly influenced by the ABM Representatives sharing their knowledge with their colleagues.

# Sharing the Good News of the Church with the Youth

## **It is a discussion that arises in parishes regularly, how will we engage young people and share our work and ministry with a younger generation?**

The Parish of Holy Trinity Church, Launceston embarked on a project of its own which has been encouraged by the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) on a State and National level – a Youth Ambassadorship.

Rowena Clark-Hansen, a Year 12 student from Hobart, is the recipient of the inaugural award and has just returned from Papua New Guinea where she was part of the Modawa Pilgrimage with ABM to learn more about the work and experience some of the projects for herself.

“It was an amazing trip,” she said. “It was great to meet all the people and even though Australia and PNG are so different I could see God was in all of us.”

“The trip was also challenging, I enjoyed discovering more about how nations develop and how best to handle development in places in PNG.”

After her examinations in November and in to the new year, Rowena will visit parishes and schools in Tasmania to talk about her visit and the work of ABM.

The message she’ll be bringing home to other young people is that partnership is the key to

working with churches in other countries.

“I learnt a lot about ABM and the partnerships they have are so strong. It’s not about the Australian church fostering other churches. They work closely together and strengthen things. It’s a hand up not a hand out – that’s important,” she said.

Rowena is looking forward to talking to people of all ages across Tasmania to share her experiences.

“I think it’s important to talk to young people, who have influence but I want to talk to everyone,” she said.

“I feel really blessed to have been on the pilgrimage and also I hope to bring some youth energy to the church.”

“Of course I want to thank Holy Trinity, Launceston and ABM.”

Fr Warwick Cuthbertson, Rector of Holy Trinity and Chair of the ABM Tasmania Committee, said, “Rowena will actively promote the work of ABM among young people – and what better person to do so than a young person



Rowena and Sunday School teachers at St Matthew’s Wamira.

herself? Holy Trinity and ABM plan to run the Youth Ambassadorship for some time and look forward to Rowena’s trail-blazing year.”

“Rowena is a vivacious, energetic and level headed young lady who is ideal as our first Youth Ambassador. Our parish has always been a strong supporter of the Anglican Board of Mission, taking a keen interest in many projects over the years particularly in Papua New Guinea and we’re pleased she will spread the good news of the work that ABM is doing.”

The ABM Modawa Pilgrimage is a unique opportunity to undertake a journey of reflection and Meagan Morrison, PNG Partner Liaison



from ABM who led the pilgrimage, said this year was a great success.

“It really challenged people, they were taken out of the ordinary and experienced challenges of remote living.”

“The diverse group of pilgrims, nine Australian Anglicans from seven Dioceses ranging in age from 17 to 80, were taken out of their comfort zones and we were forced to slow down and retreat from our usual constant society. The group really got to see some of the challenges of the church in PNG too.”

The pilgrimage gave participants opportunity to witness mission in action and learn from members of the Anglican family in another part of the world.

Starting in Port Moresby (PoM) there was the chance to meet local Anglican clergy (Bp Peter was not in PoM while we were there) before flying to Alotau and crossing the Owen Stanley Range by truck, then journeying to Dogura by dinghy. Dogura is the site of the first Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea and is the centre of a vibrant and loving church and community.

On the Dogura plateau, visits were made to Anglican schools, the health centre and the



Mt PasiPasi – the view from the top during worship.

Cathedral. A very early morning climb up Mount Pasipasi was rewarded by spectacular views over Bartle Bay.

Meagan Morrison said, “All the pilgrims could see that the church in PNG is struggling in similar ways to Australia but for Rowena in particular I saw she enjoyed the connection with people and seeing the real complexity of what people in PNG face.”

“It was a real credit to her own spirit that she learnt from the other pilgrims and the experiences we faced,” she said.

“ABM sees the pilgrimage as a journey of both seeing new things and seeing things in a new light.”

ABM grounds all of its work in one or more of the Five Marks of Mission and hopes to work with the Parish of Holy Trinity to offer another Ambassadorship in 2014 which will help to spread news of the work of ABM amongst younger generations into the future.

For more information about ABM visit [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org).

# ABM Partners learn from each other

**Clergy and laity leaders from the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) travelled to the Philippines in May this year for a ten day strategic planning retreat.**

The event was hosted by the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP), with workshops that strengthened strategy, gave opportunity to share experiences and build partnership.

Lina Magallenes, Program Coordinator with oversight for ABM's community development activities in Myanmar, worked alongside the local workshop facilitator and Philippines development staff to ensure that the event would be a positive and useful exercise for all the participants.

"I always feel blessed and privileged every time I go on a work trip, some trips more so than others," said Ms Magallenes.

"CPM's visit to the Philippines was indeed memorable and on top of the learnings, participants from Myanmar told me they valued the warmth and friendship extended to them by the ECP."



Workshops between clergy and laity from Myanmar and the Philippines proved beneficial. Visit [www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org) to find out more about ABM supported projects in Myanmar and the Philippines.

The visit included open, consultative and participatory workshops which helped develop diocesan development strategic plans. Planning was completed for the CPM's provincial development program and there was opportunity to visit community development

projects in the Philippines.

As part of the workshop, ABM's Executive Director, Rev John Deane, made a strong presentation about mission and the theology of development. Floyd Lalwet (ECP's National Development Officer) talked about the Church's



The visit to the Philippines allowed for the opportunity to see projects and learn from each other.

journey to self-reliance which proved very interesting to bishops from Myanmar.

Ms Magallenes said, "It was heartening to note that most of the participants said it may have been the first time that they have had a workshop where such open discussions took place between church leaders and laity."

"ABM is proud to have facilitated this relationship between its partners that will no doubt strengthen over time and offer further opportunities," she said.

Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo of CPM said he was grateful to the ECP and ABM for

## ABM works on a variety of projects in Myanmar and the Philippines

The Church in Myanmar is presented with many challenges. The work of the church is coordinated from the provincial development desk in Myanmar which has the oversight of managing the community development work, with support from overseas partners.

ABM is one of the partners assisting to overcome these challenges so the much needed work in Myanmar can continue. Projects include:

- Economic Empowerment
- English Language Tuition
- Youth Skills Training
- Bibles for Myanmar
- Institutional Strengthening
- Water and Sanitation
- Food Security
- Prayer Book and Hymn Book Printing

In the Philippines, ABM works through the Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP). Episcopalians are a small minority compared to other Christian denominations in the country. In 2013 our projects include support for:

- Evangelism and Christian Education
- Food Security and Agriculture
- Water and Sanitation
- Climate Change

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supporting their visit to the Philippines.

Prime Bishop Edward Malecdan of the ECP affirmed that hosting the visit is a first step in strengthening a relationship between the two churches and ECP members were happy to share and also learn from the experiences of

the Church in Myanmar.

Ms Magallenes said, "It is hoped that the two churches (ECP and CPM) and ABM will build on what has already been achieved, keep encouraging each other and continue to work together to fulfill God's mission."



# ABM Strengthening Reconciliation

## To recognise the importance of work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities, ABM has created a new role as part of the implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).



Malcolm MacCallum has been appointed Reconciliation Coordinator to focus on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships in the future, manage the relevant programs and

grow partnerships and opportunity.

Mr MacCallum said he had been enjoying the first six months settling into the new role.

"I appreciate the legacy of both ABM's place in the Church and this particular work which was foundational from the outset. I have had the privilege of meeting a number of key people who have been ministering in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," he said.

"I am looking forward to the development of relationships across the scope of ABM's current partnerships and assisting to develop new opportunities. Fundamentally I hope to add genuine value in the context of Christ's love within the ABM parameters. There is much that

we as a Nation, and specifically as Christians within it, can carefully and prayerfully offer in travelling the reconciliation path."

Through the Reconciliation Action Plan ABM is committed to the journey of reconciliation. The plan states, "We believe in a future where the rights and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are upheld and celebrated by the entire Australian community."

As we continue to learn from our history, ABM is striving for a realistic, honourable relationship between the Anglican Church of Australia and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans. The organisation affirms that Reconciliation is a spiritual journey through which we are all touched by God who created the lands and the waters and who calls us into relationships of love, hope and justice.

ABM's RAP has been developed by a RAP Task Force composed of staff representing all programs, and a member of the Board. In the process of developing the RAP ABM has engaged with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans and is committed to develop

a strategic partnership with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) for mutual benefit through the fulfilment of the commitments made in the RAP.

ABM has an important commitment to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population and has established a number of projects in Australia that have a focus on Indigenous communities. Projects currently operate in New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory assisting Indigenous Anglicans in their ministries.

**Fundamentally I hope to add genuine value in the context of Christ's love within the ABM parameters.**

The projects primarily seek to encourage and support Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders to minister to their own people in Australia. Lifelong learning is promoted across all churches and ministries with workshops designed to nurture a new generation of leaders in the church.

Mr MacCallum has visited Dubbo, Moree, Sydney-based ministries, Cairns, Yarrabah, Townsville, Darwin, Gunbalanya and been involved in the NATSIAC gathering and the Diocese of the Northern Territory Clergy Training Week.

# News Snippets

## Introducing ABM Staff

We welcome some new team members to ABM's staff.



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Here are some snippets of what we've reported recently.

### Syria Emergency Appeal

The Anglican Alliance is highlighting the plight of many internally displaced people in Syria. ABM is accepting donations on behalf of ACT Alliance to support humanitarian work in the region.

### New Primate for PNG

The installation of Bishop Clyde Igara as Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (ACPNG) will take place in October.

### Statement on the Cut to the Aid Budget

Executive Director, John Deane said ABM calls upon the new government to reconsider the proposed cuts to the aid program and for all political parties to commit to a fresh time-table to achieve the 0.7% commitment.

### New Diocese for Anglican Church of Melanesia

ABM's Pacific Program Officer, attended the inauguration of the new Diocese of Guadacanal in June and reports on this special occasion.



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