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A photograph of a coastal area with damaged buildings and a boat in the foreground. The scene shows a sandy beach with several people walking. In the background, there are white buildings with damaged roofs and a large wooden structure that appears to be a collapsed roof or a makeshift shelter. The sky is blue with some clouds, and the water is visible in the distance.

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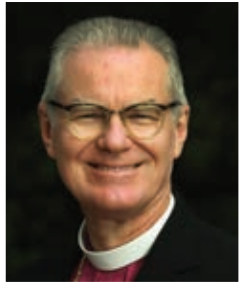


Front cover photo: After the tsunami disaster in the Solomons in 2007, the hard work of coordinating, assessing, feeding, clothing, cleaning and rebuilding begins.

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Welcome from the new Primate of Australia



Dear Friend,

In 1983 my wife, Joy, and I were sent to Kowanyama in Cape York Peninsula as some of the last generation of missionaries sponsored by ABM.

We had great passion for working amongst Aboriginal people and I was ordained deacon and priest by the Bishop of Carpentaria. Little did I know that, 30 years on, I would be

writing as Primate of Australia in the *Partners* magazine.

As I reflect on the priorities I set when elected to the primacy in June, they are not far from my thinking back in the '80s when it seemed clear to me that the mission of Jesus Christ should be made known across Australia including remote and rural areas and that our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people deserve our particular respect.

My priorities for the Australian Church are: being present nationally; reconciliation of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians; and the Asia-Pacific region.

We must find ways of ministering to people across the vast expanse of our nation continent. Coastal cities are home to the majority of Anglicans but how can we revitalise our mission

to rural Australia or even encourage and support clergy to take up positions in rural regions? Our national presence can no longer be taken for granted.

Reconciliation in Australia remains a great challenge. A new story is needed, a story of our Indigenous people who have blessed us by welcoming into friendship people who are the successors to those who killed and displaced their ancestors. In a world where people have long memories that fuel unforgiveness, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia are remarkable in their application of Jesus' teaching about restored relationships with the non-Indigenous people of this country.

Finally, we value the worldwide Anglican Communion! Partnerships are already in place with many of our near neighbours of the Asia Pacific and I hope that these will be both strengthened and widened.

Grace and peace in Christ Jesus,

The Most Reverend Dr Philip L Freier

Primate of Australia

ABM supports Anglican Alliance Call on Climate Change

The Anglican Alliance is standing with a coalition of Anglican churches and agencies, including ABM, to call on the G20 to place climate change on its agenda when they meet in Brisbane in November 2014.

The 'Oceans of Justice campaign' will bring Anglican voices from the Pacific together with others from the 85 million strong global Anglican Communion to highlight climate change and food security as a top priority for action.

Tagolyn Kabekabe, the Anglican Alliance's Facilitator for the Pacific, launched the campaign when she quoted Amos 5:24 and said, "Do you know what we want? We want justice – oceans of it. We want fairness – rivers of it. That's what we want. That's all we want."

In countless countries, in every region of the world, local communities are facing the very real effects of climate change and struggling to overcome its obstacles to ending poverty. As the G20 looks to foster more sustainable economic growth they must address climate change as an urgent priority.

Yet climate change has been omitted from the G20 agenda. When Civil Society groups met at the C20 Summit in Melbourne in June, they

called on the Australian Government to include climate change on the G20 agenda, saying, "There can be no sustained economic growth without governments attending to the urgent ramifications of climate change."

ABM's Education Missioner, Brad Chapman said it is important for the voices of churches to be heard in global forums like the G20. "The five marks of mission call for all of us to stand in solidarity with the poor and needy, and to challenge violence, injustice and oppression," said Mr Chapman.

"Churches have a responsibility to speak the truth to power and to ensure that economic discussions do not evade the responsibility for governments to do what is morally right."

Tagolyn Kabekabe told the C20, "With the small islands that make up the Pacific, every day people are affected by rising sea levels and inundation of land used to grow food." She pointed out that churches are already



Tagolyn Kabekabe

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dealing with the resettlement of climate change refugees in the Pacific, and called on G20 countries to do more to stop climate change and to assist adaptation and mitigation work in small island countries, and other communities across the world.

In July, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia unanimously passed a motion calling on the Australian government “to respect and act upon relevant independent evidence-based scientific advice as a core basis for making decisions” in regard to climate change.

Oceans of Justice demands attention from the leaders of the top 20 richest nations and calls on the Australian Government to add climate change as a standalone item to the G20 agenda. The call for justice will continue to hold G20 leaders to account on climate change and its effects on those most vulnerable.

The campaign calls to take action on climate change and food security and speaks up for the most vulnerable people, including those facing rising waters in the Pacific Ocean.

Climate change is affecting the most vulnerable, impacting communities in different ways.



Packing relief supplies for those affected by the tsunami in the Solomon Islands in 2007.
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The Anglican Alliance stands with local churches across the globe – churches and communities who want their voices to be heard by world leaders so that governments make decisions to stop climate change and respond to the impact.

The Alliance members believe it is one of the most pressing issues of our time and the future

of our world depends on this action.

ABM supports projects working to minimise the impact of climate change in the Solomon Islands and Kenya.

You can see more about the Anglican Alliance campaign and add your voice to the call at www.anglicanalliance.org/Advocacy/oceans-of-justice

News from General Synod

ABM has a new President – the new Primate of the Anglican Church was announced as the Most Revd Dr Philip Freier at the 16th General Synod in July.

Archbishop Freier from the Diocese of Melbourne will follow the leadership of the Most Revd Dr Phillip Aspinall after nine years of service.

ABM wishes to warmly thank Archbishop Phillip for his strong support of our work in mission, both in his role as President of the ABM Board and Archbishop of Brisbane.

Dr Freier said, “I look forward to the opportunity of working with the church around the country. The church across its parishes, schools and service agencies makes a powerful contribution to Australian society,”

We congratulate Archbishop Philip on his election and look forward to working closely with him as President of the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM).

The Synod also discussed issues of asylum seekers and climate change.



The Synod urged the Federal Government to revise asylum seeker policy.

A motion was moved by The Dean of Brisbane Dr Peter Catt and Melbourne Bishop Philip Huggins that noted, “The Synod urges Government to work with regional neighbours and the UNHCR to develop a compassionate and

workable regional response to refugees and asylum seekers, and to develop immigration policies that are more just and compassionate, so that they can be remembered with pride by future generations of Australians, while appropriately protecting the current generation of Australians.”

The Synod recognised “the moral complexities of the task”, but noted asylum seekers should not be called ‘illegal’, should not be detained for more than three months, and women and

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children should not be placed in detention facilities.

Another motion encouraged decisive and urgent action to deal with the problems currently besetting the Australian Anglican Church. Bishop Andrew Curnow of Bendigo presented a report that “was a mirror to look honestly at the church, though not in despair. It was instead a landmark, a foundation for the national church to look forward and be re-energised.”

“We need to develop a common mind about the mission of the Church,” he said, highlighting the need for the Church to consider practical areas such as shared common services. “We do not need a great big pot of money,” he said. “We can turn this Church around,” he said.

Archbishop of Canterbury Attends Australian Primate's Inauguration

In August, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, visited Australia to attend the inauguration of the new Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia, Archbishop Philip Freier.

Archbishop Welby's 10-day trip to the region included visits to Anglican leaders in the South Pacific, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, New Zealand and the Philippines.

He is the first Archbishop of Canterbury to have visited Australia since Dr George Carey in 1997.

Archbishop Philip Freier was inaugurated as Primate of the Australian Anglican Church at St Paul's Cathedral in Melbourne on August 13.

At the inauguration in St Paul's Cathedral, ABM was represented by Executive Director the Revd John Deane, with board members Bishop Garry Weatherill and Bishop Chris Jones in the official party.

The cathedral was filled to capacity with the service also broadcast in Federation Square.

There was a welcome to country by Auntie Di Kerr, and a welcome by others in nine different languages.



Archbishop Welby preached the sermon, with a commemoration to Jeremy Taylor. He spoke of the challenges faced by the Church today, and urged us to heed Jesus' call "to be a church freed for purity and good deeds, abounding in the luxuriant and gracious wisdom from above."

Prior to the event, there was a joint press conference with Archbishop Welby and Archbishop Freier in attendance. They both spoke out against the worsening situation in northern Iraq and backed the call for persecuted Iraqi Christians to be granted asylum in their respective countries.

Questions during the press conference covered a wide range of issues from declining numbers in the Church to how the Church is dealing with allegations of Child sexual abuse.

ABM's Christopher Brooks asked Archbishop Welby about his involvement with Andrew Forrest's

Global Freedom Network that aims to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking, and what Australian Anglicans can do to support this cause.

The Archbishop spoke about the need for changes to regulations on supply chain management of products, the issue around immigration, and as the Church, "believe in the liberation and freedom that Christ brings."

ABM warmly congratulates Archbishop Freier on his installation as the new Primate and look forward to working together with him in God's mission.

Reflections from ABM's Youth Ambassador

In 2013 a youth ambassador was appointed by the ABM Committee in Tasmania to share the work of the church and its partners with young people in Australia.

Rowena Clark-Hansen was a Year 12 student from Hobart and the inaugural recipient of the award. She writes below, reflecting on a year where she visited Papua New Guinea and participated in the Modawa Pilgrimage and then shared her learnings with other young people.

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



Rowena and the Boianai family in their garden.
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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 world 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

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- 4 Reduce Child Deaths
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- 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 4.



TARGET

Reduce by two-thirds, between 1990 and 2015, the mortality rate of children under five.

QUICK FACTS

- > Since 1990, the under-five mortality rate has dropped by 47 per cent.
- > While around 17,000 fewer children are dying each day, 6.6 million children under five died in 2012 – mostly from preventable diseases.
- > More than 10 million lives have been saved through measles vaccines since 2000.
- > In sub-Saharan Africa, one in ten children dies before age five, more than 15 times the average for developed regions.

Source: UN 2013 Fact Sheet

DEVELOPMENT MEANS THAT CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE

What is the leading cause of death for children aged between 1 month and 5 years of age? According to the World Health Organisation the biggest killer of children during the first 5 years of life is pneumonia, followed by diarrhoea and malaria. In 2012 6.6 million children died before their fifth birthday.

The good news is that this number is almost half the 12.6 million children who died in 1990. The reduction in child mortality over these years is a result of immunisations and improving health care. Deaths from measles dropped by more than 80% during

this period. It is estimated that measles vaccination prevents 1.6 million child deaths each year. Despite this simple solution, measles still killed 100,000 children in 2012 (down from 500,000 in the year 2000).

Basic healthcare is a fundamental building block for development. Hunger and poverty are more likely to be found in families and communities where people are struggling with illness. This is why ABM often works with our partners to provide primary healthcare facilities and information about preventing infectious diseases. Zambia and South Sudan are two countries where ABM is currently working with the Anglican Church to provide healthcare facilities to communities where no basic health infrastructure exists (ABM also supports the healthcare efforts of partners in China, Papua New Guinea and Myanmar).

In Zambia, ABM donors have helped to furnish health centres operated by the Zambia Anglican Council (ZAC). Mattresses, blankets, bed sheets, curtains and protective



A staff member and Headman at Chishinka show off blankets and bedding.

coverings have been purchased and delivered by ZAC with ABM funding to the health centres. One group of people who will rely on the health centres are mothers and newborn babies. Appropriate healthcare during pregnancy and after birth is vital to reducing the number of deaths from

preventable causes.

While the equipment supplied will help the health centres to operate more effectively, their success will depend on the dedication and training of the Zambian health workers who run the centres. The Anglican Church in Zambia has carefully planned the development

of these health centres with a focus on their long-term viability. Please pray for the health workers in these clinics in Zambia as well as everyone who is working to ensure that children do not die from easily preventable illnesses before their fifth birthday.

THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (MDGs) ARE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GLOBAL ANTI-POVERTY PUSH IN HISTORY.

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MDG4



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News Snippets

Emergency Appeal for Gaza 23 July 2014

As the people of Gaza experienced airstrikes and bombings, ABM launched an Emergency Appeal.

ABM's fundraising manager, Christopher Brooks said, "Reports indicate people are running out of places to hide and shelter from the airstrikes and bombings as the situation worsens and buildings are torn apart."

"ABM wants to support these people in need in the Holy Land through this Emergency Appeal and are aiming to raise \$25,000," he said.

The Al-Ahli Arab hospital, which was set up and is run by the Anglican/Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, a Partner of ABM, has been structurally damaged during the airstrikes and its ventilation system in the operating theatre and the emergency room have also been affected. In addition, windows have been broken in many buildings, as well as in the new diagnostic centre.

Like other hospitals in Gaza, Al-Ahli Arab hospital is experiencing shortages in medicine, fuel for electrical generators, food for patients and food for parcels for many in the community seeking help.

ABM has already sent funds to the hospital from its Global Rapid Response fund. We are aiming to raise \$25,000 for the Al-Ahli Arab hospital.

Please give what you can at www.abmission.org/gaza

New Provincial Archbishop for Sudan 28 July 2014

The first Archbishop of the new internal province of Sudan has been enthroned during a major celebration service in Khartoum's All Saints Cathedral. Up to 10,000 worshippers saw the Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Bishop of Khartoum, take on the new role.

In 2013, the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan decided it wanted to remain as one church despite the independence of South Sudan in 2011. It renamed itself the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan; and created an internal province for the dioceses in Sudan.

The original province has grown from four dioceses in 1976, when it first became an independent province of the Anglican Communion, to 31 dioceses today.

The creation of a new internal province will make it easier for the Church to relate to different governments, with their separate laws and administrations.

Christmas Cards for Sale

Due to staff changes at ABM's head office, we are no longer able to fulfil orders directly from the office.

We have been working hard to identify a retail outlet or contact person in each diocese where ABM's Christmas Cards can be purchased from this year. A complete, and most up-to-date, list can be found on our website at

www.abmission.org/Christmas-Cards

If your diocese does not yet have a venue / contact listed yet, can you please let us know whether you would be able to act as our contact or find us a retail venue that would be happy to stock our Christmas Cards. This year's designs can also be viewed on our website. Cards are priced at \$9.95 per pack of 10.



Building Tanks and Communities in Vanuatu

In Vanuatu and in partnership with the Anglican Church of Melanesia, ABM has helped to install 50 VIP (Ventilation Improved Pit) toilets, 21 tanks and 2 wells, as well as repairs made to 4 further tanks in the last financial year.

Program Coordinator for ABM's Vanuatu projects, Isabel Robinson said, "The 2013-14 year has seen great progress in rolling out water and sanitation facilities to communities throughout Vanuatu."

"Many hundreds of men, women, boys and girls on the islands of Gaua, Vanua Lava, Mota, Mota Lava, Ambai, Pentecost and Santo now have improved access to safe water, and a hygienic place to go to the toilet," she said.

The benefits of VIP toilets and access to safe water are diverse. They allow for improved safety and security of particularly women and girls who may have to walk hours in unsafe places to collect water.

They offer reduced risk of disease caused by contaminated water and promote healthy community living standards.

There is also the chance for young people to learn skills to help them build their future; and improved community cohesion and cooperation as people



ACOM Coordinator Joses Togase discussing the tanks and toilets at St Barnabas School.
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learn and share management of their new facilities. The ACOM Program Coordinator, Mr Josés Togase, has been training teams of youth in very remote parts of Vanuatu to rehabilitate old cement tanks built many years ago, that have become disused across the islands. This has become a small business for the young people and many Anglicans are also improving their own skills by learning about cement tank construction.

Isabel said, "ABM is excited that this program will continue in 2015-16, and will see the Anglican Church of Melanesia sharing its expertise in water and sanitation with other Vanuatu Churches."

The need for water and sanitation in Vanuatu communities remains great, due to population growth, contamination of water sources from farming activities and climate change as well as the low level of education/hygiene awareness that still exists in many communities.

With assistance from our generous supporters, ABM and ACOM can continue to serve Vanuatu communities in this critical area.

ABM looks forward to working with its supporters, and with the Anglican Church of Melanesia, to provide safe water and hygiene facilities across the islands of Vanuatu.

This project is part funded by the Australian Government through DFAT.



Children in St Peters Parish with their new water tank. © ABM/ Isabel Robinson, 2014.

Empowering women in PNG – the Anglican way

Meagan Morrison, ABM's partner liaison in PNG reports.

Since early in its history, the Anglican Church of PNG (ACPNG) has been at the forefront of working to empower the women and girls of PNG, particularly through education and organisations like the Mothers' Union.

More recently they have developed a specific Gender Policy, providing guidelines for how all in the Church are to work together to remove the barriers that prevent women and girls from their full participation in the life that God has blessed us with. ACPNG was one of the first churches in PNG to have such a policy, and it is being used as a model for other churches in PNG. The policy upholds that all relationships between men and women and boys and girls, whether in the home, in church, in the workplace or in public, should be based on the four principles of equality, difference, complementarity and respect.

The clergy and their wives of Port Moresby Diocese were reminded of this at a recent workshop, conducted by Ms Mercinta-Elaine Maras, one of ACPNG's two dedicated Gender Officers. She works alongside Mrs Jesicah Ingen to promote awareness of the policy and assist



A Gender Workshop with clergy and wives.
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Dioceses, parishes and Anglican institutions to ensure the rights of women and girls are respected and observed alongside those of their brothers, fathers, sons and colleagues.

The workshop opened with then Bishop of Port Moresby, Rt Rev Peter Ramsden, reminding the participants that they have a unique and very important ministry. Very few husbands and wives work together but they have a joint vocation through their ministry in parishes to work together to raise up, not only their own children, but the families in their parishes and the wider Diocese and national church. Clergy

and their wives should be the role models of how men and women can work together, using their skills and passions to improve their own lives and the lives of those around them.

Throughout the day, Mercinta led the participants through a range of activities that helped them explore some of the cultural and social challenges being faced by the people of PNG today, how men and women experience these differently, and

how the four principles of the Anglican gender policy can be applied to situations.

The participants shared that there is a greater mixing of different PNG cultures and traditions and imported cultures, as people from different language and cultural groups marry and as expatriates from different countries move to PNG for work. In this complexity, many traditional practices and beliefs have lost their meaning or have become corrupted and exploited by one group over another. Others have been discarded without anything replacing them, which has left some in society without protection or guidance.

Within this context of exploring and challenging

each other to see how certain ideas and practices might create barriers to women and girls, the participants also looked at the challenges faced by men and boys in PNG, where the traditional role of protector and hunter has been removed within the modern urban environment. They discussed how Anglican parishes can provide a place where these traditional roles are renegotiated and explored safely within the teachings of the Anglican Church.

At the end of the day, participants were asked to reflect on their experiences. One male participant responded:

"Growing up I saw my father beat my mother. I saw my sisters not able to go to school. I decided that what I saw in my early life would not happen in my life. [My wife] sits beside me. There is no boss in our house. We can change those cultures that cause pain but it takes courage to go against what you've been brought up with."

One female participant shared:

"We don't always understand why we do things, we just do them because they are culture but we've lost their meaning."



Port Moresby Gender Workshop clergy and wives with Bishop Peter and Sue Ramsden. © ACPNG, 2014.

One practical way in which the church is living out its commitment to women's (and men's) empowerment was demonstrated by the St Aiden's Morata Parish Youth Group who provided catering: both young men and women were involved in preparing and serving the food.

This workshop is the first of a series of workshops that will build on the outcomes and learning from this day. Mercinta wanted to start with the clergy and their wives:

"They are the head of the church in the parishes. If I know where they are in their understanding

and experience of gender and empowerment of women, then I can help them work through the challenges faced by men and women in their parishes."

This program is supported by ABM through the DFAT funded Church Partnership Program (CPP) and is part of a church wide program to improve the lives of all PNG people, especially those in remote, rural and marginalised communities. Although Port Moresby is the capital city, many people attending Anglican parishes live in settlements, which often have limited

services, and can resemble rural villages, with no running water and pit toilets. These peri-urban communities often suffer higher levels of violence and lack of services.

ABM is proud to support ACPNG in its work to empower its women and help both men and women to remove the barriers that stop people from participating fully in society. Please pray with the clergy and their wives of Port Moresby Diocese that they may be able to help the men and women in their parishes and communities through the challenges they face today and into the future.

Reconciliation Update

Eighteen months after ABM's appointment of a Reconciliation Coordinator, Elizabeth Baker sat down with Mal MacCallum to learn about the Reconciliation program and what he has learnt through his work with ABM.

What makes ABM's reconciliation work of value?

One of the distinctive features of ABM is about supporting local people in local projects. ABM doesn't want to send "experts" in, they want to employ local people in local ministries. The whole program is about establishing better respect than has existed for a while, establishing better relationships and working with opportunities. Education is a focus, encouraging people in ministry and at the same time looking for new opportunities to develop.

What work have you been doing in the last 18 months?

The opportunity this role is giving me to get around the whole country and see the whole story and assess what we're doing as a country, then narrow down to the Anglican Church and look at what the Anglican Board of Mission is doing, it's a pretty exciting challenge to be given.

It's really clear that these programs are fundamental to Aboriginal and Torres Strait



Islander communities and I encourage ABM's supporters to pray for our reconciliation work and where possible, give generously.

What projects are being worked on at the moment?

The focus in the top end at the moment is on four areas – two theological colleges; Nungalinya and Wontulp Bi Buya, plus the Bishop of Northern Territory's clergy retreat and award program as well as a new addition, a program about engaging youth across the

province in terms of future leadership development. This is something the church must look at. ABM also supports ministries in the Diocese of Bathurst and a secondary school scholarship in partnership with Gawura School at St Andrew's Cathedral School in Sydney.

What are the challenges for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities?

The challenges are things like health disadvantage, education disadvantage, employment disadvantage and

the consequence of those are things like incarceration rates for youth are incredibly high. There's a new report put together by 41 elders in top end of Australia and it's about

The reconciliation program is about establishing better respect, establishing better relationships and working with opportunities.

Christmas Appeal



Reconciliation Prayer

Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.
You made us in your likeness,
you gave us your Son Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
different in culture,
but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled, healed, forgiven,
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one.
Amen

the alarming youth suicide and harm rates that have come into play in the last decade. The statistics say the youth suicide rate is the highest in the world – that’s in our own country and that’s a frightening thing and something we are oblivious to in many respects, in our own sheltered communities and in our Christian communities too.

What are your hopes for the future of ABM’s reconciliation program?

In my experiences in the last year or so, it’s really clear Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people want relationship and they want people to support them and I can see, that despite my newness on some occasions, they were pleased

and sometimes overwhelmed that someone is sharing their story.

Resourcing isn’t allowing ABM to set up all of the programs that we want to, or that there is a need for, but certainly wherever I go there is potential to establish new programs. The need is there and I look forward to the reconciliation program growing.

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- **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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