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*I travelled to the Philippines recently to meet with our partner The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and visit some of ABM's project sites.*

*I had the great pleasure of visiting our partner staff of the Church and its community development foundation, E-CARE.*

We went to visit several villages that ABM are supporting through the 'Receivers to Givers' program, to meet the beneficiaries and hear their stories. One community, Songcolan, has a series of small livelihood projects through this program.

These were established by E-CARE in response to the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013, and the issue of chronic indebtedness - one of the biggest problems in the region. Through the E-CARE program, funding was made available to community members in Songcolan, helping them to pay off their debts and establish profitable businesses. This single grant is then repaid to the program over time, without the burdensome rates of interest. This system benefits the whole community,

as cooperatives are set up to manage the money, and distribute funding to those with new business initiatives or separate cooperatives. While I was there, I attended a ceremony where the members of the Seashore Songcolan Livelihood Association (SSLA) passed on funding raised through their project to another cooperative, the Palay Small Entrepreneurs Association (PSEA). It was a blessed moment, and very empowering for both groups.

This is a new mission district for the Episcopal Church of the Philippines. They were excited in approaching the community through a 'Community Development' lens, rather than focusing on traditional 'Church planting'. They found that this brought a closer relationship and greater engagement with the community.

People clearly respected the Church for being up-front about what they were doing, and appreciated the expertise E-CARE had to implement these projects, and help with individual business development activities.

The busy trip included meetings with the National Development Officer, conversations about the extension of the Church to Church 'Encounter Program' and a guest lecture at St Andrew's Theological Seminary in Manila.

I am always encouraged when I visit our partners, and this trip was both inspiring and productive. The Church in the Philippines is really living out the Gospel and I'm confident this will continue to increase and expand in the future.

***The Rev John Deane***



# FUNDING CUTS IN PNG - What will Australian AID cuts mean in PNG?

*Recently, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) informed ABM that funding for the Church Partnerships Program (CPP) in Papua New Guinea (PNG) will be reduced by 30% for FY 2016/17. This article looks at what the CPP program is and what will be the consequences of these cuts?*

The CPP in Papua New Guinea has been running since 2004. It has been fostering closer relationships between seven PNG churches and their Australian church partner development agencies. The PNG CPP has utilised the churches' grassroots connections right across PNG to run community development projects that have strong local participation and local contributions.

ABM's component of the PNG CPP has focused on developing community-based adult literacy schools, raising awareness about HIV-AIDS and gender-based violence, and providing youth and women with training in various life-skills such as improved agricultural methods, sewing and baking. We have done this in partnership with the Anglican Church of PNG and Anglicare PNG.

Some of ABM's more recent results from the CPP program are:

More than 500 adults have completed the four level literacy and numeracy program since 2014 and over 2000 are currently enrolled. Many of these graduates have gone on to further study and training, either with ABM's local partner (Anglicare PNG) or other institutions. Many have used their new skills to gain formal employment or start small informal businesses. Some have become volunteer adult literacy teachers. In 2014-2015, Anglicare PNG provided HIV-AIDS testing and counselling services to 2,721 men and 3,846 women, partly through support from ABM and the PNG CPP. Anglicare also raised awareness about HIV-AIDS through public events such as World AIDS Day (WAD) commemorations in five provinces in December 2015.

During these commemorations, Anglicare provided free, confidential HIV testing and counseling to 130 people.

Since 2014, more than 30 youths have been trained in improved agriculture and animal husbandry methods and provided with seedlings to start their own gardens as well as helping maintain a demonstration garden for others to learn from.

The cuts to the PNG CPP will mean fewer adult literacy classes, less awareness-raising about HIV-AIDS and gender based violence and fewer trainings to support communities to improve their livelihoods. The cuts will also mean that Anglicare PNG will have to defer their plans to pilot a comprehensive and integrated livelihoods project, that was to draw together different Anglicare programs to maximise the positive impact on communities.

The cuts to PNG CPP are part of a reduction in the Australian AID budget from A\$5.0 billion in FY 2015/2016 to A\$4.0 billion in FY 2016/2017, less than a quarter



of 1% of Australia's national income. Find out more at:

<http://theconversation.com/a-fair-budget-not-for-the-poor-losing-australian-aid-in-record-cuts-41609>

These cuts will make a big difference to the opportunity of poor people in neighbouring countries to access literacy and other opportunities to improve their lives.

In solidarity with the world's poor, ABM supports the Campaign for Australian Aid - <http://australianaid.org/>

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## ANGLICAN CHURCH AT FOREFRONT OF ADDRESSING SEXUAL HEALTH PROBLEMS IN PNG



*Meet Josepha Tametalong, the Coordinator of the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea's Begaberi Clinic in Port Moresby who began working for the clinic around four years ago.*

Currently Begaberi Clinic has 2000 people on their books, and they see an average of 50-60 patients per day. Half of the 2000 are on treatment for HIV. There are 10 staff members employed, including five clinicians, a hygienist, a data clerk, and a receptionist. There is also a two-person psychosocial unit.

The clinic has built a solid reputation as a high quality service, amongst clients and local authorities. It was constructed as part of funding awarded to ABM from the PNG-Australia Sexual Health Improvement Program (PASHIP), an Australian government-funded, five-year initiative. The goal of that program was to reduce the rate of sexually transmitted infection by improving access to sexual healthcare services.

ABM Programs' Director, Dr Julianne Stewart said, "The clinic is making an incredible difference in the lives of so many people, and contributing to reducing the rates of infection and disease in the wider

community of PNG."

The clinic was designed by Mother Sue Ramsden, wife of the former Bishop of Port Moresby, Bishop Peter Ramsden. It was deliberately designed to be visually similar to the nearby Anglican chapel of the Good Shepherd, since both are visible signs of the love and presence of God in that part of Port Moresby. Josepha notes that local people often comment that they don't know if Begaberi is a clinic or a church when they first see it.

There is a supportive atmosphere at Begaberi, where people feel they are not judged or stigmatised. They frequently comment about how welcome they felt when first arriving, and how the place is like a home. This has led to many more patients visiting the clinic, as the news travels by word of mouth. Many come from districts all over Port Moresby, some days so many that they need to be turned away. Begaberi can treat anyone, and there are even four Australians on their books.

Begaberi clinic is one of two centres established through the PASHIP program to test for and treat Sexually Transmitted Disease. The other centre is St Margaret's Hospital in Oro Bay, near Popondetta. Both centres have a reputation for high quality services and discretion, and are seeing increasing success in encouraging male spouses to attend for testing and treatment. There is a strong sense of ownership of the facilities by the local communities, and strong referral networks with other healthcare providers in the area.

Josepha wished to express her thanks to the staff of ABM, who worked so hard on the project. ABM would also like to thank Josepha and her team, and Anglicare PNG, the social service arm of the Anglican Church of PNG which is working to continue to provide this service.

*This article first appeared on ABM's website in June 2016.*

# RECONCILIATION REFLECTION



In May, students enrolled in the Wontulp-Bi-Buya Indigenous Mental Health course received a visit from Patrick Dodson.

## THE LIVING EDGE OF THE CHURCH

A reflection by ABM Reconciliation Coordinator: Celia Kemp

*Wontulp-Bi-Buya College in Cairns is named using Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander words that refer to the faith that can move mountains, and the annual celebration of the Coming of the Light.*

It is a rare thing, an institution set up to deliver courses in a culturally appropriate way to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

I visited the College in August this year. As I read the 2016 Study Guide I found scattered amongst offerings familiar to any theology program, units such as:

- Relate the Old Testament to Indigenous Christians
- Relate Mark's Gospel to the local Indigenous context
- Express an Australian Indigenous theology of land



- Promote holistic health among Indigenous peoples

The Principal, the Rev'd Victor Joseph, told me the College helps students explore where God is in their life as an Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander person.

To do this it has to, of course, use many indigenous trainers, and material developed by indigenous people. All the courses are written and designed by the College.

There are also Community Development courses in Addictions Management and Indigenous Mental Health (Suicide Prevention).

The Rev'd Victor Joseph says the College is "capturing a lost generation of students". For some it is a place of last resort.

Students are not only given an education but helped to find pathways to further education or employment once they finish. 121 students are enrolled in 2016.

This is all the more remarkable against the wider context where many indigenous young people are struggling and the

broader Australian community is struggling to find ways forward for them.

Australian Indigenous policy has too often disempowered local Aboriginal leaders in the face of programs and experts imposed from the outside. Wontulp- Bi-Buya goes against the stream. At every level it empowers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church and community leaders.

I recently heard an Aboriginal academic from another denomination talk about the long history of money within his church being diverted away from indigenous people and indigenous causes. He said there was often good intent, but in the end the money went to where the main base was. It made me wonder about us.

There is abundant goodwill towards indigenous people within the Anglican Church.

Still, I am studying theology at another, mostly whitefella college. I came away from Wontulp-Bi-Buya troubled by the very obvious disparity in resourcing.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya exists to do something vital for the future of the Australian Anglican Church. However it is doing it with inadequate and insecure funding.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Council invited the Rev'd Victor Joseph to present to them at their August 2016 Annual Gathering and were so moved by what they heard that they unanimously requested further support for the College. I was similarly deeply moved by what I saw during my visit.

It isn't only empowering its students to lead in their own churches and communities.

The people and ideas that flow out of Wontulp-Bi-Buya will help broader Australian Anglicans answer vital questions like: Where is God leading in this place and this time? What does a truly Australian Anglican church look like?

I left Wontulp-Bi-Buya convicted that it is the living edge of the Church.

# AID ANGLICANS IN DEVELOPMENT

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IN SEPTEMBER 2015, WORLD LEADERS COMMITTED TO 17 GLOBAL GOALS TO ACHIEVE 3 EXTRAORDINARY THINGS IN THE NEXT 15 YEARS. **END EXTREME POVERTY. FIGHT INEQUALITY AND INJUSTICE. FIX CLIMATE CHANGE.** FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [WWW.GLOBALGOALS.ORG](http://WWW.GLOBALGOALS.ORG)



A woman, identified as Rose, stands in a lush green field of tall crops, likely sorghum. She is wearing a vibrant blue dress with a white and black paisley pattern, a wide black belt, and a red headscarf with a colorful floral pattern. She is holding a single green leaf from one of the plants. The background shows more of the field and some trees under a clear sky.

In 2015, nations around the world came together through the United Nations to agree on 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. Two of these goals focus on eliminating poverty and improving gender equality. These stories from our partners show that achieving such goals requires great commitment.

Rose shows the crops she was able to grow using funds from the Village Savings and Loans program



## BUILDING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

On a recent visit to the Makakya region of Kenya, ABM Programs Director, Dr Julianne Stewart met many beneficiaries of the Sustainable Livelihood Program and the Village Savings and Loans (VSL) Program. Both of these life-changing initiatives are being delivered by ABM's partner in Kenya, the Anglican Development Services-Eastern, and are partly-funded by the Australian Aid program. These stories also illustrate ABM's work to contribute to the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, in particular number 1, No Poverty, and number 5, Gender Equality.

### ROSE

Before the Village Savings and Loans (VSL) program, we were in total darkness. When you look at me, I am strong compared to others of my age. I can buy chickens. I can eat the eggs. It makes me strong. I can buy goats and drink the milk and this makes me strong. Although I have grandchildren, I don't look like a grandmother. Before, we never had mattresses – only rugs. Now we

can buy mattresses, blankets and sheets and now sleep has become very sweet. We know as women that men are very committed with many things so now the women don't wait for their men to buy household utensils like cups, spoons, frying pans, clothes etc. When we women have money, the men don't worry where the money is coming from. The men trust their wives because they are in the VSL and they don't query the source of the money. Previously we used to rely on men to buy farm inputs (fertiliser, manure etc.) but now when our men come home they find the women have already bought these farm inputs. Men don't demand money from the women. They give the women a free hand to spend as they wish, but we give our men money on a voluntary basis.

### RITA

We used to borrow salt, sugar etc from neighbours, but we no longer do that because we have access to money from the VSL. Previously our children used to leave school as they could not pay school fees, but now they can pay. We can maintain our status. We can buy

shoes, and we have bought our uniform to differentiate ourselves from non-members. We can afford to buy soap and wash and look presentable now.

### DOROTHY

I have a husband, 6 children and 5 grandchildren, so 13 of us in all. I live near the river where the sand dam was constructed in July 2015. I have used the water for livestock, domestic use, cooking and gardening. I grow melons and French beans. When I started I never had a good pit latrine at my homestead. I was able to dig a 20ft pit, using a loan of KES 20,000 to buy stones for the pit. After I repaid this, I borrowed KES 15,000 for the cement for the pit. I bought bricks, then repaid and borrowed KES 15,000 more so I could pay a mason for his labour. When his work is finished, I will have 2 pit latrines for my household.



Dolores (left) and the women's group in Nayon produce Taro Chips to generate income. Copyright ABM/Lina Magallanes, 2016.

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT IN THE PHILIPPINES

*Fancy a healthy snack? If you were in the Philippines, specifically Barangay Nayon in Lamut, Ifugao Province, ABM would highly recommend the Taro chips made by Dolores Bayucca and her colleagues.*

At 53 years old, Dolores is the chair of the women's group at St John's Mission in Nayon. These women have come together to both design and implement this taro chips activity. The idea began in 2013 with a visit from the staff of ABM's local partner organisation, E-CARE, who spoke about using 'Asset-Based Community Development' (ABCD) to generate ideas in raising income.

The ABCD approach encourages communities to look at what resources and skills they already have, and together think of what could be done to produce additional household income. The women in Nayon did just that, and saw that there was plenty of the root vegetable, taro, growing around the place. Normally used as stock feed, this nutritious vegetable was clearly being under-utilised, and the idea of transforming it into a desirable snack grew from there.

Using a small loan from E-CARE, the women began to grow, harvest, process and package taro as chips. This snack proved popular, and their loan was quickly repaid. E-CARE even began purchasing the chips as food relief to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, as they were seen as a healthy alternative to many other pre-packaged goods being donated.

When asked about the income that Dolores has received from the chips, she beams with pride. "I have been able to buy soap for my family, as I have seven children. And when St John's Mission in Nayon started to build a church, our group was able to contribute 10,000 pesos! I think this project has encouraged other women and families in our community to grow taro to eat, as it grows so well and is good for living," she said. The initiative has continued to expand. Up to 12 women are able to

work on the processing and packaging of the chips at any one time. Dolores and her group have been provided with a grant from the Philippines' Department of Science and Technology (DOST) which will allow them to process other foods. DOST is assisting the group with an automatic chipper, slicer and a commercial oven, which will increase production as well as decrease the intensive work of cutting and slicing taro.

ABM Projects Coordinator, Lina Magallanes said, "I have seen a significant improvement in the group's financial and business skills. They now display confidence in managing the income and expenses of the project, discussing the details of administration, and an awareness of the importance of marketing strategies to expand their potential profits."

ABM thanks all its supporters and the Australian government who give so generously to this project. In this case, the small investment has led to tangible livelihood improvement for people like Dolores, and is helping to empower communities in determining their own future. If you would like to contribute toward future small business activities in the Philippines, please visit:

**[www.abmission.org](http://www.abmission.org)**

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# DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVES GATHER

By ABM Diocesan Representative – Fr Paul Devenport



The ABM Diocesan Representatives Conference was held at St Paul's Canberra from July 29 to 31.

ABM's Executive Director, Rev'd John Deane spoke at the conference, about the history of the ABM as well as where ABM sees itself in the future. He spoke about an ongoing partnership with the Diocese of Adelaide, the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan and ABM. This has been focussed around the construction of health facilities at Bor.

Through this, ABM has recognised it is embarking on a new model of partnering with an individual diocese in Australia. This model has also been explored and refined with the Dioceses of Perth and Willochra, with further opportunities continuing to

emerge.

Julianne Stewart, ABM's Programs Director for Community Development gave a presentation on the five marks of mission and community development and in doing so, showed how those marks of mission are being utilised in the ABM's work around the world.

Brad Chapman, ABM's Reconciliation, Advocacy and Education Missioner gave a passionate presentation on wealth inequality between the richer and poorer nations and the amount of pollution produced by the richest in the world compared to the poorest and what effect this is having in the dramatic rise in global and sea temperatures over the past 25 years.

The role of the ABM with Aboriginal communities, particularly in the Northern Territory was highlighted, with a visiting Aboriginal priest attending the conference. Combined with news from ABM's representative for the diocese of the NT,

attendees were given insight into what is being done to help Aboriginal communities with bibles in their own language, a youth leadership program and in children's ministry.

The conference ended with an impassioned discussion on how ABM might support the church and expand missional conversation at diocesan and grassroots levels.

The conference dinner was held with a judge of the ACT Supreme Court and the former chair of the ABM Board, Richard Refshauge as guest speaker. He spoke about how ABM's Missiology and work had changed since he was a teaching assistant in PNG in the early 1970s and provided some challenges on new ways of thinking about mission.

The conference was well organised and catered for, thanks largely to ABM staff members, Christopher Brooks and Lorraine Forster and the Rector of St Paul's, Canberra, the Rev'd Paul Black. Thanks to all involved!



# BUILDING YOUTH SKILLS IN MYANMAR

*With the support of ABM, the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) recently held a “Community Work Training” course, organised by the Anglican Young People’s Association in Yangon. This six-week course was designed to assist young people in gaining practical life-skills and general knowledge, equipping them to go on to lead productive and rewarding lives.*

A total of 15 youths attended, including 10 girls and 5 boys, along with numerous teachers and guest speakers from prominent religious and secular institutions. The subjects covered in the course included English, Anglican Spirituality, Public Speaking, Management, Gender Awareness and much more.

The students were also invited to attend the various Anglican churches around Yangon City on Sundays, and given the opportunity to go on excursions around the city centre. As many of the youths were from small rural communities in Myanmar,

this experience helped to broaden their perspective on life, stimulating positive ideas for what they might like to do in the future. The Director of the program, Naw Laldini, said there was great change in the teenagers over the time they participate.

“I am grateful to see that they made themselves happy and improved their skills. They especially learnt to live together in unity with other friends from different dioceses. I also noticed that they were very united in whatever they are asked to do, creating team-spirit amongst themselves”.

“We would like to thank those who come and give lectures to the trainees with love, all the organizations which hosted our trainees for the excursions, the Bishop’s Court faculty members for their warm and kind helps, and especially ABM who supported the training. May God bless all them always,” she said.

## WHAT THE STUDENTS HAD TO SAY



### SAW NAING HTOO HTOO

*I would like to become guitarist and drummers.*

*I can speak in front of the audience now. I have got a knowledge on the important of management. I know the important of the teamwork too.*



### NAW BA BLU

*I want to be a teacher. I can learn the important of team work. I understand how I can stand on my own foot now.*



### NAW PHAW NO MU

*I would like to be a nurse to help people in the country. During this training I have learn a lot on the topic of library, development, interviewing and management course.*



### LUKE SUTT MYAT

*I would like to be expert in computer skill and would like to be involved in the church matters as much as I can. Because of this training I can speak in front of the audience and I have learn a lot on library and development work.*



### MA SU MON NAUNG

*I would like to become a skill computer teacher. I have learn a lot on team work, how to stand on my own foot, accountability and evangelism in this training.*



### AIK AUNG MINN SOE

*I would like to become a good citizen. Because of this training I have met a lot experience on development and other knowledge as well.*



### MAY THU NYEIN

*I would like to become fluent in English. I now know that how to deal with other. How to stand on my own foot.*



### MAUNG PAUL ZAY YA

*To become a good church leader. I have learn a lot on evangelism, development and how to stand on your own foot.*

# ENGAGING YOUTH IN GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT



*In May ABM partnered with UnitingWorld to host the 2016 'One World WonTok' youth conference tour across Australia over two weeks.*

The conference aims to engage high school students with the big issues in global development, with a focus this year on the new international push to eradicate extreme poverty via the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how climate change is affecting progress towards the goals.

Special guest Reverend James Bhagwan

from the Methodist Church in Fiji spoke about his unique experience working in community development and how the increase in extreme weather events like Severe Tropical Cyclone Winston in February highlight the need for a sustained global response to climate change. Rev. Bhagwan said, "Educating the next generation about the Sustainable

Development Goals is essential because they will be the ones to continue this work, and their children who will be affected if we don't meet the targets in 2030."

"WonTok engages their head, their heart and their hands – and that is what will keep them switched on about what's going on in the wider world."

The conference featured interactive workshops that familiarise students with the SDGs and go deeper into issues of global citizenship, gender inequality, poverty and the interconnectedness of the issues that threaten our world.

WonTok also provided practical knowledge and information to students about how to engage as global citizens where they're at, within their interests, and how they can connect with the majority world in powerful ways.

The One World WonTok conference runs on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney each year.



# ABM'S GENEROUS SUPPORTERS



Parishioners Colin and Lyn Bannerman organised and cooked the lunch.

*ABM is blessed to have many passionate and generous supporters around Australia. We share some of the recent events of interest.*

## **Fundraising lunch raises \$3,600 for theological education**

The parish of Christ Church St Laurence, in Sydney's Haymarket district, generously gave the proceeds of its annual patronal festival lunch to ABM's Church to Church program.

A hall full of happy parishioners and their friends enjoyed a magnificent three course meal lovingly prepared by fellow

parishioners, Colin and Lyn Bannerman (pictured left), and their enthusiastic team of helpers. This patronal meal was apparently the 23rd festive parish meal that Lyn and Colin had organised for the parish over the last 16 years.

Rev'd John Deane, guest speaker at the lunch, paid tribute to Christ Church's longstanding support of theological education of ABM's partner churches, initially through support of Newton Theological College in Papua New Guinea, and now more broadly.

John also spoke of being influenced in the direction that his ministry would take, by a visit organised by ABM to a Christian community living on the Thai-Burma border in 1992. It was this that inspired him four years later to take up a new role at ABM in its community development program, and later to become its Executive Director.

The funds raised will support St John's Seminary, the only theological college for the Anglican Church in Zambia. As well as

a scholarship for Snow, a young theological student from the Anglican Church in Myanmar who is studying for her doctorate in theology at Trinity College in Melbourne.

ABM is grateful to have the strong support of Christ Church St Laurence, and other parishes around the country, who share the passion for God's mission.

## **CENT SALE TICKETS**

*An annual ABM lunch that has been running since the 1970's raised over \$2000 for ABM's work this year.*

The five Anglican Parishes in the southern-most part of the North Queensland Diocese held their ABMA Luncheon recently. Representatives from Holy Trinity Mackay, St Charles West Mackay, St Ambrose North Mackay, Pioneer Valley and Sarina combine to ensure the workload is shared and guests enjoy a delicious meal and hear about ABM's work.

## ABM'S NEW TEAM MEMBER

ABM is pleased to introduce Paul Davenport as our new Pacific Program Coordinator.

Paul comes to ABM with extensive experience in South-East Asia, Africa and the Pacific region. He has previously worked for World Vision, Oxfam, AngliCORD and Australian Red Cross in various capacities, and has spent extended periods in Cambodia coordinating programs and facilitating vital research into post-war rural conditions.

For the past six years Paul has worked with the Australian Red Cross as Country Manager for Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Samoa and Tonga. This work included Disaster Risk Reduction and response, health, water and sanitation, with a strong emphasis on empowering local partners to develop and manage the projects. When asked to describe the most satisfying aspect of this recent role, Paul said, "To see the capacity of this partner

expand was enormously satisfying. After six years, they [partners of Australian Red Cross in the Pacific] had steadily made progress towards self-sufficiency, and were able to sustain and increase the growth they had achieved in that time."

"For me, this highlighted the importance of partnership, or perhaps 'partnership' redefined. To not work in terms of 'donor agencies' relating to 'recipient agencies', but to have a genuine respect and trust for one another in a spirit of unity, as we reach toward common goals," he said.

**We warmly welcome Paul to the team!**

## EMERGENCY AID SENT TO SOUTH SUDAN

As the violence continues in Juba and throughout South Sudan, ABM answered a call in July for help from the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan (ECSS&S). Aid funding is being sent to the relief and development arm of ECSS&S, the Sudanese Development and



Pacific Program Coordinator, Paul Davenport.

Relief Agency (SUDRA), to assist 14,400 of the internally displaced people. This will provide emergency food rations for the most vulnerable children, women and elderly in Juba, Kajo Keji, Yei, Lainya and Rajaf.

Recent clashes between the ruling parties of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement have led to the displacement of around 40,000 people, with widespread looting

and destruction by these armies creating an acute shortage of food. Few people can afford the now inflated food prices, placing vulnerable sections of the population at great risk of malnutrition and disease.

The chaos and confusion has also led to many families being separated, and reports indicate that there are now over 100 children in refugee camps without parents or guardians.

## 2016 ABM BOARD AND SUPPORTERS DINNER

The ABM Board and Supporters' Dinner was held in Sydney on Friday 9th September, 2016. The guest speaker was the Rt Revd Tennyson Bogar, Bishop of Dogura Diocese in Papua New Guinea.



## NEW PRIMATE FOR KENYA

The Bishop of Kericho, the Rt Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, was elected today as the sixth Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Kenya and Bishop of the Diocese of All Saints' Cathedral.

The Archbishop of Kenya, the Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabukala, retired on 26 June.

## NATSIAC GATHERING

NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council, held its 2016 annual gathering in the Diocese of North Queensland in August.

A video that reflects some of the issues which were addressed at NATSIAC's gathering, including NATSIAC's response to the abuse of children at Don Dale Detention Centre in the Northern Territory, is available on ABM's website in the news section.

## CLIMATE CHANGE IN PNG

The effects of the ongoing El Nino weather system continue to wreak havoc in Papua New Guinea (PNG), devastating the lives of many.

In a recent report by the PNG Church Partnership Program (CPP), it was estimated that around 140,000 people there are suffering severe food and water shortages, the majority of who live in the Southern Highlands and Western provinces, including the areas of Popondetta, and Dogura.

ABM has launched a Pacific El Nino response appeal to assist. Donations will enable emergency food and water aid to go where it is needed most, and will also help to equip Bishops, Parish Priests, authorities and community members with information and skills to be able to manage this crisis and prepare for future natural disasters before they occur.



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## Youth and Sunday School Empowerment Program

*Please support ABM's Youth and Sunday School Empowerment Program.*

In Kenya, the newly introduced Youth & Sunday School Program encourages young people to partake in leadership training and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Youth conferences will be organised on an annual basis where speakers will be invited to speak on particular themes of relevance. Sunday school teachers and youth leaders will take part in training and develop materials that respond to contemporary issues.

Youth and Sunday school children will also be encouraged to participate in environmental conservation issues as well as tree planting and clean up days.

Your support will offer leadership training to youth leaders and Sunday school teachers in Kenya.



This project supports leaders of Sunday School and young people.

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