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 Agnes Katunge has used the new water supply to grow maize in Kenya. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2016.



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Locals in Makakya, Kenya, benefit from their own crops and loans they have used to change their lives. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2016.



A young girl leads a group of curious onlookers in the Western Province in Zambia. Her future is looking brighter due to the work being done through the Gender and Governance program. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2016.



Whale Dreaming. Gawura students dress in traditional costume to perform Whale Dreaming for their parents and carers at the Gawura NAIDOC Awards ceremony in 2016. © St Andrew's Cathedral School 2016, used with permission.

From the ABM Programs Director



Dear Friends,

Greetings, and welcome to ABM's Project Book for 2017. This publication highlights the projects ABM will be supporting during 2017 through the work of its partners in Australia and overseas – partners who have enthusiastically joined in God's mission in the world.

This year we have several new projects for you to consider supporting. Two are from our Reconciliation Program – the Northern Territory Discipleship Track (p.12) which assists Aboriginal Christians in remote areas to access training and support as they seek to witness to Christ in their communities, and Reconciliation (p.11) which aims to resource Australian Anglicans in our ongoing Reconciliation journey.

There are also three new projects for you to consider supporting in PNG – the Adult Literacy program (p.20) has suffered funding cuts in recent years and greatly needs your support. Disaster Management (p.21) is a new endeavour for the Anglican Church of PNG, assisted by Anglicare PNG, and is a result of the El Nino drought which has impacted in different parts of the country and has made people realise that although disasters may come, there are ways to prepare effectively and to reduce the impacts of such events. Our other new project is an exciting Church to Church project which addresses a range of issues facing modern youth in remote Dogura Diocese (p.20) –engaging young people with activities relevant to them within the church is seen as a strong alternative to the drugs and alcohol which can often become attractive to youth as they survey their options.

We also offer you the opportunity to support ongoing projects which, thanks to your help, have been successful in previous years and we pray they continue to be so. Some of these successful projects are moving to new communities or new parts of the church, and other activities are being taken to the next level.

I hope you will enjoy reading about all of ABM's new and ongoing projects, and that you will find something here that you feel called to support both with your prayers, and in a more material sense.

As we enter 2017, ABM gives thanks to God, both for our partners in mission, and the communities and individuals they work with, and to you in your support of God's mission. May we all enjoy the richness of God's blessings, which we receive through the grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Julianne Stewart

ABM Programs Director

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Teacher, Eddie Turpin with Wontulp students about to graduate from the Addiction Management and Community Development course. © Wontulp-Bi-Buya College, 2016, used with permission.

Wontulp-Bi-Buya College

Established in 1982, Wontulp-Bi-Buya College is one of the treasures of the Australian Church. Sitting lightly on country - the College operates from the back of a Lutheran church hall in Cairns, renting classroom space for teaching blocks when students from all over Australia gather for 2 weeks at a time.

Students at Wontulp-Bi-Buya College can choose from certificate and diploma courses in Theology and Ministry as well as courses in Community Development, Alcohol Counselling, and Indigenous Mental

Health. The Theology course includes subjects such as 'Relate the Old Testament to Indigenous Christians', 'Relate theology of the Holy Spirit to an Indigenous context', and 'Conduct public worship'. The Wontulp classroom is a vibrant conversation between people from all over Australia, working out what Christian faith means for them as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The College is able to access government funding to assist students with travel and accommodation for each teaching block. However, Wontulp-Bi-Buya would not survive without the contribution

of churches to its core expenses which include study materials for students, staff salaries, travel and accommodation for visiting teachers, office rent, maintenance for two vehicles, insurance, electricity and telephone costs. Your support for Wontulp-Bi-Buya College enables the Australian Church to demonstrate its commitment to emerging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders.

\$ AU016WB needs \$55,000 



Jenkin and Kaylissa from Maningrida studying at Nungalingya College. © Nungalingya College, 2016, used with permission.



Nungalingya College

Nungalingya College was established in 1974 on Larrakia land in the suburb of Casuarina in Darwin. The College offers courses in Literacy and Numeracy, Theology and Ministry, Music, and Media. Students are recommended by their local churches and travel from remote communities to Darwin for study blocks. Nungalingya College provides invaluable support to Anglican communities in Arnhem Land and the islands of the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Students usually begin their time at Nungalingya in the Foundation Studies course which provides a Certificate I in Education and Skills Development. Literacy and numeracy is taught in a way that is directly relevant to the student's life and faith. It is a basic reading and writing course in English

with the Bible as the main text. It also includes practical everyday numeracy, such as understanding money and doing basic sums. Students can start at preliminary level or advanced level. They are highly motivated to learn literacy in English because they want to learn how to read the Bible and also to go on to study the Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology.

Your support for Nungalingya College will contribute to the employment of a literacy teacher to help eager students develop fundamental skills for further study and for life. Funds will also support the overall work of Nungalingya College.

 AU017NG needs **\$49,500** 



The Reverend Gloria Shipp

Elder, Pastor, Aunty, Teacher, Chairperson, Chaplain, Friend. The Reverend Gloria Shipp goes by many titles. Based in Dubbo in Central NSW, the first Aboriginal Woman to be ordained in the Anglican Church of Australia maintains an active ministry that reaches out beyond the walls of the church to embrace the entire community. 'Jay Jays' is Gloria's affectionate title for the boys and young men she visits twice every week at the Orana Juvenile Justice Centre. With Bible talks, loss and grief workshops, screen printing classes and Sunday services once a month it's no wonder some of the boys nominate their visits from Gloria as a highlight of the week.

While children are so important in Gloria's ministry, their elders are far from forgotten. The Elders' Outreach Group provides a space of community and fellowship every Tuesday during school time in the church hall, and sometimes gathers on Monday in Gloria's home. Participants look forward to excursions - with Gloria's husband Eddie driving the bus to places like the Wiradjuri Study Centre in Condoblin. Men's camps, women's camps, rallies, reconciliation luncheons, Women of the Bible talks and outdoor baptisms also dot Gloria's year, even before she attends to her national responsibilities as Chairperson of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC).

Your support provides a small stipend to Gloria and one day/week of administrative assistance. It also goes towards hall hire, petrol for the mini bus, dinners, rallies, catering and Christmas gifts for the boys at 'Jay Jays'.

Rev Gloria Shipp is frequently approached to conduct outdoor baptisms, like this one where 5 children were baptised.
© Eddie Shipp, 2016.

 AU005DB needs **\$22,000** 



NATSIAC

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council's (NATSIAC) vision is to be the primary voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans, promoting Gospel mission, encouraging ministry and generating resources so that they may walk together with God and the wider Church. Established in 1991, its members include clergy and lay people from all across the Australian Church. The NATSIAC Gathering is an important time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans to meet together to encourage one another in ministry and discuss matters of national importance.

NATSIAC receives a small amount of General Synod funding as well as direct contributions from Dioceses which support the cost of the annual gathering. They have asked ABM to raise funds to support the Secretariat to improve coordination between members and raise the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans in the Australian Church.

\$ AU019NA needs **\$11,000** 



Members of the NATSIAC at their 2016 Gathering in the Diocese of North Queensland.
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Whale Dreaming. Gawura students perform Whale Dreaming for their parents and carers at the Gawura NAIDOC Awards ceremony in 2016. © St Andrew's Cathedral School, 2016, used with permission.

Gawura

According to the 2016 'Closing the Gap' report, only three out of five Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people complete Year 12. St Andrew's Cathedral School has committed itself to addressing educational disadvantage among Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with the establishment of Gawura. Gawura provides quality K to Year 6 education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in a caring, Christian environment emphasising standards of literacy, numeracy and social skills that are foundations for life. Places at Gawura are offered as a scholarship which covers the majority of tuition fees and expenses for students who meet the enrolment criteria.

Gawura has a simple formula: the continuity of practice, work habits, expectations and attendance being paramount. The classroom programs are systematic and intensive, with an emphasis on literacy and numeracy, delivered in a culturally supportive and enriching environment. The Gawura program continues to promote identity and cultural

understanding. Students are proud of their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage. Wiradjuri classes are always a highlight of the week and the students take great pride in every cultural performance. Eminent educationalist, Dr Chris Sarra, once commented that "Education strengthens Aboriginality".

St Andrew's Cathedral School is appealing for funds to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who complete their primary schooling at Gawura to continue with their secondary schooling at St Andrew's. Head of Gawura, David North said, "Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students experience real growth. Every morning they race out of the school bus and straight into the classroom with an extremely positive attitude about the day ahead of them. It is a great sight to see. The progress that continues to be made across the age groups is extremely pleasing and, at times, jaw dropping."

 AU018SS needs **\$35,200** 

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth Engagement

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people account for less than three percent of Australia's population but they make up more than half of all children in juvenile detention in this country. In 2016, the mistreatment of youth detainees at Darwin's Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre was revealed by Four Corners and led to a Royal Commission. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) has called for more to be done to care for and support our nation's children, to prevent them from ever getting into the prison system in the first place.

In the Northern Territory, churches are praying and struggling for answers as they desire to build a deep engagement with young people in their local communities.

The Diocesan Ministry Development Team is committed to working alongside current and emerging leaders in remote communities to equip the Church for ministering with children and youth. Gatherings, like workshops, allow participants to learn from one another and share their successes across the isolated communities of Arnhem Land and the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Throughout Australia, ABM provides grants to help the Church with initiatives which engage young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Your gift to this project will support the Church in loving, listening to and working together with young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



AU011YE needs **\$44,000**



Kids fellowship at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Numbulwar, East Arnhem Land.
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**So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:
everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,
and has given us the ministry of reconciliation...**

(2 Cor 5.17-18)



Cross at Nungalinga College in Darwin. © Brad Chapman/ABM, 2016.

Reconciliation

Reconciliation is central to mission. In an Australian context, reconciliation requires historical acceptance and a willingness to listen to the voices and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is a task for the whole of the Church. ABM has developed a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which guides the seriousness we place on a flourishing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presence in the Australian Church.

Funds donated to the Reconciliation Project help ABM

to resource and inspire the Anglican Church of Australia in the journey of Reconciliation. This includes compiling liturgical resources written by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans; publishing national resources to help Anglicans understand the issues involved with Constitutional Recognition and calls for a treaty; and supporting the ministry and voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans.



AU021RE needs \$15,000



Northern Territory Discipleship Track

Remote Aboriginal Christians need your help as they seek to walk 'the narrow' track with God.

Christian leaders in Aboriginal communities face formidable challenges. They are isolated from the broader Church in remote places that are expensive to travel in and out of. They stand in the tensions between their traditional cultures and the Church, working in communities where English is a secondary language and where material disadvantage is prevalent. Aboriginal church leaders also minister in settings where people are often still looking to the Church for leadership in the face of overwhelming challenges and griefs.

Your support of the Territory Discipleship Track will assist remote Aboriginal Christians who want to be intentional in their faith, and especially those in leadership, to access much needed training and support as they seek to witness to Christ in their communities. The aim is to help each participant to develop the unique gifts

God has given them, with the help and support of mentors who are further down the 'track'.

The Territory Discipleship Track is a further development of the 'Bishop's Award Program' of previous years. The Reverends Marjorie and William Hall from Ngukurr joined that program as part of their discernment in moving towards ordination. They appreciated the individually tailored training sessions held in their own language. They were very happy that the support enabled them to travel to other communities to minister to them, something they long to do more of. They found their pre-ordination program so helpful, they continue to ask for more opportunities to participate in them as Deacons.

Another story of how the generosity of ABM members has supported Aboriginal leaders is told by the Reverend Yulki, (pictured) of Numbulwar community who has really appreciated support through the program in past years for the development of liturgies for special services such as Easter and Ash Wednesday.

This year your contributions will be used for three 'tracks':

1. The church leaders on Groote Eylandt have asked for assistance to run Healing Groups to help those caught up in cycles of fighting and conflict, including those affected by the November 2015 riot. The aim is to equip church leaders so they are able to run these groups themselves as a ministry to their community. (\$5500)
2. A pre-ordination discernment and development track for remote Aboriginal candidates who are exploring leadership and ordination, to ensure they receive the training and support they need in taking such a significant step. (\$6600)
3. A pre-Synod conference for Aboriginal leaders from across the Top End to enable collaboration, mutual spiritual encouragement and to empower them to participate fully in Synod, so their voices can be heard in the Diocese. (\$9900)

\$ AU008BA needs \$22,000 



The Rev Yulki Nungumajbarr leading a baptism service at Numbulwar. © Ruth Brigden/Diocese of Northern Territory, 2016.

An example of how this program has supported Aboriginal leaders is told by Reverend Yulki, of Numbulwar community who was wanting help to develop special liturgies in her local language. A member of the ministry development team was able to work with her and help her learn how to do this. She was so thrilled with the outcome! She reported that the service was really well received, and continues to use it.



Abdullah in green top - graduate of the Ahli program with his large family and 2 social workers. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2016.

Child Nutrition, Al Ahli Arab Hospital

In 2016, ABM and its generous supporters continued to support the Child Nutrition Program run by ABM's partner, the Al Ahli Arab Hospital (a medical facility of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem).

The Child Nutrition program seeks to build the health supplements of these children and provide support to families struggling to cope. Throughout the course of three months, children are given a complete medical assessment by an expert paediatrician and a program of nutritional supplements is developed. The hospital provides the necessary supplements and monitors the children for signs of improvement.

Dr Julianne Stewart, ABM's Programs Director, visited the Gaza Strip in February. She met some of the parents and children who are benefiting from this assistance in Beit Hanoun, a poor area of Gaza, near the Israeli border. People there were very hard hit in the July 2014 bombing by the Israeli Defence Force.

Julianne met various families who had a young child go through the Ahli's Child Nutrition program. The first person she met was Manal.

Julianne said, "Manal lives in a container erected after the August 2014 bombing, and shares this with another family, since her home had been hit by the bombs. Her little two year old girl was wearing splints on her legs and lying in a makeshift bed on the floor of one of the two rooms that were occupied by two families."

Manal told Julianne, "I really thank the Ahli Hospital, for giving her support. But I stopped taking my daughter there due to the 10 shekel cost of getting to the hospital is too much. My daughter is still underweight."

Julianne met with three year old Abdullah who completed the program and is doing well, according to the social workers and his mother, Hyat who is 34 years old. She has nine children under 18, and Abdullah is the youngest.

Hyat said, "Abdullah is doing well. I thank God he has improved. We give him his vitamins, enhanced milk, and food parcels from the Ahli. He is 12kg now."

Abdullah's father is unemployed, and struggles to feed his family. Staff members told Julianne that being underweight shouldn't be the only criterion for entering the program. Many children are anaemic, since the most common meal for poor women and children is bread and tea. It is clear there are complex needs on the Gaza Strip.

In three parts of Beit Hanoun, 200 at-risk families potentially have access to the Ahli Child Nutrition Program and other outreach programs via their local community-based organisations. These organisations and local social workers discuss cases and recommend at-risk children to the program via the Ahli social worker, Mohammad. The children and their mothers then travel by bus to the hospital to get their children assessed by the paediatrician and put on the Child Nutrition Program, if eligible (according to various indicators of malnutrition). Once on the program, mothers are counselled about nutrition, both for themselves and their families.

Julianne said, "All families are grateful for the program. Many mothers were shy when speaking to me, but their concern or happiness comes across in their facial expressions and gestures. One mother, Tahreer, said her two year old boy had improved a little after completing the program. She would like him to go for a second round of treatment so that he could continue to improve."

"I felt privileged to meet these families, and was touched by their kindness and determination in the midst of such hardships. The importance of this Child Nutrition program, not only for the vital supplements it provides to needy children, but also in the support given to mothers in health education, cannot be underestimated. It is indeed expressing the love of Christ to those who need it the most," Julianne said.

Please support this project so children on the Gaza Strip can continue to receive quality care and nutrition support.

\$ PS001LH needs **\$67,856** 



George Kiriau, new coordinator for the Positive Parenting Program © Vivienne For/ABM 2013.

Positive Parenting

Support of this project will allow the Positive Parenting Program to continue to thrive in the Solomon Islands. Moving into its fifth year, facilitators work to break down the barriers and the unhelpful traditional beliefs that may be harmful to children within families and communities.

The small groups in this program cover topics such as sex, early marriage, child abuse and other forms of family violence which are often taboo to discuss in Melanesia.

In mid 2016, Mr George Kiriau, former General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, was appointed the

new coordinator for the Positive Parenting Program and will serve the ever-expanding network of Positive Parenting facilitators and diocesan leaders.

As one of the first duties in his new role, Mr Kiriau organised a Facilitator Training session for the Diocese of Central Solomons, in order to equip new facilitators with the skills and knowledge to run their own Positive Parenting sessions. Held over several weeks in July, this training included three distinct sections to achieve this aim.

First, the pre-course work involved participants thinking about their own experiences of being parented, reflecting on their experiences of parenting or caring for children, and thinking about parenting issues in the present culture.

The Facilitator Training course offered information on family dynamics, child development, cycles of abuse and positive discipline methods. The skills needed to facilitate a group are also discussed, including leading, speaking, and listening techniques.

Facilitators were then able to participate in an Intensive Parenting group session for six days, led by an experienced facilitator, before setting up their own parenting group. There were 18 participants in the Facilitator Training session, who will now be supported by the Mothers' Union in Central Solomons, as well as their local parishes and clergy.

Among the group, the participants acknowledged that this training has helped them not only in becoming facilitators, but also as parents. One woman said, "I realise I have gifts and the potential to do great things, and in this training I have been helped to build my confidence in speaking, especially given opportunities to speak, and the presentations in front of the group."

A gift to this project will allow others to realise their gifts and potential to teach communities in Melanesia about positive parenting throughout 2017.

\$ SB012Y needs **\$7,000** 

Church Capacity Building for Development

In July 2016, a Capacity Building workshop was held with the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM), ABM's partner in the Solomon Islands. The workshop was for ACOM's Heads of Department, Treasurers and Commercial Holdings Managers to further enhance their existing knowledge and skills.

The training was attended by 39 people (including 16 women) from the dioceses of Malaita, Isabel, Temotu, Makira, Guadalcanal and Honiara.

Numerous modules in leadership, management and evaluation were covered, including topics such as;

- How to manage a profitable business operation
- Investing in human resources
- How to design and implement productive systems
- Understanding organisational development theory
- How to achieve the goal of sustainability and self-reliance
- Review of relevant ACOM policies and procedures

There was much positive feedback from this time, with the majority of participants rating the course content as 'excellent', and expressing a greater degree of confidence in carrying out their roles as a result.

A further effectiveness evaluation will also occur in six

months' time, to understand how this training has impacted the work being done by the church in the Solomons.

It is events like these that are made possible through the support of this project. Without your generosity our Pacific neighbours wouldn't have the opportunity to learn more about the management of their affairs. This investment allows the Church in the Solomon Islands to continue its community development work effectively and efficiently.

\$ SB012IS needs **\$7,000** 



Diocese of Guadalcanal Vicar General during the Management Workshop Training. © Anglican Church of Melanesia, 2016. Used with permission.



Fr George Elo with tanks © ACOM 2016, used with permission.

Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change

The Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACOM) has developed a comprehensive Action Plan for addressing Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change, which is being supported by several agencies, including ABM.

The Action Plan has three main outcomes;

- Implement appropriate policies and activities to increase community resilience, in the context of emerging Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction Programs.
- Increased food production and crop yield in the previous flood-affected communities and other low lying areas.
- Increased capacity of communities to plan for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and respond to changes in climate-related risks.

ACOM Aid and Program Officer Mr Casper Super, said training will be run that aims to assist church leaders in understanding more about climate change, disaster and also trauma counselling.

He said the training will strengthen the Church's role and responsibilities when it comes to climate change and disasters.

Mr Super said, "The Church is often the centre of communities and therefore it is important for church leaders to know the three components in order to help people during disaster."

He said the plan will help establish effective links between the ACOM headquarters and diocesan headquarters so that climate change and disaster awareness

are carried out effectively in all communities.

Specifically, ABM funding will be directed towards communities that were worst-affected by the flooding of Honiara in April 2014. These families are still living in a precarious situation, after being relocated by the Solomon Islands government to higher ground.

Access to clean water and basic sanitation is limited in this area and ACOM has identified the provision of water tanks as an urgent priority. Four 2,500L capacity tanks have now been delivered to the community site, and work is underway to install them. Training will also be provided in this community relating to Disaster Preparedness, so a Disaster Risk Reduction Plan may be developed and implemented in the event of future emergencies.

One 3,000L capacity tank will also be provided to the Christian Care Centre (CCC) in Honiara, which ABM has historically supported. The CCC was established to care for female victims of domestic violence, providing a safe haven for many over the past few years. The increasing demand for CCC services, along with their vulnerability to future flooding, has made this extra supply of clean water an absolute necessity.

Approximately 360 people will benefit from this portion of the project funded by ABM. Your gift to this project will have a lasting impact as this work provides short and long term solutions to the effects of climate change in the Solomon Islands.

 SB012EP needs **\$24,000** 

Community Capacity Building

Set to benefit over 11,940 people in the Philippines this project improves the livelihoods of community members and their families and, through empowerment, helps to foster a greater sense of community cohesion.

The cohesion has been a new experience. Previously villagers experienced “Kanya-kanya” the phrase translated as “I mind my own, you mind yours” but now, the community works together.

ABM visited the barangay (village) communities of Songcolan and Palay in Aklan Province on a monitoring visit to witness the benefits delivered to these communities that are participating in the Integrated Community Development Project, delivered by our partner Episcopal CARE.

The Songcolan barangay formed an official community association of interested villagers, named the Songcolan Seashore Livelihood Association (SSLA), with a total membership of 53 people. These members have met on a consistent basis since the project began, and have appointed a management team who lead the association in shared undertakings. SSLA has also developed a mission statement and has drafted its own policies to guide operations.

Over 33 members have accessed revolving funds in Songcolan in order to support various livelihood initiatives locally. The association has also established a community garden with one community member, Nanay Hopeng, providing the use of her farm lot for free. Nanay Hopeng is a member of SSLA who lost her job when the local prawn processing factory closed down after Typhoon Haiyan. The community garden is reportedly flourishing with proceeds going back to SSLA for its association activities. All funds are being repaid according to SSLA’s agreed policies

and the SSLA is on-track to repay the full amount borrowed from Episcopal CARE by the agreed deadline.

Local villagers reported that there was no existing community organisation in Songcolan before SSLA, and that they used to have a mentality that was more individualistic. Involvement in the SSLA is now helping members to actively consider and support the interests of other people in the community.

The SSLA treasurer, MaryAnn dela Cruz, said SSLA has united their community. During monthly meetings, SSLA members discuss and encourage each other about on-going activities, confirm monthly funds balance (from weekly collection), and roster work in the community garden, among other things. SSLA Chair, Jovanna, said the monthly meetings were a wonderful open forum where discussions helped to correct any issues and maintain good momentum in the project.

Donors to this project are building both individual and collective gains for families in the Philippines through the use of small loans that can create tangible change.

\$ PH001IF needs \$40,000 



ABM visited Barangay Inawangan, in the town of Julita, Leyte Province which is one of the communities assisted to rebuild following Typhoon Haiyan. © Lina Magallanes/ABM 2016.

Church Growth in the Philippines

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines (ECP) proclaims the good news of salvation through preaching, liturgical celebrations and action. The support program of the Church, a new integrated program, aims to grow the Church and strengthen its activities on social transformation. By giving to this project, you will help build vibrant congregations and respond to unjust structures of society.

Over recent years, the ECP has been holding three major support programs: Evangelism; Social Ministries; and Development. These programs have been the working arm of the Church bringing the Gospel through mission to those who have not yet heard it. ECP is redesigning the three major programs to create a new integrated program.



St John the Evangelist’s Church, Nambaran, Tabuk City, Kalinga. © Wilnor Flores/ABM 2016

The new project aims to address the following:

The Proclamation of the Gospel – the establishment of new mission work in each diocese will encourage Church growth.

Nurture – strengthen the churchmanship of all the faithful by providing training, seminars and other educational opportunities to encourage active participation of lay people and ministry of the Church.

Loving service to human needs – further organised responses in times of disasters. Church members will also become more responsive to those who are in need regardless of creed, race and culture by setting up small scale livelihood programs for vulnerable people.

Social transformation – the Church will intensify its campaign against Human Rights violation. Through this work, guidelines and policies will be established to respond to growing issues of child abuse by forced labour and trafficking, especially in the far south.

Environment – strengthen reforestation programs by setting up nurseries in all dioceses which will provide needed seedlings for tree planting activities.

Through its Integrated Program, the Church will arm its dioceses with activities and programs that will bring mission to life and share the Gospel with many in the Philippines. Please support this program.

\$ PH010EM needs \$25,000 

Economic Empowerment

If you were in Barangay Nayon in Lamut, Ifugao Province in the Philippines looking for a healthy snack, 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 chip activity.

The idea began in 2013 with a visit from the staff of ABM's local partner organisation, Episcopal 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 Episcopal CARE, the women began to grow, harvest, process and package taro as chips. This snack proved popular and their loan was quickly repaid. Episcopal 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.

Since that time, the initiative has continued to expand. There are at least six women who work regularly and up to 12 women 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.

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."

ABM's South East Asia Programs Coordinator, Lina Magallanes, said she has seen a significant improvement in the group's financial and business skills. They now displayed 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.

Your contribution to the Economic Empowerment project empowers people like Dolores to determine their own future and build tangible livelihoods. The program aims to build self-reliant and sustainable communities with increased family incomes using resources already available to the communities.

 PH001EE needs **\$40,000** 



Dolores Bayucca, pictured left, leads a meeting with her colleagues to discuss details of their taro chip business. © Lina Magallanes/ABM 2016.



A young girl leads a group of curious onlookers in the Western Province. Her future is looking brighter due to the work being done through the Gender and Governance program. © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2016.

Gender and Governance Initiative

The 2013/2014, Zambia Demographic and Health Survey (ZDHS) reports that in Zambia, 43% of women aged 15 – 49 have experienced physical violence since age 15, with 37% of women having experienced physical violence 12 months prior to the survey.

Poverty indicators also show that Western Province is one of the poorest provinces in Zambia with a staggering 80% of people living in poverty and 60% experiencing extreme poverty, with women more affected than men (World Bank, 2015).

It is confronting statistics like these that the Gender and Governance Initiative is aiming to reduce.

The Zambia Anglican Council Outreach Program (ZACOP) commenced a three-year Gender and Governance Program in 2011 with ABM funding support. In 2012, this was modified to include a component to address Gender Based Violence (GBV).

The overall objective of the Gender and Governance Initiative is to reduce gender imbalances, enhance the empowerment of women in the project sites and promote good governance practices at national and local government levels by encouraging the participation of women in leadership roles. The program also aims to educate people about, and reduce the incidence of, Gender Based Violence.

2017 will see Phase 2 of this successful project commence so that it builds on the achievements of Phase 1.

Recent evaluation of Phase 1 of this project has recorded very positive results under the four result areas.

1.

Improved and sustained livelihoods for women and girls.

Through the Gender and Governance project, women who were beneficiaries of the program translated newly learnt skills into viable businesses. At least 50% of the women in the Gender and Governance program were running their own businesses and those businesses had also shown signs of growth. Women are now contributing towards household income, supplementing traditional methods of seasonal agriculture and thereby ensuring a sustained inflow of financial resources throughout the year.

2.

Eliminating harmful cultural practices against women and girls by addressing attitudes and behaviours at the root of Gender Based Violence.

Key among the project deliverable included the elimination of harmful traditional practices. The practices that have been banned or stopped as a result of the project include the following:

- Widow inheritance: A practice where a sibling to the deceased will inherit their widowed wife
- Early/forced/child marriages: Marrying off young girls before the age of 16 and forcing girls into marriage for economic gains
- Removing girls from school to force them into marriage
- Removing boys from school to herd cattle and other farm animals

3.

Increased participation of women in governance structures at family, community and national levels.

More women are now taking part in decision-making structures at both family and community levels. The project has significantly contributed to women's empowerment through assertiveness, decision-making and self-confidence. As a result of the project, women are now effective participants in decisions that affect the family (also because they contribute an income) and are able to speak at community meetings.

4.

Reduced gender imbalances and inequalities at national and community levels.

As a result of the success in women's participation in livelihoods and entrepreneurial businesses, elimination of harmful traditional practices and women's increased participation in decision-making at family and community levels, the target communities have seen a notable reduction in gender imbalances and inequalities.

\$ ZM003GE needs **\$81,375** 

St John's Seminary – Clergy Theological Training

In 2016, nine students graduated with a BA Hons University degree from St John's Seminary in Zambia. A further nine students are studying the BA Hons University program and are hoping to graduate in April 2017 with others going on to study their Masters. Such success is due to generous supporters of the Seminary.

St John's Seminary is the only national seminary of the Anglican Church in Zambia. It is the training school of ordinands and clergy from all five Anglican dioceses across Zambia. The training prepares them to minister in fast-growing urban and rural congregations of the Church.

The Seminary does not charge tuition fees to enable students from poor dioceses to attend and is dependent on a monthly grant from the National Church. However, the grant is not enough to cover the much needed funds for seminary training expenses.

St John's is dependent on donor aid for staff salary

support, maintenance, internet facility, books for the library and students' use after the training.

In 2012, St John's Seminary signed a Memorandum of Understanding with North West University of South Africa to offer the BA Hons Degree to clergy serving in parishes in order to provide them with an internationally recognised qualification rather than the in-house diploma they previously obtained. The Memorandum also covered facilitating a Bachelor of Theology degree for students (ordinands) entering ordained ministry. These two important programs cannot be achieved without the support from organisations such as ABM.

In 2017, your generous donations will be used to pay students' fees to the North West University and provide resources which the National Church cannot afford such as staff, payment for visiting lecturers, support for an internet facility, purchase of books for the library and students.

 ZM004TF needs **\$20,000** 



The first year students at St John's Seminary last year. © St John's Seminary, 2016, used with permission.



This project works to connect young people in PNG to their culture and communities.
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Deepening Young People's Faith in Dogura Diocese

This 12 month program helps reconnect young people in PNG to their communities. Many young people are affected by drugs and turn to anti-social activities as they suffer from boredom in remote areas. The Church tells ABM that many young people return to pre-Christian belief and practices and that sorcery and witchcraft are being used in the villages.

This project aims to deepen their Christian faith through fellowship, bible study, participation in worship and work in community. It also works to help these young people to understand that they belong to a family, church and a village.

The program combines teaching, fellowship and community activities and in 2017 will run for at least 2-3 days per week plus involvement in Sunday Worship. It will be co-ordinated by a core group of young people with a concern and interest in doing something for other youth.

This group has been identified by the Bishop as having the capacity to engage with youth.

By giving to this new project you will allow young people in PNG to understand the Bible and the Anglican tradition, as well as equipping them to contribute to the wellbeing of self, family, church and village.

\$ PGO16YF needs \$6,000 

Adult Literacy

The Anglican Church of PNG's Adult Literacy Program has over 80 schools and 2,500 learners enrolled across eight provinces in PNG. ABM partners with Anglicare PNG, which works closely with Anglican Dioceses around the country, to coordinate the program and oversee the syllabus. The syllabus incorporates literacy and numeracy as well as social issues, such as domestic violence, HIV, child protection, alcohol abuse, law and justice.

The schools are often referral points to other services such as HIV/STI testing and treatment and are also well suited for advocacy activities with

students being encouraged to engage their families in discussions around topics they've covered in class. Anglicare is working to establish an Adult Literacy School Committee for each school to provide local governance and role models for other groups within the community.

Funding cuts mean plans for new schools and additional classes have been put on hold. This also means some students in rural areas will not be able to complete their final level and graduate. Australian Government funds have been sufficient to run the Church's Adult Literacy Program for several years now but with recent cuts in DFAT funding, ABM needs to again

raise money for this very important outreach of the Anglican church.

This program empowers people by providing adult literacy classes in remote, rural and peri-urban areas of PNG and it is a great opportunity for ABM donors to support our sisters and brothers in PNG.

Funding is required to ensure quality teacher training and materials and offer consistent delivery across schools. Please give generously to this program so that ABM can limit the negative effects of the huge funding cuts.

\$ PGO05ED needs \$50,000 
Australian Aid 



Josephina explains an aspect of disaster risk reduction © Julianne Stewart/ABM 2016.

Disaster Management

In 2016, ABM supported the leaders of the Anglican Church in PNG to participate in a planning workshop that prepared for the next stage of Disaster Management activities in the region.

Following the workshop, a number of activities were identified in each Diocese. A consolidated response plan is being developed by Anglicare to respond to the Diocese's needs and will focus on providing support for community based disaster preparedness, and preparedness activities for the Diocesan offices. This approach promotes community engagement and ownership of the plan which is proven to be an effective response in crisis situations.

Particular gaps identified during the planning were about communication both from the Diocese to community level and back up to the Provincial Disaster Authorities. In times of crisis it's often communication that is a challenge, so the preparation of good Disaster Management plans that outline response options is essential. Further consideration will be given to a more detailed Anglicare Disaster Management strategy in 2017. ABM often supports its partners in crisis situations by providing emergency relief aid. This project is important to help the Church in PNG to prepare for emergency situations as well as educating local people on methods to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Please consider a donation to this project to assist communities in PNG to plan effectively for disaster situations.

\$ PG006DM needs \$50,000 



Mosa Adult Literacy School in PNG. © Meagan Schwarz/ABM 2015.



\$ MM011MA needs \$40,000



Group activities in Loikaw Camp
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Evangelism and Christian Education (Phase II)

Collectively, the following four activities will help strengthen the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) which need your support to share the Gospel with communities.

Producing Myanmar Hymn Books

The Anglican Church in Myanmar's Hymn Books are used in every parish for their Sunday services and other important worship services. Parishioners also use them for morning and evening devotions. In 2017, CPM needs to replace old Hymn Books for the whole province especially for the Burmese speaking congregations. The project aims to produce 5,000 copies of Burmese Hymn Books.

Producing Children's Activity Books

There are six dioceses in the CPM with approximately 67,000 members including around 6,500 children. These children attend regular Sunday School classes in their local churches both in urban and rural areas. Teaching Sunday school children is a great task and to make it more effective, the Provincial RE (Religious Education) and RM (Religious Music) Department of the CPM have prepared "active learning seasonal lessons of the Church" for children. However, because of insufficient funds, they could not provide weekly lesson booklets. The provincial office could only support up to 800,000 Kyats per year or no more than AUD \$1,000. In fact, due to lack of funds, the Church resorted to borrowing some money with low interest from other organisations to be able to continue producing these lesson booklets. To avoid this, in 2017 the project aims to produce 3,000 copies of these active learning lessons for children between the ages of four and 14.

Anglican Public Information Centre for the Diocese of Yangon

The aim of this part of the project is to establish the first Anglican Public Information Centre for the Church of the Province of Myanmar. The Centre will be a place for managing the data and information that is collected and will be accountable for coordinating between the CPM and the Global Anglican Communion. The Centre will also serve as a major outlet for disseminating the Gospel for Evangelism by means of distributing the CPM's publications and news. The project will start in Yangon Diocese and will be based at the headquarters of the CPM but it is envisioned branches of this Centre will be established in other dioceses.

Trainer of Trainers (TOT) for Discipleship across the six dioceses

This activity is an extension of Phase I of the project. Seminars were conducted across the six dioceses and textbooks related to all the topics that were produced. The feedback received from all participants was so positive the training will now be progressed at a Diocesan level.

Church Capacity Building for Development

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) has made impressive gains over the last year in the area of institutional capacity building in order to deliver sustainable development initiatives.

At the forefront is the Provincial Development Desk, the department of the Church responsible for community development projects such as Water and Sanitation infrastructure.

For the past two years, ABM, together with four other partners of CPM, have been working with CPM to build the community development management capacity of the six dioceses that make up the Church. It is the dioceses which implement the various community development projects, such as Water and Sanitation, Gender and Disability Inclusion, Education and Livelihood Enhancement.

Gradually, these six diocesan development "desks" have already grown in their capacity to manage and monitor project activities and report back to the partners. Your continuing support will assist them to continue to produce good development outcomes.

ABM is proud to be partnering with the hardworking and dedicated staff within the CPM. Your support will allow ABM to journey with them toward greater effectiveness in 2017 and, ultimately, achieve self-sustainability.

\$ MM001CE needs \$15,524





This project supports the Church in Myanmar to build capacity and become self-sustainable. © Lina Magallanes/ABM 2016.

Education

The Myanmar Education program is diverse, offering community training, seminars and support for schools.

In 2016 the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM) 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 five 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 participated.

“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 organisations which hosted our trainees for the excursions, the Bishops’ court faculty members for their warm and kind helps, and especially ABM who supported the training. May God bless all them always,” she said.

Support this education project and build skills for young people in Myanmar.


\$ MM001EA needs **\$16,570**




Saw Naing Htoo Htoo

Mandalay Diocese

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.



Ma Su Mon Naung

Myitkyina Diocese

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.



May Thu Nyein

Myitkyina Diocese

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



ABM funds water systems such as this one in Kyi Pin Kan Village. © Lina Magallanes/ABM 2015.

Water and Sanitation

The Shwe Lei Vum, Lat Pan Kaing and Kian Va villages have fresh, clean water thanks to a new system provided by ABM's supporters. This is the tangible impact your donation makes in rural Myanmar.

During 2016, the number of people assisted through this work was over 1,000.

The villages began their water projects with the formation of a community working committee, an essential step in organising the work. Basic training on sustainable development was provided to this group by the Church of the Province of Myanmar (CPM), along with training in the technical and logistical aspects

of constructing a water system. This equipped the committees to confidently manage the project, ensuring that the water system would be constructed well and that any future repairs would be swiftly completed.

When the building materials arrived at each site, the committees had help from their respective communities in digging the trenches, laying the pipes and pouring concrete for the three water tanks.

In fact, all the labour needed for this project was provided by the villagers, who were grateful for this opportunity to have water piped to their villages from up to 3.4 kilometres away. This meant a huge saving of time and effort in collecting water, enabling other tasks to be completed, including

studying and earning an income.

These three village projects are complete and everyone is reportedly delighted with this fresh, clean and convenient water. The committees have also received training on good personal hygiene habits by the CPM Diocesan Health worker. This training will now be replicated in the villages by the committees, who will continue to encourage everyone to practice what they have been taught.

The difference made in Shwe Lei Vum, Lat Pan Kaing and Kian Va villages, enabling a brighter, healthier future for generations to come, can be replicated for even more people in 2017.

\$ MM001WS needs **\$16,570** 

Australia & Overseas Exchange Program

The Encounter Program has evolved to offer a variety of opportunities. Traditionally, the program sees ABM bring clergy from its partner churches to Australia for mutual learning. ABM helps the Australian parish to devise a program which transforms and enriches both the parish and the visitor, who is able to experience Australian and Anglican life.

In 2016, Fr Graeme Weaver visited the Diocese of the Northern Philippines on a self-funded ABM Encounter visit, spending four weeks in the Diocese of the Northern Philippines.

This visit to the Philippines had been a long-term dream, birthed through prayer and reflection. It began with Fr Graeme's ministry as chaplain for Bunbury Mission to Seafarers, and the contact he made with many Filipino seafarers as a result. Over time and through much prayer, the dream to visit a diocese in the Philippines crystallised, and the opportunity to further explore the possibilities came through contact with ABM and the Encounter Program coordinator, Wilnor Flores.

Fr Graeme says he was delighted when ABM's partner, The Episcopal Church of the Philippines, allocated him to the Northern Diocese of the Philippines and the parish of St Catherine's (Cervantes).

He said the experience offered him, "Wonderful scenery, fantastic and interesting people. Plus many experiences of the spiritual and of the interaction of faith in the many varying contexts of the Diocese and parishes."

"I was able to visit the Manila Mission to Seafarers within the Cathedral of the Holy Child, in Manila, and to do some networking and to link our two centres together, Bunbury and Manila," he said.

"I am looking forward to returning to the Diocese of



Snow, pictured at Trinity College Theological School in Melbourne, is studying a Doctorate in Theology that is supported by the Encounter program. © Nant Hnin Hnin Aye 2016, Used with permission.

the Northern Philippines in 2017, and celebrating the 100th year birthday of St Gabriel's Lubon, since the first missionaries arrived in the north, and once again being part of that great Diocese."

The Encounter program offers clergy in ABM's partner dioceses learning opportunities similar to what Fr Graeme experienced.

Through this unique program ABM is also supporting a postgraduate scholarship at Trinity College in Melbourne.

In partnership with the Church in the Province of Myanmar, ABM is delighted that Nant Hnin Hnin Aye (Snow is her English name) is the first recipient of the scholarship.

Snow will study for a Doctorate in Theology, specifically looking at how Jesus redefined the social and cultural norms of his day, as described in Luke's gospel. Given Myanmar's particular political context, she will focus on the application of Jesus' teachings to the reality of marginalised groups in Myanmar today. Snow is hoping to be a role model and set a trend for Anglican women theologians in Myanmar.

Please give to this program allowing Anglicans from around the world to learn from each other and build a stronger, more connected church.

 AU012EP needs **\$15,000** 



Fr Graeme Weaver visited the Mission to Seafarers in the Philippines. © Graeme Weaver 2016, Used with permission.



Ray Raymond makes a palm leaf mat for his Literacy class. © Kate Winney/ABM 2016.

Language, Literacy and Numeracy

Ray Rayman is 27 years old and lives in Wasaga, West Vanuatu Lava, in the Torba Province of Vanuatu. Ray grew up in this small village, and had no formal education when he was young. All Ray was taught by his elders was how to farm his land to earn his living. In 2010, a Literacy program was established in his community. After listening to the first 'Literacy Awareness' session given by the Anglican Church of Melanesia, ABM's partner in Vanuatu, he made up his mind to attend the new literacy class.

The class began later that year, and Ray was one of the most committed students during this time. Some of his friends quit, but he continued and experienced many changes. He gained confidence, and became a valuable person in the community, where literacy is rare. Ray began to read words, sentences and finally paragraphs written in his native language, Bislama. He then began to learn numeracy, exploring numbers and simple equations. In 2013, he attended a private training centre where he learned basic carpentry skills, and afterwards was employed by a local construction company on his home island.

In November 2015, when Ray was asked to share his experience, he responded with a happy and joyful expression. He told how his life was changed through the Literacy program, allowing him to earn a good income. Yet he was still concerned for his friends and families back in his own village. They were still struggling with illiteracy, and limited in their opportunities as a result. As Ray was now

a leader in the community, appointed by the elders due to his new capabilities, he wanted to ensure others had the opportunities given to him through the Literacy Program. Ray asked to be trained as a literacy teacher, so he could pass on these valuable skills.

In February 2016, Ray was able to receive this training, and he began teaching the program in Wasaga, West Vanua Lava, as of April 2016. As a young person himself, he encourages all the youth to attend the Literacy program, and assures them that they will experience many positive changes if they persist. Ray expressed deep gratitude, because he was educated through the Literacy program and is now able to teach the same program to others. If he had not joined the program, he would never have experienced this change, and would not be able to help his community.

Your support of the Language, Literacy and Numeracy program allows volunteer teachers from within the local community to be trained in the skill of basic literacy education and equipped with materials such as pens, exercise books and blackboards in order to hold weekly classes with local students.

Generous support of this program will change lives, as Ray has experienced, in Vanuatu.



VU006EA needs **\$37,000**



WASH (Water, Sanitation & Hygiene)

In 2017, 11 new communities have been identified for Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Program support. This includes the installation of five tanks, 43 Ventilation Improved Pit (VIP) toilets, and repairs to an established gravity-fed water system. The Anglican Church of Melanesia in Vanuatu's (ACOMV) volunteers will also focus on delivering hygiene awareness and safe practices training, along with Rural Health department workers, to all the communities who have participated in the program.

To assist in this, a WASH Information Kit has been compiled by ACOMV to guide activities, including information on gender equality, disability inclusion, community consultation, child protection, and risk mitigation. Training will also be provided to all local WASH committees in leadership, financial management, fundraising and general business and administration, which will foster local ownership and ensure the long-term sustainability of the projects.

All these activities will involve over 3,650 people, with many more family and community members benefiting through the training and infrastructure being delivered.

Despite the future plans and previous success of this project, as well as the large numbers of lives impacted, as of July 2016 this program no longer receives funding from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). ABM will continue to support the work and staff members visited Gaua in Vanuatu in late 2016 to see the success for themselves.

Gaua boasts an active volcano, lush tropical vegetation, and a beautiful aqua coastline. However,

many isolated rural communities live scattered throughout the island, far from essential services and mainland conveniences.

ACOMV had met with leaders in the village of Qwetion and agreed to implement a WASH project there to meet the huge need. The nearest sources of water were over 30 minutes walk, either up the steep hill to a running stream, or down to the coast, where fresh water can be dug up from the sand during low tide. The only toilets were open pits, which posed the constant threat of disease and injury, especially to young children.

When the ABM team arrived to view the work they were impressed to see 10 VIP toilets had been built, two reservoir tanks had been established near the water source up hill, and piping had been laid to provide eight water points within the community.

The whole village was there to greet them, around 60 people altogether, and spoke with enthusiasm about the project. It had truly been a collaborative effort: the local community had provided the materials for the toilet walls and the labour to construct buildings, foundations, and pits for the toilets and pipes, while ACOMV volunteers from Luganville had provided the expertise and training, along with supplies of tanks, piping, fittings and concrete purchased with ABM funding.

A WASH committee had also been established within the village to care for the new infrastructure, raise money for ongoing maintenance, and encourage people to practise safe hygiene. ACOMV has arranged for its key volunteers to be trained by the Government of Vanuatu's Rural Health Department in order that they may in turn provide training to local WASH committee members. It is essential to have these dedicated local advocates

of hygiene to educate and encourage healthy practice on an ongoing basis ensuring nothing is forgotten or neglected.

This success was just in one village. WASH program Coordinator, Mrs Rucinta Vora, reported that six sites in the Torba Province (of which Gaua is a part) received WASH facilities despite delays caused by Tropical Cyclone Pam in early 2015. This equated to 42 VIP toilets and 11 water tanks being established, along with repairs to two gravity-fed water systems. As a result, approximately 1,800 people are now able to access clean water and safe sanitation facilities, ensuring healthier and more productive communities in this region.

ABM's Pacific Programs Officer, Kate Winney reflected on her visit and said, "What amazed me the most were the volunteers, that the whole WASH program is run by volunteers. The key volunteers at ACOMV are basically doing a full-time job, going out to communities all the time to train and coordinate work. And in the villages, everyone is so keen to help and work hard for nothing apart from the community benefit. This being my first trip to Vanuatu, it was really unexpected and I'm so impressed by that selflessness."

Please give to this project offering thousands of people access to clean water and hygiene facilities.



Vanuatu VIP toilet. © Kate Winney/ABM, 2016.

\$ VU006WS needs \$74,000 

The Qwetion Community welcomed ABM staff members to give them a tour of the successful WASH project installation. © Kate Winney/ABM, 2016.





Children learn of God's love through the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd children's ministry. © CGS, 2016. Used with permission.

\$ KE003YC needs \$18,000

Children's Program: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The growth of this children's ministry in Kenya in recent years is, according to its leaders, a sign that the Lord wants to raise up a new generation of people who love Jesus.

In 2016, the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) Association managing the program in Kenya met all expectations of the ABM Partnership agreement and expanded further into South Sudan and Rwanda.

The Association continues to receive invitations to conduct ministry trainings throughout the East Africa region. The coordinator spoke of the dedication shown by staff in these instances, travelling for up to four days in public buses and on poor quality roads in order to deliver the trainings.

Kaye Corner, Catechesis Formation Leader and Advisor to the Kenyan CGS Association said, "The association is now quite sure that our Lord wants CGS to grow and raise up a new generation of people who love Jesus and are led by the Holy Spirit. There are now strong signs that God is wanting to consolidate the Association and ready it for sustained growth and is calling it forth into more countries across the sub-Sahara. The association is currently being led to open up in the Congo."

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian Education program that assumes young children have religious potential and that they are capable of developing a conscious and intimate relationship with God.

ABM is now supporting seven Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training centres:

1. St Crispins in Bungoma, Western Kenya - six formation leaders have been fully trained and 12 more are undergoing training. This parish

has received a huge response from parents and children with over 350 children now enrolled in the Sunday School program.

2. St Nicholas Children's home in Nairobi - two formation leaders have been fully trained and eight others are currently undergoing training. This facility accommodates 200 registered children on a weekly basis.

3. St Stephens in Makueni, Eastern Kenya - two formation leaders are undergoing training and provide ministry for 50 children weekly.

4. Namatala in Eastern Uganda - staffed with four fully trained formation leaders and catering for 100 children.

5. Bor in Diocese of Malek, South Sudan - this new training centre was launched in February 2016 and is currently training leaders to cater for 50 registered children.

6. Bondo in the lake region of Kenya - this new training centre was launched in April 2016 and is currently training formation leaders for 50 registered children.

7. Eldoret in the Kenyan Rift region - this new training centre was also launched in April 2016 and is training leaders for 30 registered children.

Ven Kistos Khisa, Managing Director of the Association, expressed special thanks to ABM for its support.

"Once again we wish to say how grateful we are for the support ABM has provided to this project. We appreciate your very generous support and we do pray that our continued engagement and fellowship will increasingly grow the church of God. Lives are being touched and we believe the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach is impacting positively both the adults and children spiritually."

Your support of this project will continue to offer over 800 children Christian education and know a relationship with God.

Youth & Sunday School Empowerment into Worship (Phase II)

In 2016 the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK) organised two highly successful training workshops through the Youth and Sunday School Empowerment into Worship program.

This project offers leadership training to youth leaders and Sunday School teachers in Kenya.

Previous leadership training has been targeting the church leaders in the parishes but the youth and Sunday School children have missed out.

Bishop Joseph Mutungi attended the training and awarded certificates to those who participated.

He said to those gathered, "Realise the potential in you and stir it up. We are going to empower you wherever you are going to be. We assure you all of full support in actualizing the things we want to realise. Let Sunday School, Youth and Brigade come for Christ. Our Diocese is not going to remain the same again."

ABM is proud to support this training and empower the 150 youth leaders and Sunday School teachers who participated.

Those in the group reported that they felt equipped theologically and empowered to continue the important work of this ministry.

The content covered during the training included leadership skills and the role of children and youth in the church as well as topics like drugs and climate change.

\$ KE006YM needs \$27,000



Bishop Joseph Mutungi addressing Sunday School teachers and youth leaders at the training. © ACK, 2016. Used with permission



Locals in Makakya benefit from their own crops and loans they have used to change their lives. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2016.

Sustainable Livelihoods Program

The Sustainable Livelihoods Program has had a significant impact on reducing hunger and increasing the incomes of the local farming communities, many of whom are woman-headed households in regions of Kenya.

ABM Programs Director, Dr Julianne Stewart, visited the Makakya CBO in Machakos County in Kenya on a monitoring visit in 2016. She met many beneficiaries of the Program and heard their stories about how ABM and its partner, the Anglican Development Services Eastern are effecting wonderful change.

ABM supporters have made these stories, like Dorothy's below, possible, enabling community members to lift themselves out of poverty and realise their goals. Please continue to give generously so lives can continue to be changed in some of the poorest communities in Kenya, demonstrating the love and care of God in a very tangible way.

\$ KE001IC needs \$7,581 

Dorothy

"I have a husband, six children and five 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."

Disability Inclusion Project

The Community Based Rehabilitation Centre in the Diocese of Eldoret undertakes extensive work with people living with a disability. Much of this work focuses on raising awareness of inclusive practice, increasing opportunities for both children and adults.

The project aims to develop small sustainable businesses, providing income and independence for individuals with a disability. The project will include, but not be limited to, the following strategies:

- Provide training for a coordinator
- Develop a no interest loan system
- Increase awareness of inclusive practice
- Source local community business opportunities that are feasible, viable and sustainable
- Find suitable business mentors and match people with a disability with appropriate mentors
- Mentor working alongside the people with a disability to assist in:
 - Developing business plans and training on simple financial management
 - Ongoing monitoring of business plans
 - Ongoing mentoring of the individual with a disability
- Inclusion training for the Lay, Ordained and Mentors

The proposal has its genesis in the missional partnership between the Anglican Diocese of Eldoret, Kenya and the Diocese of Perth, Australia. This partnership has been developing since its inception in 2011.

This project has been trialled in 2015/2016 with one young man developing a shoe shine and repair business. Your support can offer more people with a disability the opportunity to live meaningful, inclusive lives in Kenya.



A successful recipient of this project in his shoe shine and repair business. © Diocese of Eldoret 2016, used with permission.

\$ KE011DB needs \$10,000 



The Anglican Alliance monitoring group inspecting the recovery effort in Fiji following Cyclone Winston. © Julianne Stewart/ABM, 2016.

In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Luke 3:11 (NRSV)

General Community Development Fund

ABM works with many partners and organisations who share common goals and visions. Through this General Community Development Fund, ABM chooses to give contributions to others to support them and witness to Christ’s saving, forgiving and reconciling love for all people.

One such organisation is the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA). Through ABM’s support of CAPA, 30 bishops from five Anglican Provinces in Africa will be equipped with skills of providing leadership in a changing context.

The areas that will be covered include planning for holistic mission, the use of asset-based approaches, strategic planning and team building, managing time, nurturing a healthy spiritual lifestyle, engaging with centers of influence including political

leaders, the media and how to work ecumenically with other faith institutions.

Such training is critical in Africa where the ministry context of these Provinces, and indeed for the whole of Africa, is rapidly changing with increasing complexity. This is a time and context where CAPA says the leadership of bishops needs to be visionary, compassionate, creative, courageous and passionate.

The Rev Canon Grace Kaiso, the General Secretary of CAPA said, “We would like to appreciate the support from ABM, as it is contributing to making the Church relevant to the needs of the Communities in Africa. This initiative is taking shape and has great potential for the Church to bring her influence to bear on the unfolding events in these regions.”

The General Community Development Fund also contributes to the work of the Anglican Alliance. This organisation 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.

In September 2016, ABM joined an Anglican Alliance monitoring visit to tour the rebuilding work being carried out by the Anglican Church in Fiji, after the devastation of Cyclone Winston in February 2016. ABM’s generous donors gave \$45,000 to the Cyclone Winston Emergency Appeal and, through support of the Anglican Alliance, ABM was able to ensure those funds went where they were needed most. It is important for ABM to support the work of the Anglican Alliance and be a part of international conversations.

Please give generously to this project that helps ABM further its community development work in diverse but important ways.

\$ XG011ZD needs \$116,989 

Adopt a Project...

and support the Anglican Church around the world.

Help strengthen the Anglican Church around the world by supporting a project from this book. Simply fill out the form below and send it back to ABM.

Contact Details:

I/we are: Organisation Parish Family
 Individual School Other (please specify) _____

Please include all relevant information that applies to you in the following section:

Contact Name/s _____

Address for correspondence _____

_____ State _____ Postcode _____

Phone daytime _____ Fax _____

Name of organisation/group/school (if applicable) _____

Name of Priest/Chaplain _____ Name of Diocese _____

Name of Parish (if applicable) _____

Email address _____

Pledge Commitment

I/We would like to pledge our support to the following project(s). (You may choose more than one project. If you need more space then please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select the method of your pledge payments.

Project Name 1 _____ Amount Pledged \$ _____

Project Name 2 _____ Amount Pledged \$ _____

I would like to donate by:

- Regular giving through ABM's Direct Debit Program – Please turn over and complete the Direct Debit Section.
- Regular giving via cheque payment: fortnightly monthly quarterly
- You will receive information about your project via email. If you wish to also receive a laminated project info sheet to display in your parish, please tick.

Immediate Donation

I/We would like to make a one-off donation to the following project(s). (You may choose more than one project. If you need more space then please attach a sheet with the additional projects.) Please select your method of payment.

Project Name 1 _____ Amount \$ _____

Project Name 2 _____ Amount \$ _____

I enclose my cheque made out to ABM

OR Charge my credit card (minimum credit card donation \$10): Visa MasterCard Diners Amex

Credit Card Number _____ Expiry _____ / _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____

OR I will deposit the amount directly into the ABM account.

Acct Name: Anglican Board of Mission – Australia. BSB: 032 008 Acct: 130754

Describe transfer as NAME OF DONOR and PROJECT CODE

Please detach and return this form to:

 **POST** Att: Vivienne For
Anglican Board of Mission – Australia Ltd
Locked Bag Q4005
Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230

 **FAX**
(02) 9261 3560

 **EMAIL**
info@abm.asn.au

Gifts to ABM will be applied to the support of project(s) selected. In the unlikely event of the project being oversubscribed or not proceeding to completion, donations will be applied to a similar project to the one(s) selected.

Direct Debit Request



Request to debit my account

Surname ("you")

Given names

Address

Postcode

Phone daytime

Phone alternative

Email address

request and authorise Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM) to process the amount specified below through the Bulk Electronic Clearing System from an account held at the Financial Institution below, subject to the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement and further instruction that may be provided below.

Name of Financial Institution that holds the account

Financial Institution Name

Branch

Details of account and amount to be debited

(Please note that direct debiting may not be available on all accounts)

Account Name

BSB Number

Account number

The amount to be debited is \$ one payment only at any one time

(amount in words)

The first debit may be made on

and at: weekly fortnightly monthly 4 weekly quarterly intervals (after first payment)

Acknowledgement and Signature of Account Holder

By signing this Direct Debit Request you acknowledge that you have read this and understand the terms and conditions of the Direct Debit Request Service Agreement (overleaf) under which debit arrangements are made between you and ABM as laid down in this Direct Debit Request and in your Direct Debit Request Service Agreement.

Signature Date

Signature Date

Direct Debit Request Service Agreement

DEFINITIONS

'account' means the account held at your financial institution from which we authorised to arrange for funds to be debited.

'Agreement' means this Direct Debit Request Service Agreement between you and us.

'business day' means a day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a national public holiday. 'debit day' means the day that payment by you to us is due.

'debit payment' means a particular transaction where a debit is made.

'Direct Debit Request' means the Direct Debit Request between you and us.

'us or we' means Anglican Board of Mission – Australia (ABM).

'you' means the customer who signed the Direct Debit Request.

'your financial institution' is the financial institution where you hold the account that you have authorised us to arrange to debit.

DEBITING YOUR ACCOUNT

By signing a Direct Debit Request you have authorised us to arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request. You should refer to the Direct Debit Request and this Agreement for the terms of the arrangement between us and you.

We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account as authorised in the Direct Debit Request

OR We will only arrange for funds to be debited from your account if we have sent to the address nominated by you in the Direct Debit Request, a billing advice that specifies the amount payable by you to us and when it is due.

If the debit day falls on a day that is not a business day, we may direct your financial institution to debit your account on the following business day.

If you are unsure about which day your account has or will be debited you should ask your financial institution.

CHANGES BY US

We may vary any details of this Agreement or a Direct Debit Request at any time by giving you at least fourteen (14) days' written notice.

CHANGES BY YOU

If you wish to stop or defer a debit payment, you must notify us in writing at least fourteen (14) days before the next debit day.

You may cancel your authority for us to debit your account at any time by giving us fourteen (14) days notice in writing before the next debit day.

You may change the arrangement (but not stop, defer or cancel) under a Direct Debit Request by telephoning us on 1300 302 663.

YOUR OBLIGATIONS

It is your responsibility to ensure that there are sufficient clear funds available in your account to allow a debit payment to be made in accordance with the Direct Debit Request. If there are insufficient funds in your account to meet a debit payment you may:

- be charged a fee and/or interest by your financial institution;
- also incur fees or charges imposed or incurred by us; and you must arrange for the debit payment to be made by another method or arrange for sufficient clear funds to be in your account by an agreed time so that we can process the debit payment

You should check your account statement to verify that the amounts debited from your account are correct.

DISPUTES

If you believe that there has been an error in debiting your account, you should notify us directly on 1300 302 663 and confirm that notice in writing with us as soon as possible so that we can resolve your query more quickly. If we conclude, as a result of our investigations, that your account has been incorrectly debited we will request your financial institution to adjust your account (including interest and charges) accordingly. We will also notify you in writing of the amount by which your account has been adjusted. If we conclude as a result of our investigations that your account has not been incorrectly debited we will provide you with reasons and any evidence for this finding. Any queries you may have about an error made in debiting your account should be directed to us in the first instance so that we can attempt to resolve the matter between you and us. If we cannot resolve the matter you can still refer it to your financial institution which will obtain details from you of the disputed transaction and may lodge a claim on your behalf.

ACCOUNTS

You should check:

- with your financial institution whether direct debiting is available from your account as direct debiting is not available on all accounts offered by financial institutions;
- your account details which you have provided to us are correct by checking them against a recent account statement; and
- with your financial institution before completing the Direct Debit Request if you have any queries about how to complete the Direct Debit Request.

CONFIDENTIALITY

We will keep any information (including your account details) in your Direct Debit Request confidential. We will make reasonable efforts to keep any such information that we have about you secure and to ensure that any of our employees or agents who have access to information about you do not make any unauthorised use, modification, reproduction or disclosure of that information. We will only disclose information that we have about you to the extent specifically required by law, or, for the purposes of this Agreement (including disclosing information in connection with any query or claim). The Anglican Board of Mission – Australia will not sell, lend, disclose or give your personal information to any external individuals or organisations unless:

- you have consented to the disclosure;
- Anglican Board of Mission – Australia reasonably believes that the disclosure is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to an individual's life or health; or
- the disclosure is required by law.

NOTICE

If you wish to notify us in writing about anything relating to this Agreement you should write to ABM-A Locked Bag Q4005, Queen Victoria Building, NSW 1230.

We will notify you by sending a notice in the ordinary post to the address you have given us in the Direct Debit Request.

Any notice will be deemed to have been received two business days after it is posted.

2017 Projects

Project Code	Project Name	Tax	Fundraising Target 2017	Page
ABM Encounter Program				
AU012EP	 Exchange Program – Partner Training in Australia		\$15,000	25

Australia					
	AU019NA	 The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC)		\$11,000	8
New	AU008BA	 Northern Territory Discipleship Track		\$22,000	12
	AU017NG	 Nungalinga Theological College, Darwin	✓	\$49,500	6
New	AU021RE	 Reconciliation		\$15,000	11
	AU005DB	 The Rev Gloria Shipp		\$22,000	7
	AU018SS	 St Andrew's Cathedral Gawura School, Diocese of Sydney	✓	\$35,200	9
	AU016WB	 Wontulp-Bi-Buya Theological College, Cairns	✓	\$55,000	5
	AU011YE	 Youth Engagement		\$44,000	10

Holy Land					
	PS001LH	 Child Nutrition, Al Ahli Arab Hospital	✓	\$ 67,856	13

Kenya					
	KE003YC	 Children's Program: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd		\$18,000	28
New	KE011DB	 Disability Inclusion Project		\$10,000	29
	KE001IC	 Sustainable Livelihoods Program	 ✓	\$7,581	29
	KE006YM	 Youth & Sunday School Empowerment into Worship Program (Phase II)		\$27,000	28

Myanmar (Burma)					
	MM001CE	 Church Capacity Building for Development	✓	\$15,524	22
	MM001EA	 Education	 ✓	\$16,570	23
	MM011MA	 Evangelism and Christian Education (Phase II)		\$40,000	22
	MM001WS	 Water and Sanitation	✓	\$16,570	24

Papua New Guinea							
New	PG005ED		Adult Literacy		✓	\$50,000	20
New	PG016YF		Deepening Young People's Faith in Dogura Diocese			\$6,000	20
New	PG006DM		Disaster Management		✓	\$50,000	21

Philippines							
	PH001F		Community Capacity Building		✓	\$40,000	16
	PH010EM		Church Growth in the Philippines			\$25,000	16
	PH001EE		Economic Empowerment		✓	\$40,000	17

Solomon Islands							
	SB012IS		Church Capacity Building for Development		✓	\$7,000	14
	SB012EP		Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change		✓	\$24,000	15
	SB012YC		Positive Parenting Program		✓	\$7,000	14

Vanuatu							
	VU006EA		Language, Literacy and Numeracy		✓	\$37,000	26
	VU006WS		Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Program (WASH)		✓	\$74,000	27

Zambia							
	ZM003GE		Gender and Governance Initiative		✓	\$81,375	18
	ZM004TF		St John's Seminary – Clergy Theological Training			\$20,000	19

General							
	XG011ZD		General Community Development Projects		✓	\$116,989	30

✓ Tax Deductible

 Receives partial funding from the Australian Government.





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