



# **ANGLICAN BOARD OF MISSION**

*Working for Love, Hope & Justice*

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## **The 2019 ABM Lent Appeal**

**The Anglican Board of Mission is focusing on building up the Anglican Church in Zambia with this year's Lent Appeal, as well as support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglicans.**

The Zambian Church has a national seminary in Kitwe, St John's Seminary, which trains ordinands and clergy from all five dioceses across the country. Students from poor dioceses are able to study there as no tuition fees are charged. Instead, the seminary relies on a small monthly grant from the National Church. St John's is dependent on donor aid for staff salary support, maintenance, its internet facility, and books for both the library and students' use after the training.

ABM also supports the Gender and Governance Initiative project which is run by the Zambian Anglican Council Outreach Program (ZACOP). The aim of this project is to educate people about the rights of women and children, to decrease the incidence of gender-based violence and bring an end to child marriages. The conditions of poverty are a contributing factor, therefore the project's activities also focus on education to improve living conditions, as well as promoting awareness about gender-related issues.

Gifts to ABM's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mission Fund support missional activities led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This is in consultation with the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council (NATSIAC) which appraises and prioritises grant applications. Priority is also given to funding Anglican Church organisations or ecumenical initiatives where there is an Anglican connection. This project gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the opportunity to grow in their faith and build flourishing communities within the Australian Anglican Church.

To donate or find out more about the 2019 ABM Lent Appeal, please visit [www.abmission.org/Lent2019](http://www.abmission.org/Lent2019). You can also access some great Lent Studies and other resources at [www.abmission.org/Lent](http://www.abmission.org/Lent).

Please consider a gift this Lent to help ABM provide a brighter future for our Partners.

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Image caption: Violet, aged 28, is a survivor of domestic violence. With the support of her Village Counselling Centre, she found the courage to change her life around, and those of her children. She is now a convenor of a Savings with Education group. With her savings and borrowings she bought vegetable seeds and has developed a small business which supports her and her children.

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