



## REPORT TO THE DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH 2022 SYNOD

**FROM:** The Revd. Michael Hartfield, Anglican Missions National Director

### INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Anglican Missions and all the communities it supports, thank you so much to the Diocese of Christchurch for your generosity over the past year. It has enabled us to carry out a range of mission and development-related projects. Several are summarised below. In late 2019 a new approach to 'do mission' known as the Te Ara Hou ('new pathway') Strategy was developed. It provides a framework for all that we now do and comprises three interwoven strands: Mission in Action; Mission Together and Mission Profile. Key high-level priorities for the past year have been grouped under each of these headings.



### 1. **MISSION IN ACTION** (*Kia tō tika te haere whakamua*) or who, what and where we fund

**POLYNESIA:** Eleven projects are currently supported in the Diocese of Polynesia including Water for All (18 water tanks being installed in 2022); pre-positioning emergency relief supplies in Fiji and Tonga; building community resilience through the Community Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (CIVA) Project which works primarily through Anglican youth leaders and providing income support to clergy.

**TROPICAL CYCLONE YASA EMERGENCY APPEAL IN FIJI:** The Appeal carried out in partnership with Tearfund raised \$140,000 and targeted immediate needs and longer-term preparedness initiatives. These include strengthened water security, agricultural training and training in traditional food preservation, providing high-quality seeds and psychosocial training of clergy and village leaders.

**"GET ONE GIVE ONE" COVID CAMPAIGN:** The Campaign raised \$180,000 which means that over 30,000 people in low-income countries can now be fully vaccinated.

**TONGA RESPONSE:** The volcanic eruption and subsequent tsunami that devastated much of Tonga earlier this year triggered the largest emergency response ever for Anglican Missions with over \$500,000 raised. The immediate response, which included the distribution of food, water, tools and garden equipment has been replaced with a longer-term recovery programme that includes the development of communal gardens; agricultural training; the placement and stocking of pre-positioned supplies and the provision of psycho-social support aimed at children. We are confident

our response and recovery activities will stand up to scrutiny and demonstrate effectiveness and value for money. A number of agencies contributed to this response including Tearfund NZ; Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA); Anglican Board of Missions (ABM); Australian Anglican Aid; and the Barnabas Fund. We also received generous support from the H&W Williams Memorial Trust.

**OTHER PROJECTS:** supported have been in Gaza, Mozambique, Uganda, Solomon Islands and PNG and include key grants to support the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN); for the work carried out by Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa in a number of Australian cities and its Minita a Whanau programme.

**TIKANGA GIVING:** The Christchurch Diocese raised \$167,528 in 2021 which was very slightly less than the previous year. So thank you so much especially given these are fiscally difficult times hampered by Covid. We are exploring new partnerships and are determined to look at new and innovative ways of raising our profile and growing our income.

## **2. MISSION TOGETHER** (*Kia ata tuituia o tātou whakairo*) or who we do mission with

Anglican Missions funds around 50% of the costs needed for **NZCMS** to support its overseas mission partners and a new Accord is demonstrating value. NZCMS is our key partner and we want to explore new ways to grow interest in and support for mission partners. **Tearfund NZ** has provided strong funding for several recent emergency appeals and we continue to look at opportunities for growing that collaboration.

We recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Anglican Overseas Aid** (Melbourne) which has been a generous partner over the past few years. The MOU provides clarity around how we can leverage respective strengths for the benefit of those we are serving. We are in the process of drafting a similar MOU with the **Anglican Board of Missions** (Sydney).

We continue to work closely with the **Council for International Development** (CID), the umbrella organisation representing New Zealand aid and development agencies and we are an active member of the **Humanitarian Network** (affiliation of New Zealand agencies that respond to overseas emergencies) which has been particularly busy over the past year with multiple events.

We are exploring opportunities to work more collaboratively with **Christian World Service** (CWS) and a number of other church and faith-based agencies. These are exciting times as we look at ways of leveraging strengths and demonstrating a more joined-up Christian response in what is a very competitive sector.

These networking opportunities are paying off as our profile and reputation is growing (especially post-Tonga). I believe we are increasingly seen as a potential partner and a 'safe pair of hands' with a strong and active on-the-ground partner in Polynesia (Diocese of Polynesia). The number of agencies (local and overseas) that stepped up to contribute to our Tonga Appeal attest to this.

## **3. MISSION PROFILE** (*Kia whakamanahia te kupu korero*). Making sure we tell mission stories well.

**WEBSITE and SOCIAL MEDIA:** The new website will go online in June and will be a considerable improvement on the current one which is no longer fit for purpose. We regularly add new material to our Face Book, Instagram and LinkedIn accounts and the numbers of people accessing them is growing well. We also have a fortnightly emailed bulletin of news.

**ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES:** We always seek opportunities to speak and engage and with a larger team we can spread ourselves (e.g. we hope to attend all Synods in 2022).

**ADVOCACY:** we are working closely with several agencies including Oxfam, World Vision, Tearfund and CWS in advocating for greater official development assistance (ODA) and increasing the Governments allocation to climate change in the Pacific and will keep the pressure on as we go into an election year in 2023.

#### **4. THE OFFICE**

The team has grown this past year with the addition of a full-time projects officer in Suva. This has extended our reach considerably and has added to the growing professionalisation of our projects in the Pacific. A full-time Marketing and Communications Manager started in April 2022, a first for us and such an important role if we want to tell our stories well (and we have some great ones!). The internship programme has demonstrated real value and we will initiate a new intake before the end of the year.

The proportion of income spent on overheads and administration is at the very low-end of the scale and I am confident Anglican Missions is accountable and providing good value for money. We are doing all we can, along with NZCMS, to be the 'mission and development agency of choice' for Anglicans in this part of the world. We have a lot of competition but we are carving out a niche.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

Thank you Revd. Peter Hurricks, the Christchurch representative on the Overseas Mission Tikanga Pākehā (OPMTP) Council. Please reach-out to him or to Olivia Hartfield ([olivia@angmissions.org.nz](mailto:olivia@angmissions.org.nz)) if you have any questions regarding how we might be able to support and help build the profile of overseas mission in your Diocese.

We ended last year with a surplus partly because we were not able to complete one or two projects due to Covid (carried over into the current year) but also as a result of growing interest in our emergency appeals and overseas project work.

We're on a mission and it is to proclaim the good news; to nurture believers; to respond to human needs through loving service; to transform unjust structures of society and to care for God's creation (the Five Marks of Mission) and we can only do that with your support. We represent you and we spend the funds you generously provide to further God's kingdom and to bring comfort and hope to an increasingly dark and chaotic world. Please continue to support and use us.

Ngā manaakitanga, Michael

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