



DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION REPORT TO SYNOD 2022

To promote the overseas mission of our Church and encourage our parishes and ministry units to participate in this mission through prayer, giving and personal involvement

Introduction: The past 12 months have seen some significant changes to the way Anglican Missions operates and its relationship with Diocesan mission councils and parishes. The National Director of AM the Reverend Michael Hartfield has driven significant changes of staff and function. AM is now accredited by the International Aid Agencies which means that specific aid projects and disaster relief appeals can now receive NZ government supplementation and donations for such appeals will soon qualify for charity donations tax rebates. This will have a long-term effect of increasing the importance of direct contact with donors in parishes. Financial support for missionaries and other special appeals such as the Mirpurkas Hostel will not be affected by this change. The AM has carried out a major upgrade to their web page which now provides continuously updated information on AM projects around the world as well as providing mission promotion resources that can be directly accessed by parish mission motivators and groups. These changes will have an effect on the future role and function the DCWM within the diocese.

Mission Motivators: The DCWM was able to hold a parish Mission Motivators meeting in March 2021 which was attended by people mostly from Christchurch parishes. A second meeting in October scheduled to be hosted by the South Canterbury archdeaconry was short circuited by Covid restrictions. DCWM role has been to encourage parish mission motivators by ensuring they are clear about their role and a lively booklet was written and circulated to all parishes. However, it has to be admitted that with a few wonderful exceptions, the DCWM has received little feedback from parishes over the past 12 months. The changes in AM will require an evaluation of how the DCWM will operate in the future and its on-going relationship with parishes.

DCWM Statute

The new statute governing how the DCWM will function was passed at the 2021 Synod. The principal changes to the statute place the Council clearly under the authority and patronage of the bishop and will allow the Council to appoint new members – something that was not possible under the old legislation. The new provisions will also enable the Council to apply to the Diocese for funding to cover expenses. Our thanks to the Synod statute drafting committee for their help in getting this achieved.

Diocesan Target Mission Giving Target: In 2021 total given by the Diocesan parishes and ministry units to the AM through the Diocese was \$161,000. This is comparable to 2020 reflecting the difficulties parishes have experienced in 2020 and 2021. The 2021 Synod approved a target of \$170,000 for 2022. Parish mission giving projections indicate a small increase in 2022 and the target figure may be met or exceeded.

Current members of the DCWM are: Peter Hurricks (Chair), Lesley Allen (Secretary), Mark Aitchison, Jean Hollis and Fay Deam, and Judy Palmer (AAW overseas and outreach Representative). After many years of service May Carrell resigned as secretary but continues to attend. In November 2021 we farewelled Lee Biddington who had served on the DCWM for 10 years and Revd. Chris Ponniah resigned after serving for one year because of new commitments. Our thanks to Bishop Peter for his support and encouragement of our Diocese' overseas mission involvement.

Peter Hurricks
Chair