

SHORT ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Anglican Missions Board of the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



Our 2020 year began following an operational restructure and the development of our new Strategic Plan, Te Ara Hou, or “a fresh wind, a new breath” which provides a framework for understanding what we do, where we do it, who we do it with and why. Te Ara Hou takes the following three-fold approach to mission:



Early in the year, we were able to send out the popular Partners in Prayer diary and wall planners before going into lockdown and working from home. When we returned we moved into the Boardroom while our offices were earthquake strengthened. A refresh was well-overdue and it is a delight to be back again in our Office - please come and visit if you're ever in the Capital!

The **2020 Lenten Appeal** raised about \$43k which helped fund the Penman Medical Centre and the Princess Basma Centre (Diocese of Jerusalem). A third project helped to fund new roofs for churches in the Diocese of Mara, Tanzania. The Board approved a number of **projects** including evangelism and outreach support in Polynesia; supporting vulnerable women and children in Fiji (House of Sarah); providing clean water (Water for All); and projects managed through the Tikanga Maori Mission Council. Around half of our general funding goes to our key partner NZCMS and the mission partners it supports. The Overseas Mission Tikanga Pakeha Council approved grant was not required because no short-term mission trips were undertaken due to Covid-19. Funds have been carried over to 2021 and used as the Council decides.

Every year brings at least one emergency appeal, but 2020 was particularly busy with **Tropical Cyclone Harold** hitting Vanuatu in April. We launched an appeal in conjunction with our Australian partner, Anglican Overseas Aid, which provided psychosocial and trauma support as well as helping to rebuild livelihoods of affected communities. We supported the **Diocese of Polynesia** in an innovative response to Covid-19 which included providing food assistance as well as garden tools and seedlings to help communities recover. We partnered with the Wellington Diocese on a broad **Covid-19 appeal** across four countries that raised more than \$100k.

A new partnership with the Diocese of Christchurch and NZCMS to support the **Mirpurkhas Boys Hostel** in Pakistan which was facing closure raised about \$28k which was enough to keep the Hostel open for six months. Then five days before Christmas, **Tropical Cyclone Yasa** lashed Fiji causing destroying houses, infrastructure and crops and leading to significant flooding and loss of livelihoods. Once again, churches and church halls were pressed into use as evacuation centres. We teamed up with Tearfund and several other agencies and in the end over \$135k has been raised.

A consistent theme with these appeals has been our growing emphasis on working in **partnership** - whether Diocesan or other like-minded faith-based agencies. This makes so much sense as we can pool resources and expertise and ensure there is no duplication of effort. Other highlights in 2020 were: we joined the Council for International Development, the umbrella agency representing New Zealand-based NGOs involved in international humanitarian and development work; drafted new policies to guide our overseas work; refreshed our social media presence (FB, Instagram and LinkedIn) and started a new internship programme which is paying significant dividends already.

Given Covid-19 and the straitened circumstances facing many parishes, **tikanga giving** for 2020 held up reasonably well and while the end of year total was better than forecasted, overall giving in 2020 was down -5.7% on the previous year. Even with reduced operational expenditure, sustaining our project funding commitments continues to be a challenge.

Looking Forward

We are in an exciting phase, implementing our key themes of being the CATALYST for mission where we raise and allocate funding according to the 5 Marks of Mission; of being the COORDINATOR for mission through brokering and facilitating collaborative and joined-up approaches to mission; and being a CHAMPION for mission through telling good stories. Information on all our projects can be found by scanning the QR code shown here ⇒ or going to our website www.angmissions.org.nz



To receive our E-news which is sent out twice a month and includes regular updates on all the projects we support, please contact Linda at info@angmissions.org.nz or sign up via our website.

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