

## Report for the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch—Synod 2023 Yearbook

### Major activities undertaken since last report.

Anglican Missions has undergone a number of changes since last year's Synod new offshore staff (Fiji and Tonga), a new website and new partnerships. The heading to this report however gives away the most significant change which is the safe arrival of Anglican World Aid (AWA) Aotearoa, the new charitable company that runs in parallel with Anglican Missions and scoops up all our international development and humanitarian projects. If Anglican Missions has responsibility for the first two Marks of Mission (tell and teach) then AWA takes on 3, 4 and 5 (tend, transform and treasure). Anyone donating to AWA can now receive a tax credit, which for the first time puts us on the same playing field as most of our partners. It also means we can apply for accreditation with the government, which, if approved, would mean we can apply for public funding.

We are a member of the Emergency Alliance, a brand-new grouping of agencies that respond to emergencies. This has been talked about in New Zealand for two decades. In the event of a significant disaster, a single request for assistance will go out to the public on behalf of Alliance members. Funds are then allocated depending on the participating agency's ability to respond. The mechanism provides a single point of contact for the media and the public and other joint appeal mechanisms around the world attest to its value.

For the response to the 2022 volcanic eruption and tsunami in Tonga, we partnered with 7 agencies and raised \$580,000, a record for us. These funds have been used for the immediate response as well as long-term recovery and resilience building (e.g., helping churches to be better able to respond to and prepare for future events through the provision of pre-positioned relief supplies and improved water systems). We are committed to working in partnership with like-minded agencies. It just makes sense!

Earlier this year, we were invited to coordinate the Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal on behalf of the Anglican Church. This has raised \$380,000 to date and a small working group established to represent the affected hui Amorangi and diocese has been disbursing funds, mostly to rural marae and small church communities.

### Major activities planned for 2023-2024

Key activities include (a) completing the Tonga response; (b) supporting projects that build resilience and target the impacts of climate change; (c) getting a pilot project with Anglican schools aimed at building awareness of and interest in overseas mission and development off the ground; (d) strengthening existing and identifying new partnership opportunities so we can better leverage skills and expertise for the benefit of those we serve; (e) ensure our mission commitments are not lost in the excitement of AWA (we are doing this with NZCMS); and (f) identify innovative and effective ways to tell stories. We need to extend our appeal and reach, especially to younger people.

### Emerging issues

We are trying to increase the impact of AM and AWA in a context of declining tikanga income and global uncertainty. Needs are growing and we are well-placed to carve out a critical niche. For a start, few if any agencies in New Zealand

support projects across all five Marks of Mission. Other points of difference include: (a) we represent the three tikanga church; (b) we are small enough to be nimble and adaptive; (c) we can demonstrate efficiency and value for money (modest overheads); (d) we have strong implementing partners on the ground (esp. Polynesia); (e) we comply with international best practice when it comes to our development and aid projects; and (f) we have a growing number of partnerships.

But we can only do this with your support. I want to sincerely thank the Diocese of Christchurch for your continued generosity and funding support. The Diocesan Council for World Mission (DCWM) is outstanding and second to none. I want to particularly thank May Carrell, the outgoing Chair, for your unstinting and loyal support and to welcome Bronwyn and Wayne Tucker as the new Chair and Secretary respectively. Sincere thanks also to Raewyn Dawson (AAW Chair) for the projects AAW supports and to Bishop Peter for your ongoing interest in and commitment to overseas mission. Our team always feel very welcome in your Diocese. Please don't hesitate to use us and draw on our resources to help you promote Gods mission.

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