



Diocesan Council for World Mission—Christchurch

1. The Council works on your behalf to promote the overseas mission of our Church and encourage our Christchurch parishes and ministry units to participate in this mission through **prayer, giving and personal involvement.**
2. In 2022, parishes responded well to the proposal of September as a special month for parishes to focus on global mission. In 2023, resources from Anglican Missions were planned for August to avoid clashing with synod.
3. **Mission Motivators** within each parish are volunteers who provide a key connection between the mission agencies, DCWM and individuals within each congregation. The Council held a successful Zoom meeting for our Mission Motivators in July 2022 and is continuing to develop ways to communicate effectively with and through these valuable people. One initiative in 2022 was the establishment of a telephone tree, increasing contact between mission motivators and members of the DCWM. We need to ensure effective communication, including with those who are not yet confident users of email and technology generally.
4. Encountering the urgency of needs across the world, lends itself to a humble awareness of our complete dependence on God. It is no coincidence that overseas mission partners often have encouraging stories of answered **prayer.** The DWMC encourages parishes and individuals to use the prayer resources produced by Anglican Missions and CMS to follow a cycle of informed prayer through each month of the year.
5. Another role of DCWM is to encourage parishes and ministry units to **give** money to Anglican Missions. The NZ Anglican Church has a special heritage of partnership in overseas mission, in a model that has enabled smaller units to contribute to much bigger projects and partnerships than individuals and parishes can manage alone. Each parish is invited to make a commitment of an amount set by their vestry toward Anglican Missions as part of the diocesan target. Working together ensures, among other things, that the people who are supported have consistency of support despite the ebb and flow of specific parish giving.
6. Some parishes are giving a percentage of their funds; some give from special fund-raising; some give from designated donations.

7. It has been helpful for DCWM to receive the annual response forms from vestries, stating the intended giving for the year. We encourage each vestry to prayerfully review the level of financial support, despite the challenges of local funding.
8. Diocesan Mission Target for Anglican Missions: The 2021 Synod approved a target of \$170,000 for 2022. Delightfully, the Diocese raised \$20,000 above this. This indicates that parishes may have the capacity to return to our pre-Covid target of \$200,000.
9. **Participation** through individual involvement means a range of different things—for some it is about going into an overseas situation or a cross-cultural context within NZ. The DCWM has not been connected with short-term teams in the past year, but individuals and parishes who are interested in visiting projects or participating in practical ways with the work being done through Anglican Missions and NZCMS will find a wealth of experience in the staff of those organisations in helping shape constructive involvement. For example, <https://www.nzcms.org.nz/get-involved/short-term-teams/>
10. Leaders in each parish and ministry unit are urged to utilise Anglican Missions resources to increase awareness and concern for world mission among all ages. Whether in aged care facilities or among children and young people in parishes and schools, there are ways to increase understanding and to facilitate appropriate response.
11. Companion Dioceses: the possibility of building partnerships with specific dioceses is being explored.
12. **Membership of the Council:**
Our thanks to Peter Hurricks and Lesley Allan who served as Chair and Secretary respectively until late 2022. Raewyn Dawson joined in Dec 2022 and became interim co-chair of the Council with May Carrell. In April 2023, the council welcomed Bronwyn Tucker and Wayne Tucker as Chair and Secretary of the DCWM, joining seven active members. Mark Aitchison (Opawa/Beckenham), Rev. Peter Akester (Rangiora), May Carrell (Fendalton), Raewyn Dawson, Fay Deam (Chch West), Jean Hollis (Burnside/Harewood), Judy Palmer (AAW O & O Rep).