



## DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR WORLD MISSION REPORT TO SYNOD 2021

*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 Anglican church in New Zealand was founded by mission agencies from England and our first Archbishop, George Selwyn, was a missionary bishop. Even while our church was barely established it sent out missionaries to the Pacific region. We have an amazing legacy on which to build. Becoming involved with the task of spreading the Good News is not an option for any follower of Christ. Jesus died to free people from the dominion of darkness and to give them a future and a hope for the present and all eternity. The task in New Zealand is great but the size of the challenge around the world is far greater.

**Communication and Involvement:** Communication is the key function of the DCWM. The Council acts as a communication clearing house between parishes, NZCMS and their mission partners and the AM (Anglican Missions) and the projects they promote.

Both NZCMS and the AM have new directors, Revd Rosie Fyfe and Revd. Michael Hartfield and both are now working closely together. There is still much confusion among parishioners about the roles, relationships and functions of these two key organizations which both Rosie and Michael are working jointly to address. They have established a close working relationship with each other and their organizations which is so good see. The other great challenge is to present the Anglican church's overseas mission work in ways that make the most of electronic and social media and move away from printed media on which we have relied on in the past. The experiences of 2020 have shown how important this is. DCWM is fully supportive of this move into multimedia and is seeking to make more of this material available to parishes and mission units.

The highlight of 2020 was the appeal launched for the Mirpukhas Boy's Hostel in Pakistan which raised \$27,000 enabling the hostel to remain open and continue its vital role in supporting the education of young men from one of the poorest regions in Pakistan. This appeal was warmly supported by Bp. Peter and was a ground breaking example of how NZCMS and Anglican Mission can work together.

**Mission Motivators:** The DCWM was able to hold a parish Mission Motivators meeting in October 2020 which was well attended by around 38 people mostly from Christchurch parishes. This was a valuable opportunity to learn first hand about mission partners and projects as well as mutual sharing of ideas which was much appreciated especially by those who were new to the role of Mission Motivator. The DCWM has put in considerable effort to update the contact details of Mission motivators and now has an accurate data base. We have made the transition from contacting motivators by mail to more regular updates and information by email.

In 2021 the DCWM will be running two motivator meetings one in Christchurch and one in Timaru. The goal of mission motivators is to connect the people in their ministry unit with the people who are sharing the Gospel cross culturally both within NZ and in different parts of the world. The DCWM's task is to equip them for this.

**Diocesan Target Mission Giving Target:** In 2020 the total given by the Diocesan parishes and ministry units to the AM through the Diocese was \$165,107. This represents a decrease of \$3,586 compared to 2019. Considering what a difficult year 2020 has been, this is a reasonable result. The giving to Anglican Mission in 2020 was down in all Dioceses with the exception of the Waikato and Taranaki Diocese which managed to increase its giving. Our 2020 Synod approved a target of \$200,000 for 2021.

Current members of the DCWM are: Peter Hurricks (Chair), May Carrell (Secretary), Lee Biddington, Mark Aitchison, Jean Hollis and Fay Deam. We welcome new members Leslie Allen, Chris Poniah, and Judy Palmer (AAW overseas and outreach Representative). Our thanks to Bishop Peter for his support and encouragement of our Diocese' overseas mission involvement.

Peter Hurricks  
Chair