

Overseas and Northern Outreach Report AMUA Executive May 2022

Overseas Target Project

Following the decision made at the last Executive meeting concerning the Overseas Target Project, we have explored a partnership with Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA) and identified a Pacific based project in the Diocese of Polynesia, that is consistent with the Objectives of AMUA. A formal memorandum of understanding has been signed by the CEO of AOA Jo Knight and our Provincial President Anne Kennedy. Mary Sumner House support this venture and encourage MU to partner with accredited nongovernment organizations.

The project is based in the Theology of Disaster Resilience and focuses on upskilling young people to educate and assist communities to mitigate, plan and prepare for natural disasters.

Add the bit from the Bribie sermon.

In the last two months I have presented the project to two branches in Diocese of Brisbane: Bribie Island and North Pine, with a few other branches making future bookings. I have also given a session on the Theology of Disaster Resilience at St John's Cathedral.

I have also been enriched by joining the World Wide monthly zoom sessions, during which we have discussed the Parenting Program, our relevance to young people and the trauma and grief survey currently underway in Kenya and South Sudan.

Northern Outreach

The applications for grants have been slow in coming this year, and with members of the Northern Outreach Committee progressively succumbing to COVID 19, we have only just met to distribute the available \$23,981. Based on some feedback from members and the need to be transparent, we have decided to use only the money raised for the Northern Outreach Fund (NO) during the previous financial year.

Thus, we propose the following:

Diocese of North West Australia be granted \$6,000 from NO Fund for travel costs for the new bishop's wife. Given that the present bishop is not retiring until July, we suggest reserving the money and making it available at a later date when a new bishop is appointed.

Diocese of North Queensland be granted \$8,500 made up of \$8,000 from NO Fund and \$500 from the Training Fund for Indigenous Women. The NO Fund money will be used for travel costs for the DP and VPs for Cape York and the Torres Strait, while the remained will be used for training in First Nation communities.

Diocese of Northern Territory be granted \$12,481 in total. \$2,500 from Training Fund for Indigenous Women to support transitional housing activities for families. The remaining \$9,981 from the NO Fund to be used for Travel allowance for families going to the Katherine Christian Convention and for ongoing funding of Safe Ministry (AMUA have supported Safe Ministry training in NT for the last 4 years).

Other activates

As a member of AMUA Executive, I have also presented on "MU World to Branch" and "Caring for Caregivers".

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