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Ad Clerum

Dear Sisters and Brothers

ABM Archbishop's November Appeal 2020: Resourcing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry in the Diocese of North Queensland.

This year has been a rather different year with many challenges in the context of Covid-19. Nevertheless we continue to support the work of ABM (the national mission agency of the Anglican Church of Australia) through our annual Archbishop's November Appeal. The Archbishop's November Appeal for ABM this year will support the work of the Diocese of North Queensland.

We hope to raise \$50,000 to support three projects:

- **Developing the Church in the Torres Strait;**
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ministry Formation;**
- **Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsula.**

1. Developing the Church in the Torres Strait:

It is timely that we support the ministry and mission of the Anglican Church in North Queensland as next year (2021) will be the 150th celebration of 'Coming of the Light' to the Torres Strait Islands.

2021 marks the 150th anniversary of The Coming of The Light to the Torres Strait Islands. The London Missionary Society with Pacific Islander evangelists landed on the shores of Darnley Island and introduced the Bible to the people who lived there. This event, The Coming of The Light, is an integral part of cultural identity to Torres Strait Islander peoples. It is marked as a public holiday within the region and there is much joy around its anniversary. It is also an important anniversary for the national Anglican church, hence it being in our lectionary. (source ABM)

Funds raised will be used support the establishment of the Melanesian Brothers' ministry in the Torres Strait.

2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Ministry Formation:

For both the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander church there is a lack of leadership under the age of 50 years – but there are suitable candidates in the younger age range coming forward. Whilst there are no fees for attending Wontulp-Bi- Buya College, support is needed for studies: including a suitable laptop for each student, financial support when on residential courses, provision of mentoring, and Anglican formation in conjunction with the Ministry Development Officer. (source ABM)

Funds raised will be directed to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ministry formation in the Diocese of North Queensland

3. Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsular:

The Aboriginal communities on the Cape York Peninsula by and large cannot support stipendiary ministry. Therefore a half-time Ministry Development Officer has been appointed, combined with a half-time appointment at Yarrabah. The role is to support and mentor ministers in Aboriginal Communities, especially non-stipended and lay ministers. (source ABM)

Funds raised will support the work of a Ministry Development Officer for the Cape York Peninsula.

Further information:

Due to COVID-19 and complications with the usual distribution of resource material, the ACSQ ABM Committee has provided a number of appeal resources for you to use which are attached:

1. A3 Poster
2. A5 QR Flyer
3. Web banner
4. Facebook banner

This material can be easily distributed electronically to your parishioners and supporters, and the A3 poster can be printed.

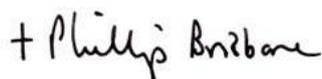
The ACSQ ABM Committee still have a number of November Appeal envelopes available if you find people wish to use the traditional method of giving. If you would like envelopes sent to your parish or ministry unit, please email the ACSQ ABM Committee on: abmacsq@gmail.com

You can also find more information via the [ABM Archbishop's 2020 November Appeal](#) website and the [ABM Diocese of North Queensland project](#) website.

I commend the 2020 ABM November Appeal to your people.

With thanks in anticipation for your generous support of God's mission in Northern Queensland

Yours in Christ



The Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall
Archbishop of Brisbane