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I HAVE BEEN THINKING A LOT LATELY about Solomon and his contribution to our theology of mission.

For example, the temple Solomon built was to be the dwelling place for the name of God, a place of worship to which not only the people of Israel, but people from all the nations of the world would come to worship God.

As for the foreigner who does not belong to your people Israel but has come from a distant land because of your name – for men will hear of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm – when he comes and prays toward this temple, then hear from heaven, your dwelling place, and do whatever the foreigner asks of you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your own people Israel, and may know that this house I have built bears your Name.

1 Kings 8:41-43

Now, as then, God invites all the nations of the earth, all the peoples of the world, to worship him, and, in worship, to find real and lasting joy – and taking this invitation to the nations is the mission to which we are called.

Solomon's temple was to be the place of prayer for the nations of the earth, a source of God's blessing for all peoples of the world. This is no less the work of the church today. The church isn't a building, rather the people of God are the 'sanctuary' to which the nations of the world will stream as they are blessed by the presence of God dwelling among his people. As the Apostle Peter reminds us, we who are God's people are a holy and royal priesthood, *living stones being built into a spiritual house*. Together we are the dwelling place of the Living God: we are both the sanctuary in which God dwells in the world, and the priests who serve in the sanctuary!

The priests who ministered in the temple stood between the people and God, interceding for them and offering sacrifices on their behalf. As a 'holy priesthood' we are to be a priestly community, interceding for and serving this world that God so loves that he gave his Son for it.

As such, if we're to be effective in our mission, then it seems to me that perhaps we need to recognise that as the dwelling place of God, the church is still under construction. We are being built together, stone fitted to stone; we are a work in progress. Thus we need to be humble in our engagement with others because the mission to which we are called is a work of reconciliation. We need to remember that the church does not do mission, the church is mission.

Although the temple image is metaphorical, the more I read of Solomon's temple, the more I think it serves to help us understand the deeper realities: that God *does* dwell within us, and that we are a blessing of God for the world – "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you," Jesus said.

Hamish

TOGETHER MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



Canon Robert Kereopa
Executive Officer

ONE CHURCH, THREE TIKANGA, BUILT TOGETHER IN MISSION

Our Church is a church of great diversity. It seems to me that our mission contribution is shaped more and more because of our diversity. Our Mission together is growing, and in many ways we are being knitted together by the Mission we share.

It is pleasing to report that mission grants and allocations for the year 2008 increased by over 9% as compared with the previous year, when adjusted for the 2007 Missions conference. This included an increase for Tikanga Pakeha Missions of \$17,000, Tikanga Maori Missions of \$15,000, and a new allocation to the South Pacific Missions Network of \$3,000. The majority of the increase can be attributed to non-target allocations including non-target fundraising such as \$11,050 for the Michael Blain/Popondota, PNG appeal and specific donations such as the Henry & William Williams Trust grant to ACPNG of \$40,000.

The Board is aware that there is growing financial support from our Church for 'non-target' or 'specified' projects and these are viewed as an integral part of the Board's work.

Thank you all for growing the Mission of our Church!

STRONG TIKANGA GIVING

Our global mission funds are still reliant primarily on the sacrificial giving of our 3-Tikanga Church. Although tikanga giving increased by only 1.2% overall, tikanga giving from most dioceses increased during 2008, some to record levels.

Congratulations go to Wellington (108%), Auckland (98%), Waiapu (103%), Dunedin (110%), Te Pihopatanga (100%) and Polynesia (101%). All either exceeded the mission giving targets they set, or came within 3% of achieving it. The Waikato diocese (96%) increased their giving during 2008, and Christchurch (95%) and Nelson (90%) dioceses, although down on the previous year, made significant contributions to the mission taonga of our Church.

The Henry & William Williams Trust, a well known Anglican family trust, are continuing to provide significant support to mission work in Papua New Guinea and Polynesia, having increased their support significantly during 2008. The AAW continue to support special projects of their choosing. We have also seen a steady level of giving from individual donors who provide important funding for specific appeals.

GROWING IN MISSION AND PARTNERSHIP

Partnership is the primary vehicle for our Mission to the world. Sacrificial giving fuelling a growing taonga enables the funding of our mission partnerships around the globe.

AMB's major support continues to go to the New Zealand Church Missionary Society (NZCMS) as it has since the Board's inception in 1922. An "Accord" between AMB and NZCMS forms the basis of a partnership between the two

entities. \$560,000 was granted to NZCMS in 2008 to support the work of mission partners serving overseas.

Other significant grants for 2008 went to the work of The Diocese of Polynesia (\$160,000) supporting various projects including Evangelism, Education, Clergy Support, Health and Development Projects; The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea (\$125,000) supporting Evangelism, Theological Education, Clergy Support, Child Education, Health Care including StopAIDS Projects and Development Projects; Tikanga Maori Missions (\$75,000) supporting the Australian Maori Missions, further development within the Anglican Indigenous Network; and The Anglican Church in Tanzania (\$18,000) supporting the establishment of an Education Office for the Province.

Further grants have been made to The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East (\$15,774), The Church in Melanesia (\$2,000), and to Sharing of Ministries Abroad New Zealand (\$3,000).

For the first time the Tikanga Pakeha Missions Council applied for and received a grant for projects supported by dioceses and disbursed as follows: \$5,500 to support a secondary school teacher salary at Good Shepherd Secondary School, Diocese of Kagera; \$5,000 to support the ministry of the Corin family in Central Asia, \$4,000 to support the Waskia bible translation project in Papua New Guinea and \$3,500 to support the Rev Given Gaula from Tanzania, who is studying at St John's Theological College, Auckland.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS 2008

It is pleasing to report a better than expected 2008 financial performance as reflected in the Income and Expenditure statement for the 2008 financial year. In addition, the Board continues to maintain a strong financial position as reflected by the Balance Sheet of the Board.

The Board's decision to budget for a large (\$54,500) deficit for 2008 seems to have been vindicated with a better than expected year-end deficit of \$20,000.

December giving was well above expectations with a number of dioceses recording record giving results overall for the year. Wellington in particular had a strong performance with a late rally.

CONCLUSION

Sacrificial giving from the various corners of our Church, coming from almost every parish, is helping fuel a growing Mission through the mission partnerships this Church supports.

We all have a stake in this Mission, together!

Rev Robert Kereopa
Executive Officer

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2008

"Go then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples: baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28: 19 – 20 GNB)



Bishop Gabriel Sharma

THE CORE BUSINESS OF The Missions Board has been and remains the enabling of global mission of this Provincial Church. The **Mission** of mission is mission. Without mission we cannot do mission. The Board has both a biblical and canonical mandate to engage in global and local mission for this three-tikanga Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

With this goal as its driving force the Board embarked on its objective and has been successful in carrying out its mission priorities set for the 2008 year. Apart from supporting of missionaries through the NZCMS, several projects have also been supported and successfully completed.

It is imperative to point out that without the support of the wider church – through giving, praying, encouraging and going out – the work of the Board would not have found success.

MISSIONS GIVING

2008 has been a very successful financial year, superseding the expectations of the Board as well as the 2007 financial results. Together with exceeding the budgeted income, the anticipated deficit (faith gap) has been reduced.

This is a direct result of your generosity and the Board's committed efforts in minimising expenditure. The Board is indeed very delighted for achieving such a milestone in exceeding the budgeted income target and wishes to record its sincere thanks to you, the mission supporters.

In dollar terms it may not mean much but spiritually it confirms your committed support for the ongoing work of the Board in trying to reach out to the needy people around us. Every dollar given and spent through the Board is impacting someone's life around the world, in a positive way. Through your giving the love of God is shared and made a reality for such people.

BOARD MEMBERS

The Board welcomes the new tikanga representatives after the General Synod in 2008. We are looking forward to your fresh contribution and ideas that will enhance the work of the Missions Board. The Board is excited to work to strengthen its partnership with the tikanga and organisations that you represent.

The Board records its sincere appreciation for those members who have served in their capacity as tikanga representatives over a period of time. It is hoped that your dedicated and committed service at grassroots level will continue.

THE COMMON LIFE MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2011

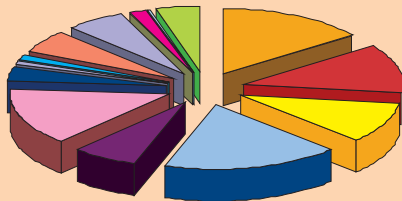
The Board has committed itself to the organising of the conference in 2011. A three-tikanga working committee has been established and planning for this event will begin early 2009. Updates and further details for the conference will be provided through the Board's communication and website.

Such an event reinforces to the wider Church the purpose of its existence – mission into the local and international worlds is our business.

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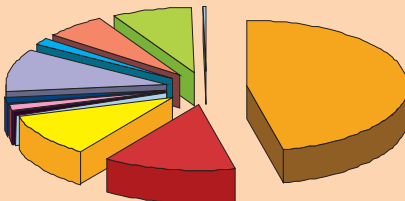
HOW THE TAONGA IS CREATED

- Auckland
- Waikato
- Waiapu
- Wellington
- Nelson
- Christchurch
- Dunedin
- Polynesia
- Te Pihopatanga
- Fundraising Appeals
- Specified Donations
- AAW O&O
- Legacies
- Other



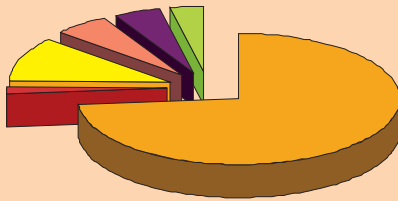
THE DIVISION OF THE TAONGA

- NZCMS
- Polynesia
- PNG
- SOMA
- Melanesia
- Jerusalem
- Tanzania
- Specified Donations
- TPMC
- TPOA
- Other Allocations
- Emergencies



THE BALANCE ACHIEVED

- Grants & Allocations
- Board Oversight
- Administration
- Promotion
- Fundraising
- Other



SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008	2007	2006
	\$	\$	\$
INCOME			
Auckland	243,829	233,218	232,297
Waikato	196,037	193,924	196,311
Waiapu	164,140	162,448	156,447
Wellington	292,528	277,349	280,815
Nelson	108,257	120,084	114,350
Christchurch	227,077	237,524	218,393
Dunedin	60,312	57,805	57,380
Polynesia	12,131	12,000	12,200
Te Pihopatanga	20,036	15,000	12,127
Total Tikanga Contributions	1,324,347	1,309,352	1,280,320
Fundraising	75,937	38,882	73,438
Other Income	218,472	247,990	321,059
	1,618,756	1,596,224	1,674,817
LESS EXPENSES			
Grants & Allocations	1,204,305	1,199,347	1,135,687
Administration	213,197	232,774	202,182
Promotion & Fundraising	166,236	94,184	137,883
Depreciation Expense	24,570	17,782	16,108
Other	30,631	63,967	24,373
	1,638,939	1,608,054	1,516,233
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(20,183)	(11,830)	158,584

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008	2007	2006
	\$	\$	\$
Current Assets	335,441	326,285	299,689
Fixed Assets	484,889	498,755	568,943
Other Non- current Assets	410,469	415,652	392,675
Current Liabilities	(154,216)	(143,926)	(152,711)
Non-current Liabilities	0	0	0
Equity	1,076,583	1,096,766	1,108,596

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008	2007	2006
	\$	\$	\$
Equity at start of year	1,096,766	1,108,596	950,012
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(20,183)	(11,830)	158,584
Equity at end of year	1,076,583	1,096,766	1,108,596

Figures are extracted from the audited financial statements.

The Anglican Mission Board's full audited financial statements are available from the Board's office at 32 Mulgrave St, PO Box 12-012, Thorndon, Wellington, New Zealand ph: 04 473-5172

These Summary Financial Statements were approved for issue on 19 February 2009 for and on behalf of the Board by Rev. Robert Kereopa, Executive Officer.

THE ADMINISTRATION STAFF/OFFICE

The Executive Officer with the faithful support and backing of the office staff – Rev. Canon Robert Kereopa, Rev. Hamish Thomson, Valerie, Janet, Leanne and Emma respectively – teamed together and worked tirelessly during 2008. Such effort is a testament to the achievements of the Missions Board at large.

Unfortunately we have lost the committed service and expertise of Ms. Valerie Aull who left us at the end of March 2009 in order to further her career. Valerie will be greatly missed; however the Board wishes her well in her endeavours. Indeed, the Board is very grateful for her commitment and sincere support of the Executive Officer which contributed greatly to the day-to-day running of the office.

The staff team have continued to provide unwavering support behind the scenes and the Board is greatly appreciative of their vital work.

FORWARD PLANNING

The Board has undertaken and committed itself to the Missions Consultation scheduled in early 2009. It desires to rejuvenate and strengthen its mandated missional purpose and objectives for the Provincial Church.

The contributions at this consultation will be compiled and examined by the Board to further strengthen and improve its mission work and objectives. Representatives from all the three tikanga will participate in this event.

CONCLUSION

The Board extends a very warm welcome to Rev. Steve Maina, the new General Secretary of NZCMS, as a representative to the Board. Together with his role at NZCMS, the Provincial Church is glad to receive a missionary into its midst. The Board is excited and looking forward to working with Rev. Maina with a fresh perspective into the ongoing mission work of the Church.

Despite the economic climate, your faithful giving and support has been marvellous. Sincere thanks for all your efforts and unwavering support to the Anglican Missions Board throughout the 2008 year which has seen success in many aspects of our mission work and responsibility. The Board's achievements reflect your support in every way – giving, praying, encouraging, sending and going. Congratulations and God's blessings.

*Bishop Gabriel Sharma
Chair*



CHANGING FACE OF MISSION



*Steve Maina
General Secretary,
NZCMS*

RECENTLY I HAD AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION with my neighbour in Christchurch when he asked what I did. I said I was a missionary from Africa (Kenya) to New Zealand. After his initial shock, our discussion centred on what a modern missionary might look like. It was all new stuff to him.

Much of my neighbour's perception of Africa, for example, was from the media, especially TV. To dwell on Africa's problems and shortcomings is to miss out on some of its true nature and face, and on the characteristics by which Africans define themselves . . . even in the midst of suffering and poverty, the warmth, dignity and hospitality of its people, its incomparable religious sense, its promotion of families, and inexplicable joy and vibrancy. TV does not record these.

Our world has encountered tremendous change over the last few years, not just in economics, communication or social values, but also in missions. What are these trends and how can we engage strategically in God's mission in a changing world?

CHANGING FIELDS

From late last century, the gravity of the Church has moved from West to East, North to South (NZ does not always fit into these categories). The Church in the West has been experiencing declining numbers especially among the younger people. The West is therefore becoming one of the world's fastest growing mission fields – present day Generation X and Y are largely unchurched, thus presenting New Zealand as a 'mission field'.

CHANGING MODELS

The old model of mission – *If it works in the West, export it to the rest* – has had negative effects on the growth of the gospel in some parts of the two thirds world.

There are three dangers with our modern missions of exportation.

Firstly, we are so busy exporting programmes without asking "what is God uniquely doing in that culture?"

Secondly, we involve and distract the local, indigenous leadership of the majority world Church in programmes, so that the very people God could use to further his Kingdom in his own unique way are unavailable to dream a uniquely local dream and have a local vision.

Thirdly, we now have the sophistication, technology and expertise to create virtually any programme, whether God blesses it or not, and once a programme works, do we have the courage to stop it even when it continues to consume precious resources and personnel?

So the challenge is to find out, follow and do only what the Father is doing . . . (John 5:19). We need to go back to our knees to pray for a fresh wind of the Spirit on our land. To go to the Scriptures to seek fresh insights from God's word about what it means to be the Church of Christ. And yes, to ask for help from that part of the global Church experiencing great harvest.

In NZCMS we are connected with over 40 different agencies and many churches globally. We hope to share stories emerging from other parts of the world to help you know how you can connect with what God is doing in his mission and to learn some amazing models being used to extend God's Kingdom.

To be continued in the next Mission Action: Changing Values and Changing Resources.

Steve Maina



TRANSFORMING INDIGENOUS MISSION

From 23-27 April the Anglican Indigenous Network held its biennial gathering in Hawai'i to focus on transforming of mission to indigenous communities.



Canada delegates



Delegates from Australia

In the nineteenth century the establishment of the Anglican Communion around the world was driven by a call to Mission. Unfortunately the concept of 'Mission' was often equated with 'assimilation', and Christianity with Western Civilisation. The impact of this thinking on indigenous communities was destructive, and our Church was part of that destruction, including Anglican missions and residential schools in Australia, Canada and the United States being places of abuse and loss, and facilitating the 'stolen generation' in Australia. In Hawai'i, the Anglican Church was established by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, however the line was soon deposed by the United States and the reigning Queen Liliuokalani imprisoned. Here in Aotearoa there is a history of marginalisation and loss aided and abetted by the Church. Indigenous communities remain the poorest and most marginalised in every land, in need of justice and reconciliation.

Regardless of this history of injustice and oppression, there was still a strong and vibrant indigenous Anglican faith in each land. The Church has been a place of growth and adaptation, of faith and commitment. Recently much has happened here in Aotearoa to address these issues climaxing in our revised constitution Te Pouhere, and The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia is seen by many indigenous Anglicans as an aspirational Gospel-based model.

Established in 1992, the Anglican Indigenous Network gathers every two years with delegations from each member church including Hawai'i, Australia, Canada, the USA and Aotearoa to focus on areas of mutual concern and for faith and fellowship. The delegations include youth, women, clergy, theological educators and elders. This year the hui was held at the Kilauea Military Camp on the island of Hawai'i, and the Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa delegation was led by Bishop John Gray.

There was much to celebrate at the hui. Native ministry in Hawai'i which had nearly become extinct is undergoing a revival supported closely by Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa. Indigenous Australians celebrated the Australian Government's apology after decades of refusal to say sorry for injustices. The hui also supported and celebrated the work of Bishop Mark MacDonald, the newly appointed National Indigenous Anglican Bishop in Canada, whose primary goal is to reduce the large amount of child deaths on Native reservations due to poverty.

However issues of great concern remain for AIN members. The only countries that have not signed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples are Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States. There also remains the continuing marginalisation of indigenous Anglicans, such as the unilateral review of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council by the Australian General Synod, and the subtle misplacement of indigenous peoples as "just another minority" in "multicultural churches". These issues were included in creating a statement to the Anglican Consultative Council in Jamaica.

The real success of the hui comes from the ability of these issues to be followed up. The establishment of the Tikanga Maori Missions Council in partnership with the Anglican Missions Board has enabled the effective outreach and mission to these indigenous communities. In doing so, mission is transformed and the Gospel can truly be proclaimed to all nations.

The Reverend Hirini Kaa

