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FROM BISHOP JOHN STEAD – AMS National Chairman

Supporting those who are working to ensure that the safety of individuals is guaranteed within the church should be a concern of all members of the church community. Indeed, we should go beyond support and commit ourselves to working to create safe church environments.

Being a safe church is not just about protecting children, although much of the focus has been upon this due to the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse. Being a safe church encompasses safeguarding the well-being of any vulnerable person. A young person (birth to 18) falls within the category of being vulnerable but so too do adults 'whose ability to protect himself or herself from violence, abuse, neglect or exploitation is significantly impaired through physical or mental disability or illness, old age, emotional fragility or distress, or otherwise the reference to being impaired is to being impaired temporarily or indefinitely...' (see the CofE's Clergy Discipline Measure 2016).

The National Church (General Synod and Standing Committee) and your Diocese will have introduced measures to ensure that we are a safe church. One would imagine that everyone would support the principle underlying a Safe Church Environment; it's a 'no-brainer,' of course, we want to be a safe church!

One of the problems which arise is when a church authority asks us to comply with a screening process, which may include a National Police Check, and undertake safe ministry training. After all, we haven't been expected to do these things before! Are you implying that I might do something wrong? Don't you trust me? I'm offended that you would ask me to do this, I've been helping in my church for forty years! These or similar comments are often said.

The problem with the responses above is that the focus has shifted away from ensuring that vulnerable people are safe to be offended that our character has been called into question. The reality is that no one's integrity is being questioned. Instead, we have come to realise that we need to screen all people who are either in leadership roles or exercising a ministry that may include vulnerable people to ensure that we are a safe church. When we start making exceptions we create a pathway that can be taken which can enable abuse.

I hope that all the members of AMS will be advocates for processes that ensure we are a safe church, that members will support those who have the leadership role in implementing the screening and training processes.

Peace,



REPORT FROM MAKANG'WA

Greetings from the Amani Center and the Amani Family.

The rains have moved away. We are enjoying sunny days, literally making hay while the sun shines.

The Prince of Peace School. Classes recommenced on Monday, April 9th, following the Easter break. The school environment is attractive following the welcome rains. The local roads, which were DREADFUL during the rains have been graded and rolled. The buses will enjoy smooth travel – for a while. We are placing increasing pressure on parents to increase fee contributions. This is meeting with some success. We anticipate further strong improvement following the coming harvest. Do pray for the school. The students are a joy.

To the right is John, our Academic Master, with three of the students. John is highly respected and keenly focused.



organization. It will be known as VIMECHIA. That is quite a mouthful. In correspondence we shall refer to VIMECHIA (DCMP). That will help until we are 'converted' to the new terminology. I have today learned that Young Ben, who leads this ministry, has been diagnosed with typhoid fever. Keep him in your prayers as he now continues through the recovery phase. Fortunately there are others at the Home who can maintain all activities. On Saturday, April 7th I participated in a meeting of the reconstituted Board of VIMECHIA (DCMP). It was an encouraging meeting. Presently the membership consists of Young Ben, myself, a most competent secretary, a local teacher, the Headmistress of the local Primary School, two local Pastors, the Ward (Regional) Education Coordinator, and a Lay Catechist. This is an impressive group of dedicated people. They

DCMP – The Children's Home. The activity has now been renamed, by Government decree. It is now the 'VIABLE MEANS FOR CHILD AID' non-Government



are determined to strengthen local support for this work. The future has many challenges but we are encouraged.

The Amani Center is a picture following the rains. We are struggling to make arrangements to manage the coming harvest (maize, sorghum, millet, sunflower), and to gather and process the greatly increased amount of hay, needed for the long dry



season. We normally retain the grain from the harvest for processing into flour for Prince of Peace and the Children of Peace Preschools. I thought I had this well in hand but have underestimated the facility required to handle it. We are working on it.

In relation to all of this blessing it is evident that we need increased security for the Center. The key need is the fencing of our main road frontage. Most projects here spend HEAVILY on security fencing at the

beginning of development. We constructed a GATE, with thorn bush fence. The development of our various activities indicates the pressing need for the fence. We have cattle, pigs, chickens and ducks, the Student House, grape vines and our now producing

coconut trees. There are problems with cattle, goats and two legged opportunists.

Our dairy bull is a little 'pushy'. We do not want to have an injured child.

For this work we need the following:

Twenty Rolls of 2m chain link fencing (15m per roll). \$973.00USD

Fifty Two treated posts. \$490.00USD



**Ten rolls of barbed wire.
Cost of clearing the fence line.**

**\$250.00USD
\$130.00USD**

If this were a perfect world.....! Well, the Ten Commandments became necessary long ago. Contributions to this need will be most WELCOME.

We have been blessed through the presence of visitors. Kris and Steve Hart, Billings, MT and friend Tito, from northern Tanzania, visited for three days. I knew the Harts through most of my days in Billings. It was such a joy to meet again, here in Tanzania, celebrating the present and recalling wonderful days. Steve is involved with a water project in northern Tanzania.

This was followed by a visit from Pastor Paul Masaka and his lovely wife Shukran. Their marriage took place while I was away last year. I have known Paul for some years as he worked here in preparation for entry into Theological College. He was sponsored through Amani. As you can see Shukran is a beautiful woman. Paul's congregation has grown to the point where they now have

two morning services. The congregation is planning a new building to replace the present structure. I know that people who know Kris Hart will enjoy the photo of Kris joining in the praise, with dance! This was an outstanding celebration at St. John's Church.

Thank you for your support and prayers. May the blessings of God abound towards you.

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QUEENSLAND PROVINCIAL COUNCIL ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND A.G.M.

This event was held at St. Peter's, Southport on Saturday 26th May, 2018. A total of 52 people attending the meeting including Bishop John Roundhill, Bishop Johnathan Holland and Bishop Danial Deng Abot of South Sudan. Also in attendance were Dean Philip Rongotha and 8 delegates from Honiara in the Solomon Islands.

The Friday evening was an informal Pizza night as delegates arrived at the local motel. Saturday commenced with a breakfast at St. Peter's followed by the morning business session.

Nine new members were inducted – from Honiara Frs. John Ashley, Matthias Aula Loji, Noel Sanau, from a new branch at Inala, Brisbane – Neil Holm, Arthur Walker, Douglas Wiskar, Alfred Wreh and Janani Loum and Robert Kake from the Ipswich branch. A big welcome to these new members joining the AMS brotherhood.

Christian Religious Instruction. Following an address from the Co-ordinator of CRI for the greater Ipswich area a donation of \$2,000 was approved for this work.

Bishop's visit to Honiara. The Council agreed to sponsor a visit by Bishop John Stead to Honiara in 2019.

Admission of female Priests/Rectors to AMS membership. It was agreed to alter the Queensland Constitution to permit this change in membership.

New AMS branches. A donation of \$1,000 to be granted to new branches when chartered..

Queensland Council Projects. Every two years we nominate a Council Project. The current Project "Bush Ministry" is in its second year. A grant of \$4,000 was approved.

AMS Relief Fund. The existing Benevolent fund to be altered to the new name – AMS Relief Fund for easier administration. \$4,000 to be transferred to this account bringing the balance to \$4,883.13.

Bursary for St. Francis Theological College. It was agreed that our current annual bursary of \$15,000 continue in the years 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Bishop Daniel Deng Abot's mission in South Sudan and Uganda. It was agreed to pay for Bishop Daniel's airfares to and from South Sudan. It was also agreed to grant \$3,000 to Bishop Daniel in January, 2019.

Amani Centre, Tanzania. A donation of \$3,000 was approved for the Amani Centre, Tanzania to be paid via the Hearts For Africa in Brisbane.

Domestic Violence in Solomon Islands. A discussion was held on methods of combating Domestic Violence. The possibilities of a community Centre in Honiara was canvassed and further investigation is to be made before the November Council meeting.

St. Hugh's, Inala. A report was received about the storm and flood damage suffered by this church. It was agreed to donate \$5,000 to the parish towards the cost repairs to buildings.

Election of Office Bearers for 2018/2019.

Chairman: Jim Smith, Toowoomba General Manager: Andy Brodersen, Ipswich
Deputy Chairman: 1. Mike Cox, Bundaberg 2. Shane Inglis, Southport 3. Steven Humphreys, Zillmere.

Review Editor: John Brown, Sherwood Chaplain: Father Stephen Monsieigneur, Ipswich.

VICTORIAN DIOCESAN MEMBERS – ANNUAL SUBS 2018.

Annual subs for these members are \$20 and due on 30th June, 2018. Please send a cheque to the National Secretary OR by transfer to **AMS National Council** Account - NAB 083 343 20793 4089.

If paying by transfer please add your name to the transfer – many thanks.

Victorian Diocesan members who are financial will find their receipt with this Newsletter.

ANNUAL FEES

Diocesan Secretaries and Secretaries of Lone branches are reminded that annual fees should be paid by 30th June each year. It was agreed at the last National Council that the fees for 2018 would remain unchanged at \$20 per member. Membership return forms are available from the National Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORTS AND AGENDA ITEMS

Provincial Councils and Lone branches are reminded to send copies of annual reports to the National secretary by 1st August, 2018 for inclusion in the papers for the National Council meeting. Any agenda items for consideration by the National Council should also be sent to the Secretary by that date.

NEW BRANCHES

A new AMS branch has commenced at St. Hugh's, Inala with six members. Inala is a southern suburb of Brisbane, 13km south west of the city centre. The branch at Honiara in the Solomon Islands is growing rapidly and now has about 100 members. Congratulations to all new members in these branches.

NEWS FROM TASMANIA

Colin Hingston the Lay chairman of AMS Tasmania is moving north to Queensland and has resigned as Lay chairman. We wish him safe travel as he relocates nearer to other members of his family. Leo Hurst advised me that in May a decision was made to close the Moonah branch in Hobart. The remaining members have decided to continue meeting in private homes.

ST. OSWALD'S DAY IN MELBOURNE

This day falls on Sunday 5th August and AMS Mitcham branch have decided to have a Sunday afternoon function with entertainment and food in place of the usual evening dinner function. This will be held at All Saints', Mitcham 2 to 5pm. Cost \$10 per person – all welcome. RSVP to Ivan Holt by 28th July.

INTEGRITY AND HONESTY

With the revelations from the Banking Royal Commission of lies and fraudulent practices we, the victims, of these actions ask what has happened to integrity and honesty in business life in Australia. It seems to have also infected the sporting arena with ball tampering in Test Cricket. The Australian team was literally caught out in South Africa in the recent series.

In both cases it shows a loss of character and moral compass both in everyday life as well as business life. One good thing I find in being retired is that I have the time to help people and spend some time with people needing assistance. These people are often quite surprised to find help being offered which would indicate that this action was not a normal outcome for them.

So AMS members can by volunteering and assisting people make the community stronger as many tasks cannot be handled by governments – be they Federal, State or Local.

EASY FRUIT CAKE from Lisa - Mainly Music co-ordinator, All Saints', Mitcham, Vic.

Ingredients: - 125gms Butter, 1 Cup of Brown sugar, 3 tsps of Vanilla essence, 1 Egg, 1.25 cups of SR Flour.

3 cups of fruit – can be fresh or dried fruit or a mixture of both. You could include nuts if you wish.

I have used 1 cup of dried dates and 1 can of Goulburn Valley Mangoes 685gm.

Turn oven on to 200C then reduce to 180C.

Cake mixture: Melt butter and dried fruit with brown sugar (low heat) until dissolved.

Take off heat and cool a little. Mix in egg and flour.

Drain mangoes, slice and place in baking tray then pour cake mixture over the fruit.

Place in oven at reduced temperature – cook 20 mins or until skewer comes out clean.

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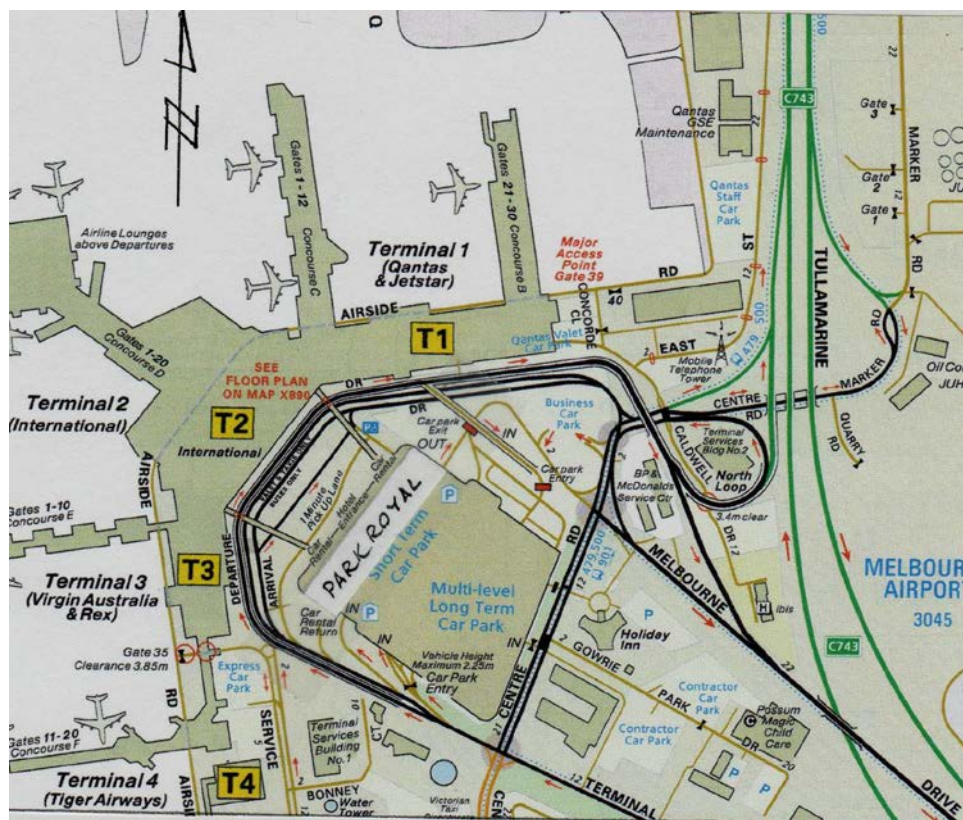
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The National Council Meeting will be held at the Park Royal Hotel Level 5 – Tuesday 11th Sept.

REGISTRATION FORM - AMS NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, MELBOURNE.**One day only – Tuesday 11th September, 2018**

Delegate Name.....
 Address.....
 Representing
 Phone – Home.....Mobile.....
 E-mail.....
 Name for Name Tag.....
 Have you any special needs i.e. Diet or mobility.....

Location of Meeting.

This will be held at the PARK ROYAL Hotel at Tullamarine Airport on Level 5, which is above the multistorey carpark opposite the airport terminal building. The same venue was used in 2016.

Program

9.30 – 10am	Arrival and Morning Tea	Foyer
10am – 4pm	Business sessions	Room
12.20 – 1.30pm	Lunch	Buffet in Foyer

CAR PARKING

This is available in the short term carpark underneath the Hotel at \$20 for 3 hours and \$35 per day.

N.B. Please ensure you validate your parking ticket at the hotel reception to obtain this reduced rate.

DELEGATES

Provincial and Diocesan Councils are entitled to 2 delegates. Lone Branches can nominate 1 delegate this Meeting of the National Council.
 Costs will come from Society funds.

Please post this completed form to the National Secretary by 8th August, 2018

The Hotel requires a firm number by this date for catering.

Mail Address: I. A. Holt – 3 Scarborough Road, Vermont South, Vic, 3133

The Park Royal Hotel is the venue for the National Council Meeting.
 The entry to the Park Royal Hotel is directly opposite the T2 terminal – go to level 5.