



Many Languages in Christ

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One Peg at a Time*

Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

Floods replace Covid

January saw the peak in Covid infections, but by the end of February the south east was subject to devastating floods. Rev Bronwyn from Goodna was instrumental last year in collecting money for the flood victims in South Sudan and now she is leading the way in getting congregations to donate to help the many flood victims who have suffered in our own floods. She will be the person who gives out the financial help across the ethnic and broader community of the diocese.



Rev. Bronwyn Pagram from Goodna Parish at a meeting with Daniel

St Barts Youth Initiative

Peter Dutton the Youth and Young Adults Minister at St Bart's in Toowoomba is exploring a new initiative with Daniel. It involves youth from ethnic congregations by working with them and having them work with him to find ways to promote ethnic integration across a number of nationalities at St Bart's. It is exciting to see parishes taking the lead in exploring what cultural differences mean and how to find ways to appreciate each other.



Peter Dutton from St Bart's with Daniel

Planning Discussions

The most important thing to get the year going is for me to set out a plan of what I propose to do during the year ahead. Before that can be put into place I needed to get my boss, Stephen Harrison, to go over it with me and agree to it and that it is workable.



Daniel and PMC Executive Director Stephen Harrison going over the plan for the Ethnic Congregations project for 2022.

Catch Up Evening at Robina

Following a very successful "Hello Evening" last year, Robina parish is the first out of the blocks with the next step of holding a "Catch Up Evening" in June.

Rev'd Mary-Anne the associate priest of the parish will be very involved in the plans as they take shape. As always Rev'd Stewart has been enormously supportive in this project.



Bishop Daniel, Rev'd Mary-Anne and Rev'd Stewart

Meeting with Bishops

I have now had the opportunity to brief all three regional Bishops and gain their support for the 2022 Ethnic Project Plan. They were particularly supportive of the new directions of reaching more ethnic groups across the diocese and exploring new ways address problems that confront ethnic youth as they grow up in a western society.

I am very, very grateful for their support of my work.



Bishop Jeremy, Bishop Daniel and Bishop John at a meeting in St Martins House. Daniel met with Bishop Cameron on a separate occasion.

Survey Results Soon

The final collection of survey results is almost complete. Rev. Bronwyn Pagram has been driving this collection in her parish to get as many of the ethnic congregation families as possible to take part. Importantly the team working with me to finish this project have also been active in a "get out the vote" style campaign to reach as many people as possible and encourage them to take part.

We are on the last lap now and I want to say a big thank-you to everyone who has participated. It means a lot for our future plans and support.



From left: Atem, Akech, Manyon, Khot, Deng and Bishop Daniel

