



Many Languages in Christ

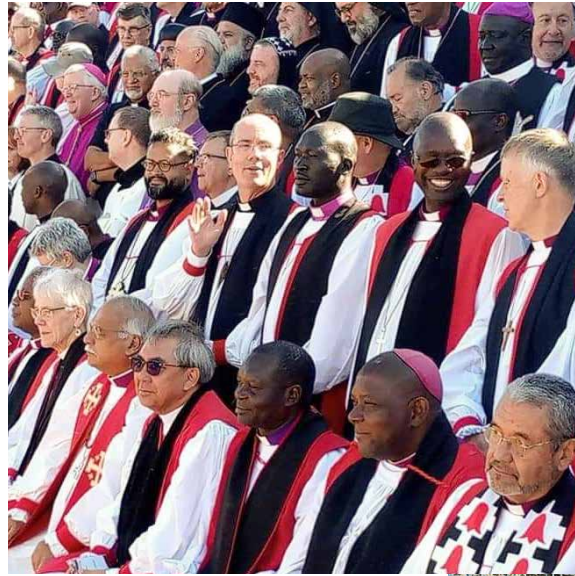
*Listen Plan Do
One Peg at a Time*

Ethnic Congregations Project Newsletter ACSQ

Lambeth Conference

Rachel and I had the great privilege to attend the Lambeth Conference in England in July - August. It is the ten year gathering of Bishops from across the communion. It was a time of great spiritual and personal connection across small groups and the wide world of Anglicans.

There were many moving occasions of teaching and worship. Also an opportunity to get to know bishops from all over the Anglican communion. I had good fortune to connect in person with several Canadians with whom I have corresponded for some time. Rachel was asked to help with interpretation for the Archbishop of Canterbury's team and MU World President. We enjoyed every minute.

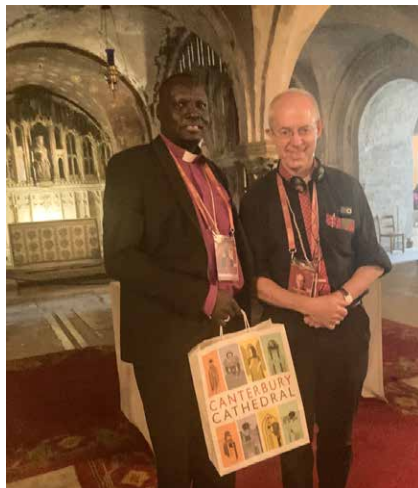


*Clockwise from above:
Some of the assembled Bishops (Cam giving a wave);
Kate, Sue from the Archbishops team and Rachel;
Cam, Kate, Rachel and Daniel in front of the facade of Canterbury Cathedral;
Sharon the world president of MU with Rachel.*



PMC Team Gifts

While at the conference I took the opportunity to buy a Canterbury Cross for each of my PMC team members as a small thank-you for all the support they give me. I also had a chance to ask the Archbishop of Canterbury to bless them personally in one of the chapels in the Cathedral. (See photo at right with Daniel and Archbishop Justin Welby just before moving into the chapel to bless the crosses.)



Ethnic Congregations Survey Overview

The survey was completed by 137 people, each representing a family, mainly across four congregations: St Paul's, Ipswich; Raceview; St James', Toowoomba; and St Laurence's, Caboolture.

Leaders identified the following issues as major issues facing the congregations:

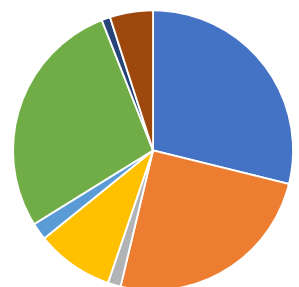
- Having hall/space of their own.
- Transportation for community members

- Lack of teaching equipment
- Financial resources
- No full-time priest
- Language and cultural misunderstandings

These results only focus on the future identified needs, but it also needs to be said that most were appreciative for what already happens.

The survey gives us a clear understanding of what things need to be worked on.

Respondents by congregation



■ St Paul's Ipswich ■ St James Toowoomba ■ St Laurence's Caboolture
■ St Luke's Goodna ■ Yeronga Parish ■ Raceview Congregation
■ St Barnabas Sunnybank ■ Other

Southern Region Clergy Conference

At the end of August Bishop John invited me to come to the Southern Region Clergy Conference. He asked me to preach at the conference Eucharist. I began by apologising for any difficulty the congregation had in understanding me as English is my fourth language. But I did offer to do the sermon in either Dinka, Arabic or Swahili if they were more comfortable?

The next evening after dinner I told my life story which gave many clergy an insight into the shared experiences of South Sudanese and Sudanese people in the diocese.



Above:
My sermon;
Leaving the service with Bishop John;
A presentation to say thanks from Bishop John.



Graduation from USQ

After nine years part time study I finally graduated from the University of Southern Queensland with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services with a Counselling Major.

It was a cause for great celebration for my family and indeed the South Sudanese community, as education is held in great respect and a wonderful gift from Australia to a refugee people.

For me, it has been a long journey to reach this honour, something that I could never have imagined as a lost boy.



Left: With daughters Anna and Margaret
Above: With cousins William and Peter.

Tiit De Nyiin

Tiit De Nyiin (Pastoral Care). This year I have been quietly working on a project to get support for leaders in South Sudanese and Sudanese Congregations to be able to better offer pastoral care. It is about two things only - a phone to ring up and some petrol money to visit in time of need. We now have enough from the Diocese to get started but please read the letter on the next page - we will need more to make this a permanent project.



After being announced at St Paul's, Ipswich. Rachel, David, Simon, Daniel and Elizabeth.



Tiit De Nyiin (Pastoral Care) Project

The Tiit De Nyiin (Pastoral Care) Project seeks to provide Sudanese and South Sudanese pastoral carers with resources to enable them to care for and support their refugee and migrant community more effectively.

Donations to support this Project are welcomed. The money raised will solely be used to cover phone and petrol expenses of those involved in delivering pastoral care to Sudanese and South Sudanese people connected with the Anglican Church Southern Queensland.

Donations

Please deposit donations for the The Tiit De Nyiin (Pastoral Care) Project into the following account:

Account Name: Sudanese Pastoral Care Project

BSB Number: 704-901

Account Number: 00015601

(Please note that donations for the Project are not tax deductible.)

Please note this is the official account for Project donations (donations should not be made into any other account). Oversight and control of this account is provided by the staff of the Finance and Diocesan Services Commission, Anglican Church Southern Queensland.

The Anglican Church Southern Queensland is proud to support this project initiative of Bishop Daniel Abot, and we give thanks to God for the Sudanese and South Sudanese people and communities in the Diocese.



Bishop Daniel Abot
Resource Church Specialist

Bishop Daniel Abot is authorised by the Anglican Church Southern Queensland to raise money for the Tiit De Nyiin (Pastoral Care) Project.

This Project is governed by the Executive Director of the Parishes and Other Mission Agencies Commission, Anglican Church Southern Queensland, Dr Stephen Harrison, who can be contacted on:

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