



REPORT FROM ANGLICAN MISSIONS TO THE 67TH SESSION OF THE GSTHW 2026

Summary

Anglican Missions continues to demonstrate God’s love through practical action and bold faith. With the generous support of donors - many from within the Anglican Church and an increasing number from external partners and supporters - our impact continues to grow both in Aotearoa New Zealand and internationally.

Earlier this year, Anglican Missions adopted a Strategic Intent (2026–2031), providing greater clarity around our partnerships, geographic focus, and contribution to God’s mission. The Strategy reflects our growing role within the aid and development sector while remaining firmly grounded in our Christian faith and Anglican identity.

Anglican Missions Strategic Intent

The Strategic Intent sets out a vision that is rooted in faith, shaped by partnership, and focused on impact. It represents a shift from activity to purpose, from a project-based approach to a programme-based approach, and from concentrating primarily on “what we do” to understanding “why and how we do it.”

Our work is undertaken with the express intention of showing God’s love: practically, boldly, and together. While ambitious, the Strategy is achievable and will require the ongoing support and active engagement of the Anglican Church throughout this part of the world.

Guided by the Five Marks of Mission and informed by our historic legacy, the strategy is underpinned by three core principles that express our evangelical Christian mission identity through practical service:

1. **Serve and care for people in need**, offering dignity, safety, and hope.
2. **Challenge injustice and strengthen systems** that enable people and communities to flourish.
3. **Protect and restore creation** as an expression of God’s love for the world.

Key Priorities

Since the last GSTHW, Anglican Missions has further developed programmes around four key priority areas. While support for sectors such as health and education may continue where appropriate, the following priorities provide the primary focus for our work.



1. Water and Sanitation (“Water for All”)

This programme promotes equitable access to clean water, sanitation, and hygiene services to improve health, wellbeing, and dignity. Current initiatives include partnerships with the Diocese of Polynesia and the Anglican Church of Melanesia to improve water and sanitation infrastructure in a number of informal settlements across Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

2. Food and Livelihoods

This programme supports sustainable livelihoods and food security to enhance community wellbeing. Projects in Uganda, Tanzania, and Ethiopia are delivering measurable benefits through initiatives that strengthen resilience, improve incomes, and support long-term development outcomes. A new project, developed in partnership with the Diocese of Waiapu, will commence shortly in Papua New Guinea.

3. Climate and Environment

This priority area addresses climate change and ecological degradation through mitigation and adaptation initiatives that improve community safety and wellbeing. While many of our existing programmes contribute to climate resilience, Anglican Missions is also expanding its advocacy role and helping to amplify the voices of vulnerable and marginalised communities disproportionately affected by climate change.

4. Disasters and Resilience

This programme equips churches and communities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Anglican Missions continues to respond to emergencies, including natural disasters across the Pacific, and plays a key role in the global Anglican emergency appeal supporting communities in Gaza and the West Bank through the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Mark Mitchell, who leads our humanitarian and development portfolio, has been working closely with the Anglican Alliance to strengthen a shared understanding of disaster risk management and explore opportunities for greater Anglican collaboration in this area. We have also piloted a resilience programme within the Wellington Diocese and continue to support initiatives such as pre-positioned emergency supplies in Tonga and Fiji, along with the development of community disaster risk management plans.

Partnerships

Anglican Missions continues to provide significant financial support to NZCMS and its Mission Partners, many of whom are actively engaged in evangelism, discipleship, and community ministry across a variety of contexts. This support has enabled the continuation of important ministry activities and outreach initiatives.

Since the last GSTHW, we have strengthened existing partnerships, established new relationships, and increased engagement with government agencies, development organisations, and humanitarian partners.

Key developments include:

- Partnership Agreements with Anglican Overseas Aid (Australia) and the Anglican Board of Mission (Australia).

- Partnership Agreement with the Diocese of Polynesia.
- Tripartite Partnership Agreement with the Diocese of Polynesia and Christian World Service (CWS).
- Collaborative initiatives with New Zealand faith-based agencies, including Tearfund, with additional partnerships currently under development.

Our commitment to the Anglican Alliance continues to grow. In 2027, Anglican Missions will host the annual gathering of Anglican agency and programme leaders in Aotearoa New Zealand. Earlier this year, in partnership with the Diocese of Polynesia, we hosted the annual meeting of the Anglican Alliance Oceania Regional Advisory Committee (ORAC) in Fiji. The gathering included workshops on disaster risk management and the emerging role of artificial intelligence in development and humanitarian contexts. Anglican Missions also continues to provide administrative and secretarial support to ORAC.

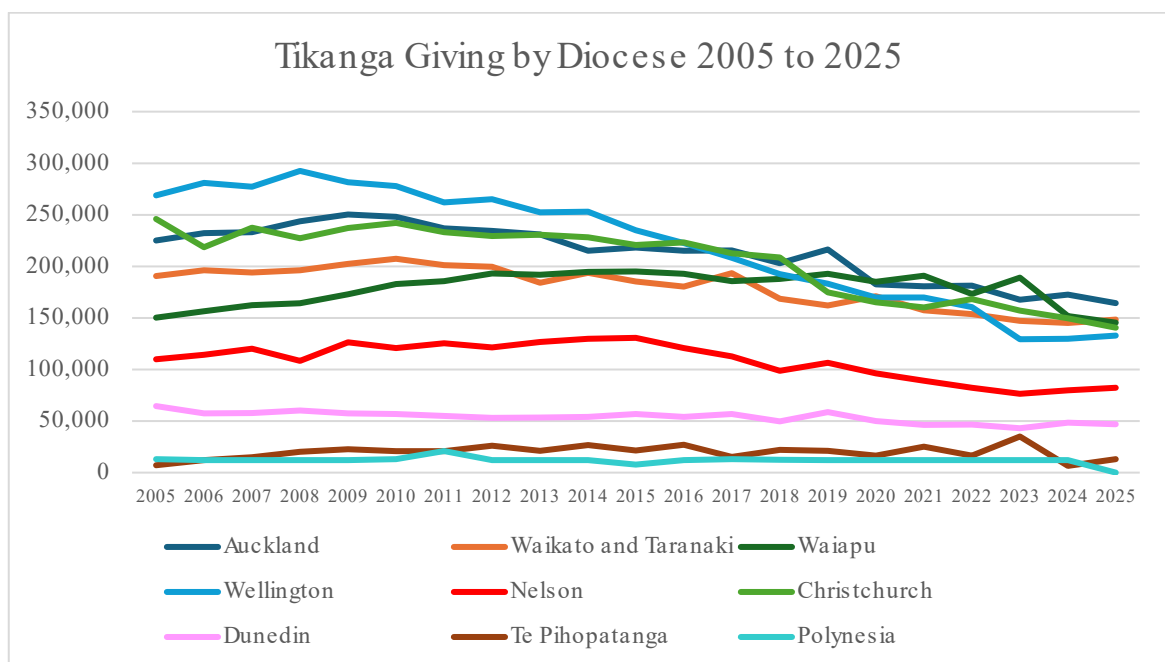
We maintain close relationships with the Council for International Development (CID), the CID Humanitarian Network, and the Aotearoa Emergency Alliance. By the time of the GSTHW meeting, we hope to have received confirmation from MFAT regarding a significant funding initiative for a new project in Fiji.

These partnerships demonstrate our growing credibility and effectiveness, while also creating opportunities for new programmes, stronger regional cooperation, and enhanced capacity to respond to community needs.

Challenges and Opportunities

(a) Financial Sustainability

We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the ongoing support provided by the three tikanga of the Anglican Church. Your contribution remains fundamental to our work and mission.



A draft Fundraising Strategy will play a critical role in strengthening financial sustainability over the coming years. Current priorities include encouraging bequests and exploring additional funding opportunities through charitable trusts and foundations.

New partnerships are also creating opportunities for programme implementation and associated management fees, helping to offset operational costs and strengthen organisational sustainability.

While considerable work remains, we recognise that many organisations across the charitable sector face similar funding challenges. Economic conditions remain difficult for many supporters. Nevertheless, Anglican Missions continues to provide strong value for money, delivering meaningful and lasting outcomes for the communities we serve.

(b) Raising Our Profile, Particularly Within the Anglican Church

Awareness of Anglican Missions continues to grow. For example, our *Pray the News* publication now reaches more than 600 subscribers, and we regularly receive invitations to speak at churches, workshops, and other events.

While growing support from government agencies and external partners reflects confidence in our work and impact, there remain opportunities to deepen engagement across the three tikanga church. We encourage churches to make use of the resources we have developed to promote mission engagement and highlight the work being undertaken throughout our programmes and partnerships.

Everything we do is motivated by a desire to demonstrate God's love: practically, boldly, and together. Achieving our vision requires the active support and participation of the Anglican Church across this region. Anglican Missions exists to serve the Church in its witness and outreach, as well as our wider partners, and we welcome opportunities to work more closely with you.

(c) Becoming a Centre of Excellence

Anglican Missions cannot be all things to all people. Our Strategic Intent provides a clear framework for focusing on areas where we can make the greatest contribution and where our expertise and relationships provide a distinct advantage. We aim to position Anglican Missions as a trusted and respected leader within both faith-based and secular development and humanitarian sectors. This will be achieved through active participation, collaboration, thought leadership, and a commitment to high-quality programme delivery.

It is difficult to recall a time when the world has faced such widespread conflict, uncertainty, and humanitarian need. At the same time, global aid and development funding is declining, while the impacts of climate change continue to intensify, disproportionately affecting the poorest and most vulnerable communities. In this environment, organisations such as Anglican Missions play an increasingly important role in addressing unmet needs, strengthening resilience, and sharing the hope that is found in Christ.



Conclusion

We are committed to being the primary point of contact for Anglicans seeking to engage in mission, development, and humanitarian response and we are deeply grateful for the ongoing generosity and support of the three tikanga church which enables us to make a tangible difference in the lives of vulnerable communities. Please don't hesitate to get in touch and scan here to learn more about us and how funding from the Church is being used.



Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Hartfield". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue underline.

Revd. Michael Hartfield - *National Director*