



# ANGLICAN ALLIANCE

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to work for a world free of poverty and injustice  
and to safeguard creation

## Highlights of 2019

"In this newsletter, we pick out some of our highlights from last year.

We hope they will gladden your hearts and encourage you  
as we continue to work together for a world

free of poverty and injustice, and to safeguard creation.

Our warm thanks for all your support in 2019. We look forward to connecting in 2020."

Rev. Rachel Carnegie,  
Executive Director, Anglican Alliance

## Asia: Church and Community Transformation

In July, thirty-six participants from India, Bangladesh, Nepal, the Philippines, Malaysia, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and Myanmar gathered in Myanmar to share their experiences of transforming lives in local churches and communities.

The consultation was inspirational, equipping participants with new insights, connections and practical resources, and creating a lively community of practice for ongoing sharing and encouragement.



A news item about the consultation can be found here: <https://anglicanalliance.org/transformed-churches-transformed-communities-anglicans-from-across-asia-share-their-learning-and-experiences-in-myanmar/> and the full report here: <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/sqe-anglican/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/16123724/Myanmar-ABCCT-report-FINAL.pdf>.

Annam Arumanayagam, the Alliance's East Asia facilitator, was key to setting up the consultation, which was organised by the Anglican Alliance in partnership with Tearfund, along with Episcopal Relief & Development and the Anglican Board of Mission, Australia. It was hosted by the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

## Latin America: migration - responding to the most vulnerable



Migration is becoming increasingly irregular and insecure in Latin America and Anglicans are among those supporting vulnerable migrants.

In November, a forum was convened which drew together individuals and representatives of organisations on the front line of this work from five provinces across the region to share their experiences, map existing initiatives and identify gaps in providing assistance and support.

Participants identified how they could collaborate effectively and strengthen each other's work; they also emphasised the importance of solidarity among those supporting migrants and seeking to transform the unjust systems that cause them to migrate.

Read more here: <https://anglicanalliance.org/anglicans-from-latin-america-call-for-united-action-to-tackle-migrant-injustices/>

Paulo Ueti, the Anglican Alliance's Latin America Director and theological adviser, took part in the consultation, which was organised by the US Episcopal Church's Global Partnerships Office along with the Anglican Alliance.

## The Pacific: leading the way on Agents of Change

Throughout the year, Tagolyn Kabekabe, the Anglican Alliance's Pacific Facilitator, has led the continued roll out of Agents of Change, a course that equips participants with the skills and knowledge to facilitate development activities in their local communities.

Twenty four people have graduated from the course this year in Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu and have gone on to set up community projects.



One participant in Papua New Guinea, Bradley Gideon, is the Anglican Health National Secretary. The project idea he worked on through the course was to establish a health clinic within the Anglican compound in Lae. Through careful assessment during the Agents of Change course Bradley was able to propose and then implement the project. The new health clinic was officially launched and opened by His Grace, Primate of ACPNG, Most Rev. Allan Migi in April.



## The Caribbean: building resilience to disasters

Churches and communities around the Anglican Communion are increasingly facing the devastating impacts of climate change. Exposed island communities are particularly vulnerable and extreme weather events such as hurricanes, cyclones, sea surges and flooding, as well as rising sea levels, are becoming the “new normal”. Churches are frequently at the forefront of responding to disasters and can also play a key role in building resilience to them.



In March, delegates from dioceses from across the Caribbean took part in a disaster preparedness and resilience workshop held in Grenada. The five-day training enabled participants to share their experiences of disaster preparedness and resilience, and learn best practice using the Pastors and Disasters toolkit. Read more here: <https://anglicanalliance.org/dioceses-from-across-the-caribbean-take-part-in-disaster-preparedness-and-resilience-workshop/>

Clifton Dillon Nedd, the Anglican Alliance's Caribbean Facilitator, played a key role in organising the gathering, which was hosted by the Province of the West Indies and facilitated by a team from the Province along with the Anglican Alliance, Episcopal Relief & Development and The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. The workshop also reflected the Anglican Alliance's increasing emphasis on building resilience, work led by Janice Proud, the Alliance's Disaster Response and Resilience Manager.

## The Middle East: working to promote safe migration and tackle human trafficking



In February, over 40 women from the Diocese of Jerusalem took part in a workshop on Safe Migration and Human Trafficking held in Amman, Jordan. The workshop helped raise awareness of an issue which, whilst prevalent, is not often discussed in the Middle East and provided a space for learning both from the invited speakers and between the participants. Participants returned to their communities empowered to be advocates for the issue, teaching others to spot the risks and signs of trafficking and modern day slavery. Read more about this gathering here: <https://anglicanalliance.org/safe-migration-workshop-held-by-the-womens-ministry-of-the-diocese-of-jerusalem-with-the-anglican-alliance/>.

Joel Kelling, the Anglican Alliance's Middle East Facilitator helped organise the gathering, which was convened jointly by the Women's Ministry of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Anglican Alliance, and graced by the presence of Archbishop Suheil Dawani, Primate of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East.

## Africa: building a sustainable world



In September, a working group of Bible scholars, theologians and development practitioners from across the world gathered in South Africa to create a set of Bible studies, which will help Anglicans across the Communion engage with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This was a task entrusted to the Anglican Alliance by the Primates of the Anglican Communion.

The Bible studies create a conversation between the Anglican Five Marks of Mission and

the SDGs, using the Marks of Mission as a lens through which to explore the broad themes of the SDGs. They will be piloted in the first half of 2020.

In Africa, the Anglican Alliance works with and through the Council of Anglican Provinces in Africa (CAPA), connecting with specific staff members according to the particular area of work, including on safe migration / anti human trafficking; on disaster response and resilience; on youth engagement; on creation care and sustainable development; and on church and community transformation approaches.

## Everywhere: working to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Climate change is a major factor driving poverty and migration; it is causing the number and severity of “natural” disasters to increase and is having severe detrimental impacts on the environment more generally. Climate change therefore contributes to many aspects of our work.

In December, Elizabeth Perry, the Anglican Alliance’s Programme and Communication Manager, attended the UNFCCC COP25 climate talks in Madrid. She accompanied Archbishop Julio Murray, the Bishop of Panama and Primate of Central America - and one of the Alliance’s trustees - who provides leadership to the Communion on climate change. Read more here: <https://anglicanalliance.org/anglican-voices-at-the-cop25-climate-talks/>.



Attending the conference was an important opportunity to plan for 2020, a critical year for the world to make progress on combatting climate change. The year culminates in COP26, which will be held in the UK. This fifth anniversary of the historic Paris climate agreement is a scheduled milestone for all nations to significantly increase their ambition for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. If countries fail to take the necessary steps, the integrity of creation is likely to break down.