



DIOCESAN OVERSEAS MISSION COUNCIL

Nelson Anglican Centre,
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MALAITA MISSIONS TRIP

November 2019

Dear People of Nelson Diocese

Over the past 10 years the Diocese of Nelson has had a companion relationship with the Diocese of Malaita, Solomon Islands, through Bp Sam Sahu and Rev Dr Jonathan Hicks – CMS partner based at the Trinity School of Theology and Mission.

Bishop Sam has invited our diocese to send a team, to help support and encourage ministry in Malaita. Preparations are underway for a Diocesan Missions trip to Malaita, building on the recent trip by Graham O'Brien and Mike Hawke this year <https://vimeo.com/375552462/ce502d931d>

Our goal through our partnership with the Malaita Diocese is to contribute in six main areas as suggested by Bp Sam:

- Youth and Children's ministry
- Women's ministry/ Counselling/retreat
- Lay Ministry Training (especially around small groups)
- Theological Education
- Prison Ministry
- Hospital Ministry, including medical

Proposed Dates: August 8th-23rd 2020

Cost: \$4000 per person

Nelson Anglican Diocese now welcomes expressions of interest for the upcoming mission trip to Malaita, Melanesia in August 2020. We are aiming for a team of 16 people from throughout our Diocese who can engage in ministry in these areas.

The DOMC are seeking some funding from the Overseas Mission's Council Tikanga Pakeha (OMTP) and would hope that parishes and deaneries can get behind participants with fundraising.

On return, our hope is that participants will share their experience with the Diocese, deaneries and parishes.

Timeline:

- **31 January 2020:** Expressions of interest via online registration. [Event Registration link](#)
- **6 March 2020:** Confirmation of team
- **May, June July:** Team training (weekend)

Other Information

Authorisations:

- Your Vicar (or equivalent) will need to endorse your inclusion.
- The Bishop (or their authorised nominee) will approve the final make up of the team.

Team Leaders:

- Graham O'Brien (Bishopdale Theological College)
- Mike Hawke. (Dean, Cathedral)



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Training:

The Diocese has a training resource already, based on the Nelson Diocese Short Term Missions Leaders Manual. Participants can access this on the Diocesan Website

<https://www.nelsonanglican.nz/overseasmission>

Medical:

Due to the limited medical facilities and hot climate, it would be expected that participants have a reasonable level of health and fitness. A medical check-up maybe required prior to acceptance, and see your doctor for recommended vaccinations.

Equipment:

A list of required clothing, gear etc will be provided on acceptance.

Further Information:

For any further inquiries or information please contact Rev John Sherlock.

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Yours

John Sherlock
Chair DOMC