

## **\$10,000 Malaita Challenge**

There is the need to improve the facilities at *Trinity School of Theology and Mission*.

Bishop Sam Sahu is passionate about transforming the life and ministry of his Diocese. He knows that the only way he can do this is by training his own clergy. To facilitate this vision, there is a desperate need to improve the facilities at Trinity School of Theology and Mission.

One of their immediate needs is housing for staff and married students. At present they only have accommodation for single students in a dormitory, but are hoping to build more accommodation for married students later this year.

The Nelson Diocese could help in a practical way in providing funds to build accommodation for staff. We have set a target to raise \$10,000 to contribute to the cost of this building.

We are inviting each Parish to take a special offering on or about Companion Diocese Sunday that will go towards this project.



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## **COMPANION DIOCESES**



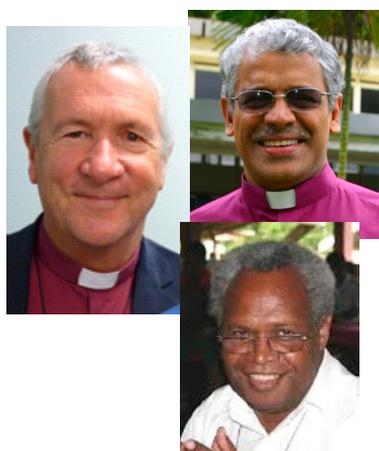
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# Companion Dioceses

The idea of Companion Dioceses began from the Lambeth Conference in 1998. Bishops were encouraged to form ongoing relationships with other Bishops as a way of working together.

Under Bishop Derek Eaton's leadership, companion diocese were established with the Dioceses of Egypt, Singapore and Paraguay.

Bishop Richard has continued the relationship with the **Diocese of Singapore** with its new Bishop Rennis Ponnaia and is building a new relationship with Bishop Sam Sahu and the **Diocese of Malaita** in the Solomon Islands.



## Companion Diocese Sunday

This year September 14th has been designated as "Companion Diocese Sunday".

This will be an opportunity to focus on and pray for our Companion Dioceses of Singapore and Malaita.

Companion Dioceses are part of overseas mission strategy. It is a way of building relationships with others in different parts of the world for the purpose of mission.

From these relationships we can strengthen each other for ministry and mission.

We all share the same mission so can we exchange resources both spiritually and materially; in prayer and in practical help.

## Diocese of Malaita

This year our particular focus is on the Diocese of Malaita. They have recently established the new **Trinity School of Theology and Ministry (TSTM)**.



In 2013, Revd. Dr Graham O'Brien visited Malaita to see the TSTM, located at Airahu, 30 min north of Auki, to discuss how BTC/Nelson Diocese can assist the school. This school is part of the national strategy to decentralise theological education so that there are three regional schools teaching certificate and diploma courses (Malaita being one) for lay and those looking at ordination, and *Bishop Patterson College* in Honiara teaching the degree programmes for clergy only. For Bishop Sam this is a unique opportunity to develop a training school with an evangelical focus.

Graham observed that many of the questions they are asking in ministry in Malaita are the same questions we are asking ourselves in this Diocese. Bishop Sam is very keen to look at further training in Gospel-focused ministry, discipleship, leadership and parish management.

Building this relationship with Malaita and the TSTM is an exciting mission opportunity that will make a difference.

