The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council

Let us honour the original people who cherished this land.

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Fifteen years ago the National Aboriginal Anglican Council was established during a meeting held in Sydney and five years later the Torres Strait Islander people joined and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council was established.

The foundation Chair was Bishop Arthur Malcolm and when he retired in 2001 Charles Loban, priest from Thursday Island, was elected Chair.

In 2006 members elected

Bishop Jim Leftwich
Chair

Charles Loban
Deputy Chair

Di Langham
Secretary

Gloria Shipp
Treasurer

Rose Elu, Torres Strait Islander member from Brisbane, hosted the meeting and coordinated the arrangements. 29 members from 18 dioceses attended the meeting. The generous and gracious hospitality of the Sisters of the Sacred Advent was once more enjoyed and appreciated. We were glad to plant another tree – a lilli-pilli to complement the gum previously planted.

Canon Bruce McAteer, General Secretary of the General Synod, Dr Linda Kurti, National Director of the Anglican Board of Mission, and Bishops John Harrower from Tasmania and John McIntyre from Gippsland, were guests during the meeting.

The Primate, Archbishop Phillip Aspinall, led a Quiet Afternoon Reflection and celebrated the Eucharist – a refreshing time.

We continued work on a Commitment and Affirmation of Faith and Justice which has been referred to the Standing Committee of the General Synod for consideration at next year's General Synod.

We are delighted to be able to share something of our Indigenous ministries, our dreams and hopes, and our stories with you – please let us know whenever you would like to hear first hand from any of our members.