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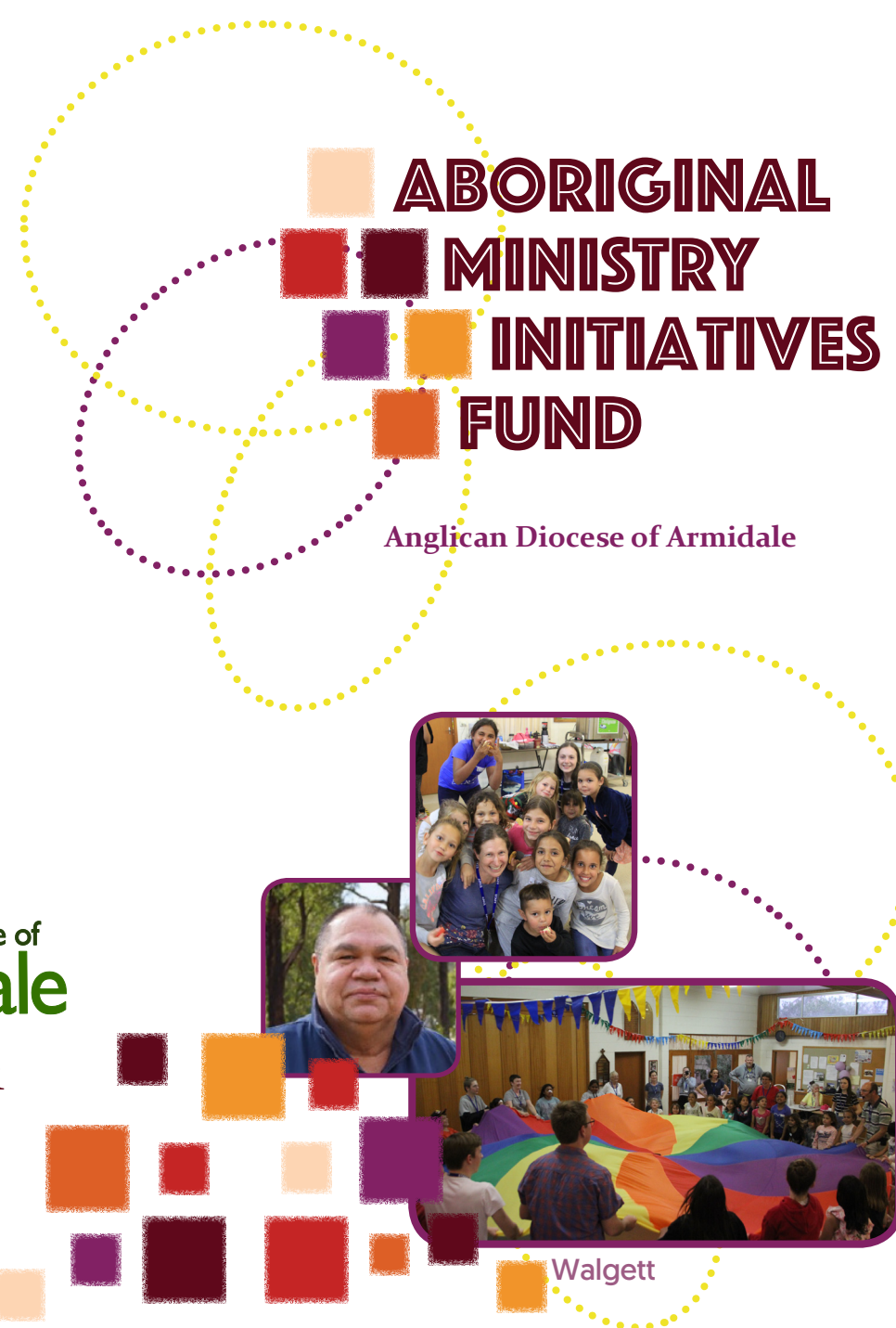
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OUR MISSION

One of the great things about the Anglican Diocese of Armidale is that we are on about "Introducing people to Jesus and helping them home to heaven."

There are lots of great initiatives going on in parishes across the diocese to do just that, but the one area we have struggled to make headway in is with Indigenous people.

According to the last census over 10% of people in our diocese are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, which makes this the largest minority people group in our region.

Reaching Aboriginal people with the life transforming good news of Jesus is not an easy or simple task, but we need to put our minds to it if we're serious about our mission statement.

THE WAY FORWARD WITH ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

So, what is the way forward in reaching out to Aboriginal people with the gospel in Australia today?



Jum Naden is a minister at St Peter's South Tamworth who is passionate about making and growing disciples of

Christ amongst Indigenous people. He says that three things are essential for us to go forward:

- Firstly, Gospel proclamation needs to happen- we need to create opportunities to share the gospel with Aboriginal people.
- Secondly, Gospel discipleship needs to happen- when Aboriginal people decide to trust in and follow Jesus they need to be encouraged and taught how to live with Jesus as their king.
- Thirdly, Gospel leadership needs to be encouraged and developed among Aboriginal people.

In summary, those who come to know Jesus as Saviour and Lord need to be discipled well, then equipped to serve and take on leadership responsibility in the life of the church. Wherever possible, ministry traineeships for Aboriginal people should be established and opportunities for service in the life of our church and community should be promoted and supported.

ENCOURAGING BEGINNINGS

While the task at hand might seem huge, some encouraging things are already happening in parishes around the Armidale Diocese in the area of indigenous ministry.



Dixie Skulthorpe is working part time with St John's Uralla in pastoral ministry with Aboriginal people.

George Ferguson is just about to complete a two year Aboriginal ministry traineeship at St Peter's South Tamworth. In 2020 he will head to Walgett/Collarenebri to become the minister in that parish.



Frontyard Church Coledale

The Coledale Frontyard Church in Tamworth continues to reach out to a growing number of Aboriginal adults and children each week.

ABORIGINAL MINISTRY INITIATIVES FUND

In order to stay on the front foot in this important mission field the Diocesan Indigenous Ministry Committee has set up "The Aboriginal Ministry Initiatives Fund" to encourage and support parishes right around our diocese to have a go at reaching out to Aboriginal people with the life transforming news of Jesus.

If you would like to see more grassroots Aboriginal outreach projects get off the ground, more Aboriginal ministry trainees in parishes and more Aboriginal Christian leaders stepping up in the life of our church, then give generously to this fund.

The details of how you can give are on the tear off slip at the back of this brochure.

Our hope and prayer is that in the future many more like Jum, George and Dixie will find their way into ministry in our diocese and that we will see more and more Aboriginal people introduced to Jesus and helped home to heaven.

