

Farewell Minute – Rev Dr Rob and Rev Ainslie Bos

Rob and Ainslie came to Alice Springs in February 2014 on an initial 3 month supply ministry with the congregation. Rob came with much experience in the Northern Synod having been a Principal of Nungalinya College. Ainslie shared the ministry with Rob in Alice Springs. After the initial period they were enjoying life and ministry in Alice and agreed to stay for an extended period.

Because of his background and experience in Indigenous Theological Education, Rob became engaged with NRCC Support Worker, Peter Greenwood, in conversations around provision of Indigenous Theological Education in the Centre. While continuing in supply ministry, together with Ainslie, with the Alice Springs congregation, Rob took up the position of Anangu Educator with NRCC half time from July 2014.

Leaving Alice Springs at the end of 2014, Rob continued as Anangu Educator working from home in Queensland but making frequent visits to Alice Springs and the APY Lands. He worked with the Pitjantjatjara Old Testament Project developing a study on the book of Daniel which was recently translated. Rob also led a study in the Lands on the Code of Ethics.

He made a significant contribution to the development of the association for Indigenous Theological Education in Central Australia based in Alice Springs. Rob concluded his work as Anangu Educator in December 2015 but continues to engage with the Pitjantjatjara Old Testament Project working with Paul Eckert of the Bible Society.

The Northern Synod is grateful for these contributions from Rob and from Ainslie to the life and ministry of the Synod this time particularly in the Centre.

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