

ASCM report to the VCC Annual General Meeting 14/5/2022

In June 2021, the ASCM appointed two National Directors (part-time) on the retirement from the position of John Probudhan Biswas. Robbie Tulip, based in Canberra, has responsibility for relationships with the World Student Christian Federation and David Hale, based in Brisbane, has responsibility for work with students. These two, together with the national committee, are working with good energy to keep these international contacts alive and available to current students. Robbie Tulip will be representing the ASCM at the WSCF General Assembly next month.

ASCM is in the early stages of implementing the results of a strategic review conducted in 2020-21. This review identified our 'front door' as the internet (moving us away from the failing idea of relying primarily on the formation of branches on university campuses). This gives us the possibility of working more closely together nationally. We are seeking to provide resources for ecumenical formation to students, including the possibility of international contacts. For example, we now have a significant collection of recorded international conversations with student leaders from Indonesia, Myanmar, Palestine and others.

In Victoria, we remain grateful for the support of the VCC through the offer of a 'hot desk'. The national movement provides us with a focus for our work, though in Victoria we are at a low ebb at this time.

We ask for your prayers as we continue to seek to offer resources and opportunities to students for ecumenical formation and international contact.

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