

News Release – Australia Day Honour

The board and staff of Anglican Overseas Aid are delighted to acknowledge the honour conferred on our CEO, The Rev'd Dr Bob Mitchell, in the 2019 Australia Day Honours list. Dr Mitchell was made a **Member of the Order of Australia (AM)** for *'significant services to the community through charitable organisations and to the Anglican Church of Australia'*.

Rev'd Mitchell has a long history of involvement with not-for-profit, faith-based, and social service organisations.

Dr Mitchell's professional background is as a lawyer. He was a partner of the firm PwC for 14 years, and over the years has served on a number of advisory boards and committees, including the federal Attorney-General's Pro Bono Advisory Group.

Rev'd Mitchell has been CEO of Anglican Overseas Aid since 2012. Prior to that he served in several roles at World Vision Australia including Director of Legal, Risk and Governance, and Chief of Mission.

He currently serves as a board member on the Melbourne Anglican Diocesan Corporation, Western Health, the global board of the ACT Alliance (one of the world's largest humanitarian networks), and is the retiring Chair of World Relief Australia. Most recently, Dr Mitchell has been invited to join the board of Mission Australia.

His previous board roles have included BlueCare (Deputy Chair), the PwC Foundation, and Kids Hope Aus. In 2002, Dr Mitchell started the Timor Children's Foundation to support disadvantaged children in East Timor, and in 2014 was involved in setting up the Global Health and Development Network Inc.

Currently, he is an honorary research associate for the University of Divinity and also serves on the Council of the University. He is an elected member

of the Code of Conduct Committee for Australian Council for International Development.

In 2017, Dr Mitchell's book *Faith-based development: how Christian organisations can make a difference* was published by Orbis Mayknoll.

In responding the news of this honour, Dr Mitchell said "We are all called to use the gifts we have in the service of others. There really is nothing exceptional about this. I am delighted to receive this award, but it should be seen more as a reflection on the many wonderful organisations that I have had the privilege to be involved with."

Please join with me in congratulating Bob on the award of Member of the Order of Australia.

Glenn Scott
Chair – Anglican Overseas Aid
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