

AREA PRESIDENT

WEAVING TOGETHER PROGRAM REPORT

GREETINGS

Malo e Lelei, Talofa Lava, Noa'ia e Mauri, Ni sa bula vinaka, Namaste, Taloha Ni, Kia Orana, Kia Ora, Gud fala dei tru

WFMUCW/ SOUTH PACIFIC AREA

Chosen People Called to Proclaim is the theme for the Federation this Quinquennium, which I believe, **everyone**, including me is called to be an instrument to witness for Christ and to make him known to others in where ever we are and serve.

After Houston WA, I attended the World Executive in Chicago on behalf of the SPA.

Since then I have received mails from the WF in which some I forwarded them to the Areas. Some I found it difficult to send to the Units due to other circumstances.

In Chicago the Sustainable Development Goals was presented by the WVPresident and I remember I sent the document to all the Units.

The TOL is the Federations News Letter in which members should access to reading it. However, different locations have different reasons why they cannot access to get a copy. News from Area and Unit should also be sent to be put in the paper.

The South Pacific Area as you are familiar with is made up of seven units, encompassing seven islands nations. From 2016/2017 statistic update from the units, we have 63,611 members in the SPA.

I Learned that this Leadership Role required me:-

- a) To be always available to represent the SPA sisters in the World Federation Meetings.
- b) To be effective in communicating with the World Leaders and the Unit Leaders.
- c) To be available to attend to any invitations from Units and also to other invitations on behalf of the Federation.
- d) To be a continuous advocator for the Federation.
- e) To build and develop new friendship through this shared fellowship with women from other units.
And
- f) To know that we are amongst the World Sisterhood and this will give us opportunity for the development of international understanding and solidarity.

Above all it teaches me to always remain/connect to the Lord who gives me strength and hope.
(John 15 v 4)

This is indeed a “Leadership Learning Experience” for me and I thank the Lord for his continuous guidance, for the wisdom, knowledge and for the confidence he built in my life.

Invitations that I attended to:-

January 2017 – Congregation in Choiseul.

March 2017 – The Vice President and I went to Fiji to meet with the LAC in preparation for the Area Seminar. During that time, I was invited to preach in one of the Congregation as it was the World Day of Prayer.

September 2017 – United Church Assembly Women’s Fellowship Board Meeting
(Solomon Islands Unit)

During the Board, the invited speakers for some of their workshop didn’t turn up so I was asked to facilitate one of the session in which I chose to talk about “Mothers and Daughters Relationship” This session was attended by the Board women delegates and also attended by all the mothers, girls and single mothers of the host venue of the meeting. What I did was, I put them into three discussion groups – Girls group/Mothers group and Single mothers group and I gave them questions to discuss. (were based on positive ways /approaches which need to be seen in the household) so that relationship is strengthens. Then time was given for feedback from each groups.

The session was a very moving one because at the end of the feedback presentations, we had number of mothers and daughters coming forward, in tears, hugging each other and reconciling with each other.

April 2018 – Wesley Congregation Honiara Women’s Fellowship Meeting (my group)

May 3 – 6 : I attended the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship 13th Consultation in Hobart, Tasmania. It was a blessed week for me especially to learn new things and listening to so many wonderful stories of their various states.

Challenges

- Improve networking/communication
- Wish to visit units during the leadership period cannot eventuate due to finance

To God be the Glory, great things he has done!

Joy Jino
South Pacific Area President