



Papua New Guinea Church Partnership Christmas 2022 Newsletter

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FRAUGHT PNG 2022 ELECTION

On his recent UK visit, Acting Archbishop Nathan Ingen described the election-related violence in PNG resulting in more than 50 deaths nationwide; the widespread fighting, gunshots and vehicles burnt around his home in PNG's third largest town, Mt Hagen; and needing an armed police escort in the capital before leaving on his overseas trip. Separately, Rowan Callick, an English-born, award-winning Australian journalist with a long-time PNG involvement, has written the following election overview specially for this Newsletter. Rowan writes:

"Papua New Guinea's prime minister, James Marape, and most of his core team emerged triumphant from a chaotic two-week election in July that was the most violent since independence, that relied on a long out-of-date electoral roll, and in which ballot boxes were stolen. Almost 100,000 people were displaced by politically-driven violence in the Highlands.

Marape, aged 51, a Seventh Day Adventist elder with six children, is the MP for Tari, formerly in Southern Highlands Province and now in Hela. Through his 20-year political career he has been a member of the People's Progress Party, the National Alliance Party, the People's National Congress, and now leads the Pangu Party that was at independence led by national founding father, Michael Somare. Pangu gained 39 seats, making it easily the biggest party – and the best result for any party since Pangu in 1982 won almost half the parliament. This is the fourth consecutive election after which prime ministers have retained office – although remaining imperilled by mid-term parliamentary no-confidence votes.

There are 118 seats in the new single-chamber parliament, 96 for Open electorates – seven of them created since the last election, in 2017 - and 20 for the provinces, as well as seats for the National Capital District that comprises Port Moresby, and Bougainville Autonomous Region. Job Pomat has been re-elected as Speaker after five years. Marape commands at present the support of 23 parties as well as Pangu, forming a bloc of 100 MPs, while his predecessor as prime minister, Peter O'Neill, also a Southern Highlander, is opposition leader with the 17 members of his People's National Congress.

Voting shifted in 2007 from first-past-the-post to a type of preferential system in which electors can choose and rank up to three candidates. The winner is declared once they receive more than half the preferences. More incumbents were returned than ever – 62 per cent. The previous record was 52 per cent. Two women were elected, after none in the previous parliament: Kessy Sawang, for Rai Coast Open, and Rufina Peter, the governor for Central Province. Marape commented that their election demonstrated that affirmative action to support greater numbers of women in parliament was not required.

Voter motivation continues to be driven overwhelmingly by kinship factors and promised material returns for voters, with policies only peripherally discussed. Multiple petitions claiming electoral malfeasance are expected to be filed through PNG's courts.



Electoral Commission workers guide voters through polling-booth



Independence Day visitors under entrance mural



PNG's iconic parliament building

Marape appointed ministers for coffee, palm oil and livestock as well as an Agriculture Minister, and fellow Hela MP, Manasseh Makiba, as minister for Bougainville, whose population voted 97.7 per cent in a referendum in late 2019 for independence – but which is still awaiting a significant response from the PNG government or parliament. Ian Ling Stuckey remains Treasurer, and Justin Tkatchenko becomes Foreign Minister."

ACPNG REMEMBERS...



+Reg, with crozier, in Memorial Service at PNG Martyrs parish, Kimbe



Altar for Memorial Service at St Martin's Boroko

Hearing of the death of Queen Elizabeth, Acting Archbishop Nathan Ingen and Provincial Chancellor Bernard Sakora issued a joint statement on behalf of ACPNG:

"It is with profound sadness that the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea joins the nation, Commonwealth and the world in mourning the death of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. At this time of deep sorrow and grief, we also acknowledge Her Late Majesty the Queen's extraordinary dedication, loyalty, service and humility for the last 70 years of her reign as Queen to the United Kingdom, Realms and Commonwealth. She was the rock and defender of the Anglican Church faith which she lived out in the 96 years of her life.

We also extend our congratulations to King Charles III for being formally proclaimed the new monarch. Our prayers are with the King and Royal Family. May God draw near them and comfort them in their time of mourning."

The new King is no stranger to PNG. As self-confessed 'namba wan pikinini bilong Mrs Kwin', whilst a Geelong Grammar School, Melbourne, pupil, Prince Charles spent time at Martyrs Memorial High School in Popondota Diocese and visited PNG subsequently. The



Prince Charles with Geelong GS Head at Martyrs School

returning Prime Minister, James Marape, has already formally invited the new King to pay a State Visit to PNG in 2025 to help celebrate the country's 50 years of Independence.

Footnote: Bishop Peter Ramsden writes: "You may have been wondering about PNGCP's enthronement gift of a crozier to New Guinea Islands' Bishop Reg Makele. To cut a very long story short, it was posted in March and it finally arrived at the end of August - five months! Parcel Force (known by Sue and me now as Parcel Farce) first sent it by mistake to NZ, where it was put it on a boat - but during this time their fancy tracker told us it had been delivered. As we know, there are no postal deliveries in PNG - all mail is collected from a Post Office. So it went on - I could have presented our gift to Bishop Reginald in person at the PNGCP meeting after the Lambeth Conference! Sue had kept a detailed record of every mis-step, including the Parcel Farce website that lists Kimbe under Panama! The happy result is that the bishop has his crozier (see Kimbe photo above) and we have a full refund from the Post Office (£57), so all is well."



Later PNG oil plantation visit by Prince Charles

JIMI HEALTH PROJECT

Work is progressing well on this PNGCP-funded project. Building on the Covid-awareness programme already run in the wider area, this second phase concentrates on replacing the derelict Kaironk health centre in order to mount an active TB eradication programme from it.

Spurred on by the PNGCP support, the community is highly motivated to deliver 'their project'. Since the launch at a feast provided by the Kaironk church community, local people have worked hard to clear and landscape the site and create firm foundations. Willing hands made light of getting building materials to this remote site, carrying these from the nearest airstrip at Dusin. Local timber was cut using the diocesan saw-mill and the six roofing sheets were donated by the Health Board of Ainong Health Centre. With the paid help of reliable local builders, construction work on the building has progressed well and the roof is now secured. On completion, the fridge and solar kit will be installed and the Project Committee will then turn their attention to the construction of two staff houses.

Application for Registration of this relocated health centre has been made to Madang Health Authority and this should deliver additional revenue funding, medical supplies and, hopefully, at least one government-paid health worker. There is already interest from suitably qualified health workers in the area. Sickness of the trainer prevented the initial TB clinic training offered by Jiwaka Province but negotiations are under way for this to be provided by the Madang TB Centre early next year.



Proud community group and 'their' new health-centre



Local builder working on the interior

EARLY PNG INFECTION

Bishop Geoff Smith is the current Archbishop of Adelaide and Primate of Australia. Here he reflects on his early role as Rector of Taraka, PNG, before returning to an Australian career that has included; National Director of the Anglican Board of Mission (Australia's foremost Anglican mission agency) and Assistant Bishop, General Manager and Registrar in the Brisbane Diocese. Bishop Geoff writes:

"Lynn and I spent three years in Papua New Guinea, from mid-1987 to mid-1990. I was the parish priest of Taraka, an area on the urban fringe of Lae including the University of Technology (Unitech), Igam Barracks (PNG Defence Force), the Post and Telecommunication training college, a squatter settlement and two housing areas (East and West Taraka).

Lynn was the accountant for the Province of PNG of the Anglican Church. Our three years were absolutely formative in terms of our faith as we were a long way from family and friends and experienced for the first time the Christian gospel expressed in a non-western culture.

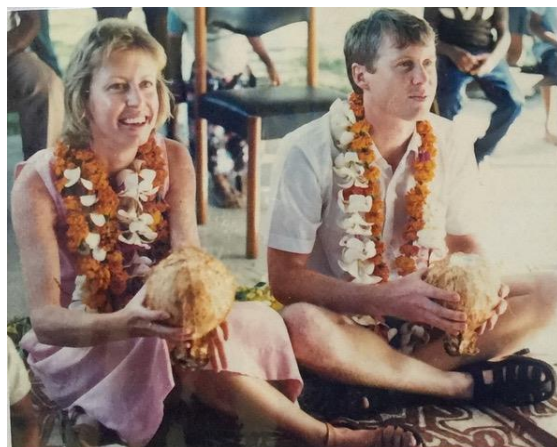
I sometimes describe PNG as being a bit like malaria in that once it gets into your blood its hard to get it out and we wouldn't want to get PNG out of our bloodstream. We have many contacts with people we ministered with there and the experience of ministering out of our culture, while challenging at times, was really positive for our life and ministry following those three short years.

A number of things continue to be prominent in our memory of our time in PNG. The first is the warmth and faith of the vast majority of people. We found the people of our parish to be friendly, supportive and incredibly patient especially as we negotiated cultural and language pitfalls. We were often moved by the depth of trust in and dependence on God shown by the people of the church.

The second memory we have is the food. All celebrations in PNG are accompanied by food whether it is fresh scones from the drum oven, mountains of boiled rice, chicken and sweet potato and taro cooked in coconut cream or the special texture of ibika (a green leaf eaten as a vegetable) there was always lots of food.



+Geoff & Lynn with +Joe & Wasita Kopapa, +Dennis & Leslie Ririka at 2008 Lambeth Conference



Taraka parish welcome for Fr Geoff & Lynn Smith



Installation as Taraka priest by +Paul Richardson

The third memory is the worship. During our time at Taraka we were able, with lots of hard work by the locals and generous support of the church overseas, to purchase a cinema which we turned into St Peters Church. It was basically a large steel and aluminium shed with the acoustics of a bathroom. On many Sundays the church was full and, along with great singing we had kundu drums, guitars and a keyboard that provided a very good pipe organ sound. The worship at St Peters was great and we miss it.

At one stage there was an advertising campaign for Papua New Guinea which called that country 'a land of surprises' and that was very true. You never knew quite what was going to happen. But our time in PNG was a great gift to us. A gift we continue to be grateful for 32 years after we came back home to Australia."

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BISHOPS' POST-LAMBETH VISITS

After a packed, successful Lambeth Conference at the University of Kent in Canterbury, the three ACPNG bishops and their wives travelled to London for a week-long programme organised by PNGCP. This started at the Anglican Communion Office with an information-sharing meeting with the PNGCP Management Committee, plus past-Chair, Nigel Hill. The following day, Nigel, together with Committee members, Janet Wells, Jan Nicholson and William Spooner, hosted a London sightseeing day for our visitors.

A packed itinerary included a Tube trip and boat-ride to the Tower of London and picnic beside Tower Bridge; walk around St. Katherine's Dock and visit to London's oldest church, All Hallows' by the Tower; bus to Westminster and much-appreciated visit to MU HQ and chapel at Mary Sumner House. Tea in Westminster Abbey was followed by a walk through the Nave and photos of PNG Martyr, Lucien Tapiedi's statue; then supper and packing for the week's regional visits.

Next day, Bishop Lindsley and Felicity Ihove were first to leave, travelling to Coventry where they were met by their hosts, Fr. Ed and Carrie Backhouse. Their varied programme of visits started with a visit to the National Trust's 600-year old property at Baddesley Clinton. One of the hottest days of the year took them to the picturesque Cotswold village of Bourton-on-the-Water, before Evensong in the choir-stalls at Christ Church, Oxford, with a visiting choir.

Fr. Ed's own parish provided a warm, cross-cultural welcome, with Albert Maclaren/Copland King Day celebrated with a Mass using the ACPNG rite and a bungkai (feast) where one parishioner had even prepared a PNG recipe, dressed in national colours and learned some words of welcome in tok pisin. Also joining in were former Port Moresby bishop, Peter Fox, and wife, Angie. After Mass on the final Sunday, at another bungkai with the wider church so more people could meet them, the visitors spoke of the brimming churches in PNG and the great faith of the people there. Bishop Lindsley encouraged his audience to continue the mission in their own communities, to grow the Church and to "keep the fire burning". All too soon, it was time for the farewell walk and pub dinner, this time in a historical Saxon setting.

Bishop Reg and Kathlyn Makele from New Guinea Islands were collected from their London hotel by their hosts. Fr. Barrie and Susan Slatter, for the drive to Cambridge and, after meeting with Fr. Philip Murray, a walk across The Backs to Little St. Mary's church and lunch. Richard Chevis had arranged for a private view of letters written by Queen Elizabeth I and the original copy of the '39 Articles' at the Parker Library, before walking along Kings Parade and a visit to St. John's Chapel. Evening prayer back at Little St Mary's preceded a reception with Bp. Reg talking about the NGI Diocese, before driving on to the Slatter's Suffolk home.

The next three days included visits to a number of rural churches and, recognising the Bishop's dependency on boat travel in his diocese, a visit to see the construction and repair of wooden boats at the International Boatbuilding College in Lowestoft. He was warmly welcomed and entertained at the Walsingham Shrine as the only bishop to visit from the Lambeth Conference. Later that same very hot day, they met up for tea with Revd Sue Martin and members of the Norwich Link Committee before visiting Norwich's smallest church, 'Our Church in the Fields', the 13th century St. Oswald's, Ashwicken. On Sunday, Bishop Reg gave talks at both Southwold and Wangford churches in their main services. Lacking robes for the former, he appeared in borrowed plumes, including a previous Bishop of Singapore's mitre! A very early drive to Gatwick Airport for a 6am check-in followed the next morning.

Destined for the North-East and Scotland, Acting Archbishop Nathan and Jesicah Ingen enjoyed a walk along the Grand Union Canal before catching the train to Durham to be met by Bishop Peter Ramsden. The first stop was St Michael and All Angels, Houghton-le Spring where Bishop Peter had been a curate. The Ingen's were delighted



Culture-cultures at Baddesley Clinton



Choral Evensong at Christ Church, Oxford



Fr Barrie Slatter & Norwich Link visit to St Oswald's



Modelling past-Bishop of Singapore's mitre at Southwold

that their church in Mt Hagen has the same dedication. A coastal trip to see *solwara* (salt water) and a walk on the beach was followed by travel to Sunderland and St. Ignatius Hendon, the parish where Philip Strong was Vicar in 1936 when chosen to be Bishop of New Guinea. Some parishioners remembered his last visit in 1971.

Appropriately, this visit happened on St. Lawrence's Day, the 131st anniversary of the first Anglican missionaries landing in what would become PNG. Both visitors spoke to the congregation after an evening mass but not before the congregation had surprised them by singing the PNG National Anthem! The composer had been born in nearby Gateshead before leading the Royal PNG Constabulary Band at the time of Independence. St Ignatius' congregation have raised funds for sewing machines, so it was great that they could also host a PNG bishop and wife.



Joyful visit to St. Ignatius, Sunderland

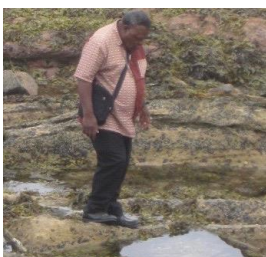


With St Aidan on Holy Island

Then to Scotland for a return visit to hosts, John and Della Rea, who had previously worked with them in Aipo Rongo Diocese. Over the next three days, formal activities included: lunch with the Bishop of Edinburgh and his wife; Sunday preaching and meeting at Christ Church, Morningside, and similarly appreciative feedback to other supportive congregations in the Edinburgh Diocese.

By contrast, leisurely coastal visits over the three days included a misty trip to Holy Island, learning of the arrival of Christianity there 1400 years before PNG: a beach picnic and walk on Berwick's mighty walls; and a full-scale lifeboat call-out at St. Abbs. This brought the discovery, not only could neither of them swim but they were terrified at the prospect of the planned boat-trip. Instead, a relaxed tea in the garden allowed Nathan to snooze and Jesicah to collect seeds and paint three stones – Peace; Joy; Love - for Della.

A final 'local day', during which the walk down to our small harbour provided an unexpected highlight for Nathan. At the lowest tide of the month, he spent 40 minutes exploring way out on the exposed, seaweed-covered reefs. 'I can't wait to tell people at home that I have walked on the bottom of the sea!' This, for a man who lives 5,600 feet up in the mountains of a vast country on the equator where the diurnal tidal reach is imperceptible. Jesicah's comment on seeing a paddle-boarder, 'Perhaps that's how Jesus walked on water!' And her professed highlight? Walking our 16-year old golden-retriever whenever possible, before a tearful farewell to this friend from a previous visit.



+ Nathan explores the sea-floor



Jesicah and old friend

Simple pleasures, much learned and rich memories remaining for all concerned.



+Lindsley Ihove on Sefoa patrol to confirm 86 new Anglicans & ordain three village deacons and a priest; & with newly-confirmed Anglicans at St Martins, Boroko



+ Mt Hagen MU members with new member, Philip Aki

NEWTON COLLEGE PROGRESS

Current feedback from the Principal, Bishop Jeffrey Driver, and Deputy Principal, Fr Giles Motisi, provides encouraging evidence of the changes under way at the college, enabled in part by much-appreciated overseas support:

The college has nearly completed the documentation for registration and accreditation required by the PNG government for Newton College to become a higher education institute. Behind the several hundred pages of this documentation lies a raft of massive changes that have brought the college from near collapse to a hopeful future. These include: rewriting the curriculum and upgrading staff qualifications; replacing or renovating deteriorated buildings; augmenting the water supply; providing mains electricity and IT access; administration development.

Mid-year, +Jeffrey and Fr Giles met with the ACPNG House of Bishops to brief them on the importance of the changes and the steps necessary to meet government requirements. In October, ACPNG Provincial Council agreed the College Canon reflecting the required Anglican college governance change to include relevant expertise, as well as outside advisers.

As part of the upgrade of staff qualifications, Fr Giles will start a Master's Degree in Australia in 2023. Fr Luscomb Bera has returned with a BTh from the Catholic Institute, Port Moresby. Darin Ona, a Divine Word University graduate, has joined the college administration. In other changes.

Fr. Clifford Anubo has returned to Dogura and Fr. Job Migi, having completed his Advance Diploma, will return to NGI Diocese.

Reports suggest that the college is bursting at the seams, with a full house of students this year and 2023, when 15 students are due to graduate, looking the same. A Bridging Programme, with nine students from the Aipo Rongo Diocese, has been held with the selection results due shortly following assessment of their academic suitability. A move to include females in future classes, reflecting the government's equity requirements, has come from the student body.

Building and maintenance work continues, with two or three carpenters working full-time. The college recently purchased a large, portable saw-mill in partnership with a local mining company to provide more cost-effective timber materials. The campus move from generator power with 3,000 kina/month diesel costs to the 500 kina monthly bill for mains electricity has brought massive operational and financial benefits.

As funding allows, as well as continuing to upgrade housing for staff and student families, priority projects include: toilet amenities for the library, lecture rooms and administration area; and a computer lab where gifts from Australia include computers and help to improve the IT system and network.

In his most recent feedback, +Jeffrey identifies two areas where financial support would be particularly welcome:

"Water supply augmentation. In the dry season, we actually run out of water. We either need to sink another bore-hole or build a small weir and pump from one of the creeks. And we have been renovating the single student quarters. We need to rebuild an ablutions block. At the moment we have an overflow from the septic-tank running through the cooking area!"

PNGCP recently pledged a further £20,000 to support the essential changes to the college and the Scottish Episcopal Church, through its Global Partnerships Committee, provided a further £4,000. This Advent, please consider investing in the future of ACPNG by making a donation to PNGCP, earmarked 'for Newton College', to help develop this vital institution. Funds are also needed for the tuition costs of each new student (£500pa for three years) and towards the provision of sewing-machines for the families of next year's graduates (£125 a machine).



Fr Giles and new clinic before opening blessing



Fr Luscomb graduating with BTh

HIGHLANDS LIFELINE

MAF – Mission Aviation Fellowship – provides a vital air service to remote congregations and communities served by the Anglican Church in the Aipo Rongo Diocese and to many other churches and communities throughout the PNG Highlands. Capricious, often extreme, weather conditions and the mountainous, densely-forested terrain make this one of the most dangerous flying zones in the world. Yet, for more than 70 years, this Christian-based organisation has been supporting the spread of the Gospel by more



than 55 church and evangelical organisations. As well as disaster response and emergency medical evacuations, MAF's pilots have carried Bible translations into remote communities and mission stations; flown priests, teachers, health workers and students for evangelism outreach, theological training; community development and supported the work and growth of the churches in PNG as denominations have developed from being mission-led to becoming led by PNG nationals.

Last year, MAF's nine light aircraft conducted 3.152 flights, carrying 20,032 passengers and over 1,500 tonnes of vital freight. With a high level of aircraft maintenance essential, there is inevitably a funding gap between the cost of MAF's unique air service and what is realistically recoverable from those served in these highland areas of PNG. Earlier this year, in recognition of the longstanding partnership between ACPNG and MAF, PNGCP was pleased to make a gift of £3,500 to MAF to cover approximately one week of this funding gap for the flying services operating out of Mt Hagen.

ABCD IN THE JIMI

ABCD? – Mathew Kuraiwae, the Anglican Church's Community Development Officer in PNG, is pioneering a new project, Asset Based Community Development, in the Jimi. A simple concept, already working successfully in a number of other developing countries, ABCD is described as the bottom-up, self-empowerment of communities through recognising and capitalising on their own experience, ideas and resources to improve their environment and lives. This fits naturally into the ACPNG context where, across the five dioceses and for many years now, the Church has promoted a three-fold ministry of mission and evangelism, health and education.

Mathew introduced the ABCD approach in a session during a week-long training event in 2021 for evangelists/catechists in the Aipo Rongo Diocese. Subsequent training, targeting 17 of the most senior catechists from the Lower Jimi Deanery, and without any external funding, was hosted by Fr Nicholas Kaam in Kwima parish, with food and accommodation provided at Kalanz Lodge. Although early days, there are already encouraging signs that local ideas and enthusiasm for this self-help development are bearing fruit.



One mother's experimental rice-plot



Mathew Kuraiwae Covid-testing catechists before training



Margaret Kuraiwae demonstrates making home-made coffee

BRYAN DAVID ROBIN

Amongst many tributes to a valued PNGCP Committee member, following David's untimely death at 57:

"David lived life courageously, in the face of considerable difficulties, and faithfully always serving God, with a calling to the Franciscan Third Order. David never made the consequences of meningitis at the age of 18 months, epilepsy and dyslexia, any reason for not pursuing his interests, studies and travels, the last of which, in 2019, to the Highlands of New Guinea, to take a commemorative stone for his father to Koinambe, was a triumph!

Grandson of Bryan Robin, Bishop of Adelaide for 15 years, and son of Fr Peter and Olive Robin, David spent the first nine years of his life in PNG, then lived in Norfolk and Carlisle (looking after his widowed mother, who met Antonietta, whom he was hoping to marry) and London, where he worked mainly as an accountant. Since last December, David suffered a series of strokes and brain injuries and, in September, died in Kings College Hospital, London. Following a November memorial service in London, David's ashes were buried in the woodland part of Carlisle cemetery alongside his parents." *Janet Wells, PNGCP Committee colleague*

"The people of Jimi and Simbai in Aipo Rongo send their condolence to David's family....We have lost a tribesman born and brought up here...a dear son who is part of us and shares our Christian history....May God be with him on his journey to eternal life and rise in glory." *Dick Kolai, Aipo Rongo Diocesan Secretary, Mt Hagen*



Kwima welcome for David IN 2019

PNG, ACPNG & PNGCP NEWS

- Following the national elections, returning Prime Minister, James Marape, has appointed the world's first Coffee Minister, recognising the growing overseas reputation and demand for PNG coffee and the potential benefit to the myriad small-scale Highlands coffee-growers
- Earlier this year, in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Princess Royal and husband visited PNG. Acting-Archbishop Nathan & Jesicah Ingen spent three days as government guests staying on the same floor as the royal couple in the Airways Hotel and represented the Anglican Church at the two formal dinners given by the Governor-General and by the Prime Minister
- Before the close of the recent Lambeth Conference, the hosts, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin & wife Caroline Welby, chose five participants to tell the whole 1,000-plus gathering what the event had meant to them and the impact it had had. Not only was Jesicah Ingen selected but, in the plaudits that followed, widely recognised as the 'star' for her response (as she was in 2015 for her contribution in Auckland to an Oceania-wide consultation on 'Violence in the Family'). Back in PNG, Jesicah has recently self-funded her qualification as a teacher, is busy in communities in the highlands promoting a UNICEF 'Parenting Plus' programme and ACPNG's 'ABCD' project. She was also recently appointed as MU Provincial Spiritual Adviser
- ACPNG's Provincial Council has approved the goal of bringing other disciplines onto the 269 acre Newton College site. When funds permit, the first will likely be St Margaret's School of Nursing
- The SSF Brothers friary at Haruro is now fully connected to mains electricity, with consideration being given to extending this to the nearby Sisters when funds are found
- The 2022 Norwich Diocese Lent Appeal raised £12,000 to supply of beds and equipment for the Health Centre in Sag Sag, West New Britain
- This August, Dogura Diocese Health Services had a successful five-day review of their activities by the CEO & Directors of the Milne Bay Health Authority & CEO of the PNG Church Health Services, Ulch Tapia (ACPNG's past-Anglican Health Secretary)
- Sad news of the following deaths, in PNG:
 - of **Reuben Tariambari** who was Bishop of Popondota from 1995 - 2002. Martin Gardham wrote at the time that he was well qualified as a reconciler, "a national with experience of Australia and UK, a native of Oro Province who has worked in the highlands, a Binandere man married to a Kokoda lady, and a supporter of the charismatic movement with a deep respect for Anglican tradition."
 - and with the death of **Sir Peter Barter**, PNG and Madang Province have lost a gifted politician, business leader and role model. He was a great supporter of ACPNG through the facilities of Madang Resort Hotel and to Aiome High School from 1996 ...and in Australia:
 - **Fr Brian Harding**, age 91, one of the co-founders of the Melbourne Melanesian group. After attending agricultural college, he spent five years as an Anglican lay missionary in PNG in the 1950's, helping build a bishop's house in Madang, a clinic in New Britain, and working in Lae and the Popondetta area. After ordination in Australia, he served in active ministry into his 80's.
 - English-born **Jeremy Ashton** (92) was the first Bishop of Aipo Rongo, being consecrated in 1976 at University of Technology in Lae before the Anglican Province was inaugurated. From Lae he patrolled the vast diocese extending to Wewak, but was also able to be in daily radio contact with all the clergy and parishes spread out across the highlands. He retired to Australia from PNG in 1986.
 - **Philip Strong** was Vicar of St Ignatius, Hendon, Sunderland in 1936 when nominated as Bishop of New Guinea, at the time part of the Province of Queensland. He left Dogura in 1963 to become Archbishop of Brisbane (and Primate of Australia from 1966) until his retirement in 1971.



Dogura MU leaders at Taupota



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