



TALANOA TOKTOK

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Partnership time



THE Pacific Conference of Churches has renewed its commitment to the regional NGO alliance in 2024.

This will see collaboration between regional NGOs in areas of mutual interest.

The PCC has strong current affiliations with PIANGO, PANG and the Pacific Disability Forum.

The PRNGO Alliance hopes to grow its membership this year.

Secretariat prepares for 2024



Reset time PCC staff members enjoy some time in the sea during their pre-work retreat

Start afresh

A WEEK after starting work for 2024, Pacific Conference of Churches staff members spent time together to reflect on the year ahead.

The staff retreat allowed colleagues to collaborate on programme plans while learning the value of rest and rejuvenation.

Learning sessions on Social Analysis, Planning, Organisational History and the 2023 General Assembly took up the first half of each day.

Devotions in the morning and evening strengthened spirituality.

Pastor Billy Wetewea of the Eglise Protestante de Kanaky Nouvelle Calédonie provided insight into the Kanak philosophy of Do Kamo and its links to self-improvement and care for nature and humanity.

Staff members returned to work on Week Three of 2024 with a greater understanding of themselves, each other and the work set out by the General Assembly.

Want to contribute?

WE welcome contributions to Talanoa Toktok in 2024 and want to hear your suggestions on how to improve our service.

Talanoa Toktok is a monthly publication of the Pacific Conference of Churches, highlighting our activities and advocacy.

It is distributed through our website www.pcc.org.fj and via the PCC Facebook page. We can also send the newsletter directly to your email.

If you want to be on our subscriber list, please email us at media01.pcc@gmail.com for a personal copy.

Or you can stop by at 4 Thurston Street, Suva, Fiji when you're in the area.

This year we'll have a number of interesting church communications training events on-line and face to face so be sure to stay in touch and up to date through our newsletter.

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Starting early ... planting at the Lomana Na Vulagi Farm

Videos show REM work

A SERIES of short videos has captured the Pacific Conference of Churches' work on rethinking.

The videos were made with financial support from the Anglican Church in Australia.

Sustainable sea transport, traditional farm practices and new approaches to formal education are some of the issues covered in the series which can be viewed on Youtube.

Rethinking - part of real life

AT the Lomana Na Vulagi Farm and Eco-School on the eastern coast of Fiji's main island, some serious rethinking is taking place.

How do we harness the best practices of our elders on a farm which must make a profit in order to remain viable?

Can synthetic fertilisers and weedkillers be replaced by organic alternatives?

And is it possible to run an off the grid farm yet maintain the benefits of modern-day technology?

These are some of the practical issues in the PCC's Rethinking the Ecological Mat programme. Initially REM was a concept or

philosophy discussed and researched by academics from the region and beyond.

"Now we want to connect the philosophy to the living, breathing world," said PCC Development Manager, Netani Rika.

"This is about praxis - not pie in the sky thoughts with no root in reality."

Lomana Na Vulagi is taking shape as a model farm where young people from the region can learn about nature in a natural environment. On site and virtual learning on REM will begin in Quarter 2 of 2024.

But first, check out our REM videos to start your personal rethinking journey.



Never give up

IN male-dominated societies, women and girls often come under immense pressure when they aspire to positions of leadership in politics and the church.

The #ShePersisted's Digital Resilience Toolkit brings together existing resources for digital security and tactics for preventing and handling the online harms most commonly experienced by women leaders online. It includes resources and guidance on responding to doxxing, trolling, online smear campaigns, and coordinated abuse, and outlines steps that can help women in the public eye who have found themselves the target of online abuse. The toolkit can be downloaded at

https://r2g26a.n3cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/ShePersisted_Digital_Resilience_Toolkit.pdf



**Why
don't
you join
us?**

**THE World Association of
Christian
Communications dates
back to 1950.**

**But the organisation was
more formally
established with a Board
of Trustees in 1968 when
the old WACC merged**

**with two North
American entities.**

**WACC is genuinely
ecumenical in its
membership and
communication
activities.**

**It encourages co-
operation between
Protestant, Anglican,
Orthodox and Roman
Catholic communicators
and challenges
denominations to seek
the broadest possible
base for their
communication
activities.**

**WACC also promotes co-
operation between
people of other faiths
and ideologies.**

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