

Multiculturalism Matters

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UC Korean national conference coming

THE 2nd national conference of Korean Uniting Churches will be held in South Moreton Presbytery next month.

Rev. Paul Cho of the Gold Coast Korean Fellowship UC, who is executive officer of the Korean National Conference (KNC), said the meeting would be held on June 23-26, using venues in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

It will involve ministers and lay representatives from around 30 Korean Uniting Churches in five states.

The program is still being finalised, but among issues for discussion will be teaching faith to 2nd-generation Korean Australians, developing Biblical resources, and development plans for Korean churches.

The KNC meets every two years: it first met in 2012 in Tasmania.



Local Tongan youth take key role in national conference

TONGAN youth from Logan Central Multicultural and Park UC, West End, will lead the opening worship at the UCA Tongan National Conference (TNC) in NSW next week.

The youth involvement, which will also include drama, dance and songs during the conference, reflects the TNC's strong focus on developing 2nd-generation leadership.

Two 60-seater buses are taking the all-age Brisbane contingent to the TNC, which runs June 6-9 in the Blue Mountains with the theme, "Charged by the Holy Spirit."

Pentecost reading in our various tongues

THE main Bible reading for Pentecost Sunday (June 8), Acts 2:1-21, is being produced on video using local speakers of the 10 worship languages of this Presbytery.



Worship leaders are invited to play the video in services to bring that passage to life in a new way. A link to the video will be emailed to all recipients of the Presbytery Newsletter in a day or so.



Nyarooni sits on the shoulders of Kuat, flanked by Abraham (left) and Nen, with Doth (left) and Nuer in front

Come and lift the hopes of South Sudan's kids

ORGANISERS are hoping for a big turn-out for the Day of Hope for South Sudan, being held at St David's UC, Orange Grove Rd, Coopers Plains, this Saturday, May 31, from 1:00-6:00 pm.

An extravaganza of music, food, fashion and dance, much of it reflecting South Sudanese culture, will be on offer, as well as fun stalls and kids' activities.

The Moderator, Rev Kaye Ronalds, will officially open the event at 2:30 pm.

Organised by the Nuer UC Faith Community and supported by the Presbytery, the day aims to raise funds to help families and children who have been displaced by the recent inter-tribal violence that has engulfed South Sudan.

Entry is \$10, or \$20 per family.

UnitingWorld has mounted an appeal for emergency relief funds for South Sudan. [Details are on their web site.](#)

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Niue community join Acacia Ridge UC



THE Niue community which has been worshipping at Knox Moorooka UC for the past eight years has joined Acacia Ridge UC.

The community, led by Rev. Steve Havilitama, had been considering applying to become a UCA faith community. But following the closure of the Knox congregation earlier this year, the group wanted not just a new home but a fuller integration into the Uniting Church.

The small Acacia Ridge congregation has had a long history of engagement with various cultural groups, and was keen to welcome the Niuean community.

They will all share in the one Sunday service at 9:00 am, with the possibility of a Niuean-language service emerging down the track if the need is there.

The photo shows the Acacia Ridge and Niuean people together after their first shared service on May 18.

Understanding 'key to reconciliation'

UNDERSTANDING is key to progress in reconciliation between First and Second Peoples in Australia.

That was the message of Aboriginal minister Rev. Rex Rigby, national superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Australia, speaking at the Qld Churches Together annual Service of Reconciliation at Logan on May 26.

Mr Rigby said people needed to listen to and understand each other's pain; understand the reality and causes of ignorance about indigenous history and focus efforts on where there is prospect for change; understand that the real enemy of reconciliation is our personal and community brokenness; and see beyond the problems to understand the potential for change and growth within people and situations.



Rev. Rex Rigby preaching at the Logan Service of Reconciliation

2nd-gen. is focus of Calvary revival

AN American leader in developing ministry among 1.5 and 2nd-generation Korean immigrants will lead a series of revival meetings at Calvary Korean UC, Mansfield, this weekend.

Rev. Seung John Lee is lead minister at Jesus Community Church in San Diego, and has founded three churches each aimed at supporting the emerging generations of Korean-Americans.

Several hundred people from Brisbane and the Gold Coast are expected to attend the revival services.

Organiser, Rev David Won Kim, said Calvary Korean's vision was to guide and empower 1st-generation leaders for laying the foundations for involvement and leadership by younger generations who straddle Korean and Australian cultures. The church has rapidly-growing children's and youth ministries.