

Multiculturalism Matters

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Fijians relocate after storm damage



BRISBANE Fijian UC has had to relocate its services for at least three months while serious roof damage to its church and hall is repaired.

The heritage-listed church in Cracknell Rd, Annerley, lost a large part of its roof sheeting during Brisbane's 'super storm' which devastated parts of the city on November 27.

The tiled roof of the rear hall sustained hail damage, and both buildings had smashed windows resulting in interior water damage.

The congregation, which had held a morning English-language service and afternoon Fijian-language service each Sunday, is holding a weekly dual-language service at 10:00 am at Holland Park UC, which has offered the use of one of its two properties.



PHOTOS show damage to the Brisbane Fijian church building, from the street (top) and from the rear (below).

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Cultural diversity lived and discussed at talanoa



MORE than 20 people from a range of different cultures shared in a Tongan 'talanoa', hosted by Park Tongan UC on December 5. The event was arranged by the Synod's Multi Cross Cultural Committee, as an open forum to enable people to experience worship and hospitality from one of the Synod's cultural groups and to discuss multiculturalism in the Uniting Church. The morning included Tongan worship and a talk about Tongan culture, with a focus on family relationships, and Rev. Maile Molitika opened a discussion with his vision of what it means to be a multicultural congregation in the UCA. Lunch followed. The MCCC plans to hold two of these in different churches each year.

Brisbane gifts for Fijian graduates

BOOKS and resources worth \$10,000 have been given to Methodist training graduates in Fiji by the Brisbane Fijian UC, in what will become an annual focus of their mission giving.

The church gave Bibles and commentaries to 24 new pastors from Davuilevu Theological College, classroom resources and stationary to 20 graduating pre-school teachers, cooking appliances and utensils to four women completing vocational training courses, and Samsung tablets to top students and teachers at a Methodist girls' high school in Suva.

Malakai Tilagucagucu from Brisbane Fijian UC went to Fiji to make the presentations at the various graduating ceremonies.

That's all for this year!

Multiculturalism Matters goes into recess now until February 2015. The newsletter began this year with an aim to increase awareness in the Presbytery of our multicultural churches. Next year the focus will be less on news, and more on telling the deeper stories of the churches and people that make up our cultural diversity. Your ideas and comments are always welcome! Thanks for your interest.

— David Busch

Let EVERYTHING
that has BREATH
PRAISE the
LORD.

Psalm 150: 6

6: 30 PM

Come *Worship* with us to
Praise for his *Glory*
Logan Uniting Church

129 Dennis Rd, Springwood, QLD 4127

Refreshments (supper) will be served after the service.

Matu Christian Uniting Church

December 13th