



Malo e lelei, Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Welcome to our first SPEA newsletter, and it has come as a result of our Inaugural SPEA meeting held in Papua New Guinea in March.

This newsletter features two articles, *PNG Dedicated to God* by Rev Matias Hamanga, President | Evangelical Alliance PNG and *A Hopeful Rebellion* by Amit Khaira, Representative from the WEA Global Youth Commission.

SPEA recently had its first quarterly prayer meeting, where we prayed for Fiji and the Solomon Islands. God has been so faithful and continues to move throughout our region.

Right now, SPEA is preparing for the upcoming WEA General Assembly in South Korea, October 27th-31st and our prayer is that we have a South Pacific delegation attend representing up to 8-10 Nations. [Please complete this expression of interest form if you wish to attend.](#) The GA information is now public on the WEA website, but it's important to let our SPEA office know of your interest, as we are working through registration fees and praying for scholarships to assist our region.

If you are not familiar with SPEA, please refer to the information below. We continue to stay connected with you via our social platforms. Please continue to pray for the South Pacific Region - for God's unity and love to overflow throughout.

Blessings upon our region always.



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South Pacific General Secretary



4 SEPT 2025

10:00 - 11:00 (GMT +12)

SPEA PRAYER MEETING



If you'd like to join our next SPEA Prayer Meeting on 4 September 2025 and haven't received a calendar invite, please [email Esther](#).

The South Pacific Evangelical Alliance: United for Kingdom Impact

The South Pacific Evangelical Alliance (SPEA) is a network of evangelical churches and ministries working together across the Pacific Islands. As a regional body of the World Evangelical Alliance, SPEA serves countries like Papua New Guinea, Fiji, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Samoa, New Zealand, Australia and Vanuatu—bringing unity, encouragement, and shared mission to the region.

Origins and Mission

The South Pacific Evangelical Alliance was formed to give voice to the unique needs and opportunities of the evangelical church in the Pacific region. Rooted in the values of biblical authority, evangelism, and Christian unity, SPEA seeks to strengthen the church's impact in areas.

SPEA's mission, through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, is to be a platform for regional identity, voice, and collaboration for the advancement of the Kingdom of God through Christ-centered proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples including indigenous peoples, discipling the nations for the transformation of societies.

Global Connections

As a regional arm of the World Evangelical Alliance, SPEA benefits from international partnerships and networks. This connection enhances its capacity to support local initiatives, share resources, and participate in global conversations about religious freedom, human rights, and Christian mission.

Looking Ahead

The South Pacific Evangelical Alliance continues to expand its influence through strategic partnerships, leadership development, and prayerful collaboration. As it seeks to serve the body of Christ across oceanic nations, SPEA remains a vital catalyst for unity, mission, and transformation in the South Pacific.

“The purpose of SPEA is to connect, empower and transform Christian believers across the South Pacific region, fostering unity throughout.”

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PNG Dedicated to God

South Pacific nations celebrate 50 years of Papua New Guinea's independence and declare it a mission force nation.

From 25–28 March 2025, the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance (SPEA) held a significant conference in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), commemorating the nation's 50th Jubilee of independence. This momentous event not only honoured PNG's past but also declared its future as a mission force to the nations.

The conference was officially opened by the Honourable Jason Peter, Minister for Christian Religion in Papua New Guinea, with a powerful dedication of the nation to God led by Reverend Samuel E. Chiang, Deputy Secretary General of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA). Delegates from twelve Pacific nations gathered to pray over PNG's parliament and its people, giving thanks for the blessings of the last fifty years.

Celebrating God's Blessings Over 50 Years

During the conference, there was a countdown of blessings that Papua New Guinea received towards gaining independence in 1975. They are as follows:

1. The first missionary weave in 1847 by the missionaries from South Pacific Countries brought light to PNG as in Genesis 1: 3 before all creation, God commanded let there be LIGHT. We thank God for missionaries from South Pacific Nations came with light (Good News) some 178 years ago.
2. The establishment of the Christian Leaders Training Collage (CLTC) of Papua New Guinea and Dauli Teachers Collages were the Unity pillar of the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance established in 1964. The current leaders in the Pacific communities are the graduates of CLTC in the last 61 years. The word of God was here before the Independence in 1975.
3. PNG became independent from Australia in 1975, this was also a great blessing initiated by our leaders in a peaceful way.
4. Establishment of the National Constitution of PNG that was based on the biblical values and principles, binding 854 different language and cultural groups together in the last 50 years. This year's amendment as Christian Country is part of the mission force by the state.
5. A 400-hundred-year-old King James Bible in the Parliament or PNG Government pulpit. All members of parliament know full well that the Bible is the truth and the Bible will build the eternal kingdom.

6. Opening of PNG embassy in Jerusalem. We know that God loves Israel, God is a covenant-keeping God, God hallows his name, and Israel is key for revival and blessings. Jeremiah 31: 2-4.

7. Vision to take back PNG and make it the richest Christian Nation in the world. This was a divine vision statement from our 8th Prime Minister Hon James Marabe

Nation Becoming a Mission Force

Prime Minister Hon. James Marape's vision of making PNG "the richest Christian nation on earth" was reaffirmed during the event. Formerly a mission field, PNG is now taking its place as a mission force in the Pacific.

SPEA's Annual General Meeting (AGM), held alongside the conference, saw historic moments such as the endorsement of six new countries to join the WEA and the commitment of twelve Pacific nations to pray for PNG's leadership, parliament, and Christian witness.

Youth were not forgotten—SPEA dedicated the next generation to God, with a bold vision to provide employment to over 34,000 young people in the next 50 years through church networks and partnerships.

Looking ahead, a Mission Force Centre will be established in PNG's Nature Block to serve as the operational hub for SPEA, the Evangelical Alliance of PNG (EAPNG), and its 22 church members and 15 affiliated service agencies.

Conclusion

In his concluding remarks, Rev. Chiang and the SPEA team reaffirmed PNG's strategic role in global missions and thanked all member nations for their continued partnership. The General Assembly was hailed as a powerful declaration that PNG is entering a new era—not just remembering 50 years of independence, but stepping forward into its calling as a light to the nations.

PNG's journey from a mission field to a mission force is a story of God's faithfulness, and the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance is committed to walking together into the next 50 years of fruitful Gospel impact.

Matias Hamanga

President | Evangelical Alliance PNG

Deputy Secretary General of the WEA dedicated the Land of PNG to God's trinity and counted down the blessings before independence and 50 years after independence.

The other senior state minister was part of the meeting and desired to become the mission force of the country.

The 12 Nations of the Pacific prayed for the National parliament and its seat to become a mission force as stated.

UNITY PILLAR of Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea, South Pacific SPEA and WEA has been the Christian Leaders Training College since 1964.

1. Bible in the parliament
2. Constitution amendment
3. Israeli embassy established
4. Church and state partnership (programme in place)

SPEA also Dedicate our youth of PNG and the South Pacific to be productive citizens. EAPNG is targeting to employ 34,800 to 50,000 youth through its network over the next 50 years.

PNG was a Mission Field of the Pacific and Rev Sione Kami was a bishop of the united church Highlands and executive member of the Evangelical Alliance of PNG.

Mission Force Center of the South Pacific and PNG will be here in the nature block to start off with. This will be the office of the president. For all effective service delivery. EAPNG will provide data information for all 22 churches and 15 service agencies for all the planning processes with state, SPEA and WEA.

These brothers in Christ were the sponsors of the SPEA – AGM: Wahju Hanafi, Yando Nimbo, Dr Payani and Wandiago Gau. God prepared them for this ministry.

A Hopeful Rebellion: Youth, Discipleship & the Spirit's Movement in the South Pacific

The sun rises early in the South Pacific, and so do the youth - often before the roosters. But while coconuts are still falling from trees and church choirs

warm up their vocal cords, something deeper is stirring: a rebellion. Not of violence or protest, but of hope, truth, and spiritual hunger. A rebellion against apathy, against inherited religion, against low expectations. And it's gaining ground.

Yet, let's not sugar-coat it. Our region is facing some real giants.

Youth at the Crossroads

Our young people aren't just battling external issues - they're wrestling internally too.

Mental Health concerns are rising, often met with either silence or spiritual platitudes: "Just pray more." While faith is powerful, we must also validate the pain, address the trauma, and intentionally explore holistic support.

The Environment is groaning (Romans 8:22, anyone?), and young Christians are asking big questions: What does stewardship look like when your island is disappearing? How do we balance traditional views with urgent action? It's not just about hugging trees - it's about loving neighbours, defending creation, and echoing God's original command to "tend and keep" the Earth.

And then there's Employment & Education. Graduates with big dreams and even bigger degrees find themselves stuck. No job. No prospects. And sometimes, no hope. The disconnect between education and opportunity is pushing many to leave their homelands in search of work - and purpose. What if the Church became a place of innovation, empowerment, and economic imagination?

Four Insights for Ministry

In response to these realities, four key convictions have emerged that could help shape a more vibrant and effective ministry in our region:

1. *DISCIPLESHIP*: Handcrafted, not mass-produced.

Walk slowly. Love deeply. Teach truth. Model grace.

2. *UNITY*: You are not an island unto yourself.

Collaboration across generations, genders, and denominations isn't optional - it's vital.

3. *LIFESTYLE*: Rebel against low expectations.

Call young people to more - more holiness, more service, more Jesus.

4. *COMMUNITY*: Smash the silo.

Intergenerational connection isn't just sweet - it's strategic. Stories, wisdom, and faith need to flow both ways.

Signs of Hope from Papua New Guinea

I recently had the privilege of witnessing this rebellion in action in Port Moresby. The team at Scripture Union is serving to build a culture of prayer that is anything but sleepy. I walked into what was described as a "prayer meeting"...it was actually an all-night prayer vigil with over 700 young people. Scripture and notebooks open, hearts ablaze, they weren't just reading the Word - they were applying it, discussing it, wrestling with it. And then came the worship and prayer...not as an afterthought, but as a natural overflow of engaging God together. Now that is a foundation worth building on!

Then, there was the roundtable hosted by Pastor Duli Asi - part of a grassroots project a friend and I are stewarding across Asia and Oceania called. It's not a program, a brand, or a banner - just a simple invitation to come to the table in the name of Jesus. The heart? To gather voices from across the generations - Baby Boomers, Gen X, Y, and Z - male and female, side by side, to listen deeply, learn humbly, and discern what the Spirit of God is saying in this hour.

This wasn't a panel - it was a conversation. And what a conversation it was!

One university student began to share how the message of grace is softening her peers' hearts toward the gospel. As she spoke, one of the older leaders began to repent. "We haven't shown that kind of grace to your generation," he said. "And for that, we are sorry."

Without skipping a beat, a young man responded: "And we haven't always listened well to our elders. For that, we're sorry too."

It was holy ground. A glimpse of heaven. A reminder that repentance is contagious - and that when generations choose to honour, listen, and love one another, the gospel doesn't just get preached; it gets embodied.

Through this one 90-minute conversation in Port Moresby, 18 unique “keys of the kingdom” were uncovered - insights, patterns, and revelations that speak directly into the heart of generational unity and Spirit-led leadership for the sake of the city. Our hope is to continue hosting these tables across major cities in Asia and the South Pacific, capturing the wisdom, testimonies, and lessons that emerge, and sharing them with the global Church. Because we believe the story isn’t just one generation’s to tell - it’s a story we write

Together.

Repentance is contagious.

So is humility.

So is hope.

Conclusion: A Movement Worth Joining

The Spirit of God is on the move in the South Pacific. Through prayer, truth, repentance, and radical love, a generation is rising - not just to inherit the Church, but to lead it into a new era.

Yes, the challenges are real. But so is the hunger. And so is the hope.

So let’s raise our voices, open our tables, and get our hands dirty. The rebellion has begun - rooted in grace, driven by truth, and led by the Spirit.

And guess what?

You’re invited

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