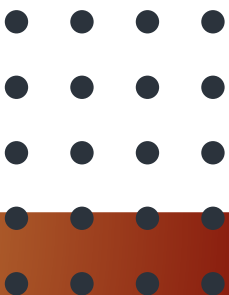
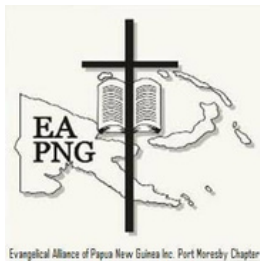


2025

SOUTH PACIFIC EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 25 March - Friday 28 March 2025
Holiday Inn Express, Port Moresby



WELCOME MESSAGE



Rachel Afeaki
Regional General Secretary
South Pacific Evangelical Alliance

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour to all attending the Inaugural 2025 General Assembly (GA) of the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance Region (SPEAR). This year's inaugural assembly is significant because it also coincides with the 50th anniversary of independence for Papua New Guinea from Australia. God's timing is always perfect, for the South Pacific World Evangelical Alliance family to gather and meet in Papua New Guinea to pray for this Nation and our region.

Our theme: The Jubilee Year to Proclaim the Lord's Favour: Renewal, Forgiveness and Restoration throughout the Pacific region: calls us to pray and declare God's goodness and grace in collaboration to increase effectiveness, fostering unity for the advancement of the Kingdom of God by His Church across our region.

We, as His Church need God's discernment and wisdom when we meet with guidance of the Holy Spirit to discuss and make decisions at this meeting. Thank you for your leadership and service across the South Pacific/ Oceania region working collaboratively with the World Evangelical Alliance.

As we gather, let us pray for the foundation of our GA and our ministries. Let us also pray for each other's leadership, our evangelism, and our discipleship efforts. We anticipate 30 international participants and 30 local Papua New Guinea leaders for this year's GA.

WELCOME MESSAGE CONT

Our goal is to bring together God-fearing, courageous leaders from Pacific Island Nations and significant movements to share their vision and strategies for fulfilling God's intent for our region creating faith-filled collective action towards 2030.

SPEA have 3 Alliances, Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand. We continue to pray for the growth of new alliances and associations across Nations and associations across churches and ministries.

We will be focused on fellowship, connections and sharing stories - hearing and having a deeper understanding of what God's church is doing throughout our region. We will celebrate God's goodness and pray throughout to how we, together can work collectively unified in faith to leverage partnerships and address current challenges we face. How will the Church in the Pacific respond?

I believe this gathering will create new friendships, strengthen current relationships and get us excited for the next 5 years-10 years accelerating God's intent and Great Commission for this region. May God grant us discernment, wisdom, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in every decision we make at this gathering. May His Name be glorified.

Thank you, malo'aupito, fa'afetai'lava, Sulang, KamꞄꞄolol, Vinaka vaka levu, Ngaa mihi nui,

WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MESSAGE



Rev. Samuel E. Chiang
Deputy Secretary General
World Evangelical Alliance

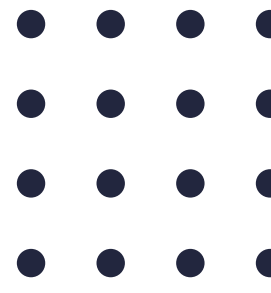
It is with great joy and gratitude I am attending this historic occasion on behalf of the International Council, the Regional General Secretaries, and the Executive Chair of the International Council, Rev. Dr. Goodwill Shana.

We extend our warmest Pacific greetings and heartfelt congratulations. We gather not only to celebrate the Inaugural South Pacific Evangelical Alliance (SPEA) Regional Meeting but also to honor the 50th anniversary of Papua New Guinea's independence—a milestone rich with meaning, not just for this nation but for the entire South Pacific.

Fifty years marks a jubilee—a biblical season of renewal, restoration, and freedom. The year 2025, is a Jubilee year which we stand on PNG ground at the intersection of history and divine purpose, reflecting on the faithfulness of God and the remarkable movement of His Spirit across the islands of the Pacific.

We celebrate what God has done here as an unfolding story. This region is not just receiving the gospel—it is shaping the future of global Christianity. The South Pacific, once a mission field, is now a mission force. The same Spirit who ignited faith here is calling men and women to bring the gospel beyond these shores, to near cultures and distant lands.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE OF PNG MESSAGE



Rev. Mathias Hamaga
President
Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea

Greeting in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, on behalf of the Alliance of Papua New Guinea I welcome you all to our beautiful Nation Papua New Guinea. I give thanks and praise to our heavenly Father for the blessing of hosting the Inaugural South Pacific Evangelical Alliance General Assembly.

It is such a divine appointment for such a time as this for our region's church leaders to gather to pray and fellowship in preparation towards our Nation's 50th Jubilee celebration and what better way to start the celebration but in fellowship and prayer with our World Evangelical Alliance and South Pacific Evangelical Alliance families and Pacific Nations.

I hope you enjoy your time in Papua New Guinea and I thank you in advance for your prayers towards our General Assembly. May this time together be one of unity, peace and love as brothers and sisters of Christ and as neighboring Nations. I believe that the General Assembly of the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance held in Port Moresby will bring abundant blessings and grace upon grace throughout Papua New Guinea and the Pacific region on March 25th -28th.

Relying on the grace of God, let us fill the Pacific and the world with Christ's love and His grace.

Welcome to Papua New Guinea!



WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE (WEA)



<https://worldea.org/>

The World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) is an interdenominational organization of evangelical Christian churches with 600 million adherents that was founded in 1846 in London, England, to unite evangelicals worldwide. WEA is the largest international organization of evangelical churches.

Evangelicals globally are incredibly diverse and vibrant people of faith! They are bound together by spiritual convictions that they consider 'non-negotiable', while acknowledging a wide variety of expressions in non-essential matters, such as their style of worship.

Evangelicals emphasize the importance of an individual and personal relationship with God that is not defined by any political, cultural or social association, nor automatically given by way of nominal membership of any specific denomination.

Instead, evangelicals are recognized by their high regard for the Bible as the Word of God that guides their daily lives; the conviction that salvation is only received by faith through Jesus Christ who died on the cross and was resurrected to life; that God is triune as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and a few other core beliefs as found in WEA's Statement of Faith.

WORLD EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE (WEA) CONT

We believe in:

The Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and his personal return in power and glory.

The Salvation of lost and sinful man through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Unity of the Spirit of all true believers, the Church, the Body of Christ.

The Resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life, they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONAL EVANGELICAL ALLIANCES

SOUTH PACIFIC EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE (SPEA)



Rachel Afeaki
Regional General Secretary
South Pacific Evangelical Alliance

SPEA represents the South Pacific region of the World Evangelical Alliance. The initial founding National Alliance members are New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, and Australia.

The Vision of SPEA is to connect, empower and transform Christian believers fostering unity for the advancement of the Kingdom of God across the South Pacific Region through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit is to be a platform for regional identity, voice, and collaboration through Christ-centered proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples including indigenous peoples, discipling the nations for the transformation of societies.

SPEA thinks globally, act locally, extend nationally and regionally. SPEA with the hope of God fosters unity across all spheres of society to transform and redeem for the betterment of the region. SPEA National Alliances seek to serve one another, encouraging growth of new National Evangelical Alliances where they do not yet exist in the region.

SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONAL EVANGELICAL ALLIANCES

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Rev. Mathias Hamaga
President
Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea

Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea is a non-profit Christian organisation (NGO) made of up of Evangelical Churches who are affiliated to the organisation through submission of application and approval by the Board of Executives and endorsed by the Annual General Meeting. Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea (Inc.) was established in 1964 by various evangelical mission and agency organizations serving in PNG at that time. It was then registered as Evangelical Alliance of the South Pacific.

The office was initially located at Christian Leaders Training College (CLTC) Banz, Western Highlands Province, but since January 2006 it has been relocated to Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province. It is a national organization that has over twenty-two church denominations and agencies as its members. 14 Agency members include Missionary Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL) and Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship (CRMF). EAPNG's member churches and institutions represent one third of the PNG Population. EAPNG has an honorary board that meets three times annually to ensure that the organization is functioning effectively.

SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONAL EVANGELICAL ALLIANCES

PAPUA NEW GUINEA CONT.

That time EAPNG became direct member of World Evangelical Alliance and became the founding organization of the Pacific Evangelical Alliance. EAPNG, as a bigger church base organization (CBO) was further recognized by the independent state of PNG Government as a potential agency to partner and implement the Government's development policies on Public Private Partnership (PPP) programmes. EAPNG is also a member of Papua New Guinea Churches development council, the Government partner outreaching the bulk of the population holistically in the rural areas where the government's service delivery falls short. Additionally, EAPNG plays a significant role in attending to and deal with youth, women, gender and other social issues in partnership with concerned stakeholders consultatively.

SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONAL EVANGELICAL ALLIANCES

NEW ZEALAND



Rev. Dr. Stuart Lange
National Director
New Zealand Christian Network (NZCN)

www.nzchristiannetwork.org.nz

NZCN is a collaborative New Zealand network of Christian people, churches, and organisations, established in 2002 by an inter-denominational forum of church leaders to help the church in New Zealand be more united and effective, and to present a reasoned, well-researched Christian voice on public issues to media and government. Our whakapapa goes back to the World Evangelical Alliance (1846 –), the Evangelical Alliance (New Zealand), the Evangelical Fellowship of New Zealand, and Vision NZ.

We uphold historic Christian faith, reflecting a moderate biblical-evangelical perspective. We work across the denominations, and seek to serve the whole church, and to speak into both church and society. We provide platforms for united prayer, fellowship, and networking.

NZCN is not a council of churches but is involved with the National Church Leaders of Aotearoa New Zealand (many of them are also on our Board of Reference).

SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONAL EVANGELICAL ALLIANCES

AUSTRALIA



Rev. Dr. John Yates
President
Australia Evangelical Alliance Foundation (AEF)

www.ea.org.au

The Australia Evangelical Alliance exists to be a catalyst for Christian unity, co-operation and mission. The Evangelical Alliance family presently consists of six Christian organisations: Advancing Ministry Effectiveness, EA Foundation, EA Insurance Services, Ethos, Missions Interlink and Tearfund Australia - which were birthed by the Australian Evangelical Alliance Inc.

Although now all independent organisations, they continue to work together under an EA Family Covenant of Cooperation and Fellowship (often referred to as the "EA Family").

The EA Family collectively is a member of the World Evangelical Alliance (WEA) through the EA Foundation. At a regional level the EA Family is also a member of the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance and an associate of the Asia Evangelical Alliance.

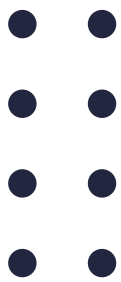
SPEA OFFICIAL OPENING

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| 10:00am | Opening Prayer ad Devotion | South Pacific Evangelical Alliance (SPEA), Evangelical Alliance of PNG (EAPNG) |
| 10:15am | Welcome and introduction | EAPNG President Rev. Matthias Hamaga SPEA General Secretary Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepeau |
| 10:25am | Speeches Evangelical Alliance of Papua New Guinea South Pacific Evangelical Alliance World Evangelical Alliance National Council of Churches of PNG Body of Christ PNG Minister of Religion of Papua New Guinea Deputy Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea | Master of Ceremony Rev. Matthias Hamaga President Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepeau General Secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Chiang Deputy General Secretary Rev Roger Joseph General Secretary Pastor Michael Wilson President Hon. Jason Peter MP Hon. John Rosser MP |
| 11:45am | World Evangelical Alliance & South Pacific Evangelical Alliance to dedicate the Nation of Papua New Guinea for Next 50 years. Pacific Nation representative will be called to pray own Nations language | Representatives for WEA & SPEA |
| 12:00pm | Refreshments/Connections | SPEA & EAPNG |
| 13:30pm | Inaugural General Assembly Start | SPEA & EAPNG |

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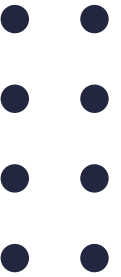
PAPUA NEW GUINEA FACTS

- Bring a sufficient supply of over-the-counter and prescription medicines.
- Dress and behaviour standards are conservative. Take care not to offend. Ask permission before taking photos of people, cultural sites and spirit houses.
- Avoid travelling at night or alone, please only use the airport shuttle booked by the hotel or designated transport booked by the SPEA during your trip.
- Only use ATMs in hotels and other secure locations due to the high risk of crime.

FUN FACTS

- The local currency is the PNG Kina (PGK).
- It has an abundance of cobalt. And gold. And copper.
- PNG has over 850 languages, the most of any country in the world.
- PNG is home to a variety of unique animals, including tree-kangaroos and poisonous birds.
- The national dish is called mumu and is a one-pot-dish that contains sweet potato, rice, pork and vegetables.
- Of Papua New Guinea's approximately 11.8 million people, 80-85% live in rural communities. Of these, most are subsistence farmers or grow small cash crops.
- Port Moresby is the capital and is the second-largest island in the world. It serves as the administrative and economic hub of the country.

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