

Tonga National Conference 2019

“Liberating by faith in Jesus Christ”

“Ko hotau veteange óku í he tui kia Sisu Kalaisi”

[Acts/ Ngāue 13: 38, 39; Luke 4: 18,19]

Saturday 28th September, 2019

Venue: Katoomba Christian Convention Centre

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1. **Devotion/Poupou** - Rev. Valamotu Palu
2. **Opening Prayer/Lotu Kamata** - Rev. Valamotu Palu
3. **Welcome** - Rev Feke Kamitoni
4. **Attendance/Kau ma’u Fakataha** – Rev Feke Kamitoni, Rev Moses Taufa, Makelesi Kavapalu Facci, Taufa Nau, Lingiola, Valeti Moeakiola, Fe’ao Katoa, Kalisitiane Finau, Naule’o La’akulu, Mele Langi, Kiteau Funaki, ‘Akosita Tangi, Mele Vai, Litia Kupa, Veiongo Hehepoto, ‘Aiona Palu, Susana Latu, Sioana Faupula, Namoe Faupula, Moana ‘Ahosivi, Stella Naimet, Rev Nau ‘Ahosivi, Lipina Ata, Solomone Fungalei, Fatafehi Funaki, Sitiveni Havea, Rev ‘Alimoni Taumoepeau, Semi Afeaki, F Fonua, Kalo aitea, Rev Solo Tafokitau, Viliami Fifita, Ikamanu Moeakiola, ‘Ana Latu, Rev ‘Oto Faiva, Fifita Lamipeti, Langi Suli, Virginia Lavaki, Haitelenisia Kailahi, ‘Ofa Taumoepeau, Moana Vakameilalo, Joyce Tangi, Milise ‘Ofa Fao’l’akau, Mele Ngauamo, Telesia Lavaki, Taiosisi Sikuea, ‘Alipate Penisini, Sepiuta Penisini, ‘Ofa Tupou, Mele Tu’ipuloto, ‘Atelaite Foliaki, Milton Sikuea, Rev Maile Molitika, Rev Loni Vaitohi, Moti Vaitohi, Alisi Manu, David Fungalei, Solopani Lolohea, Lisiate Lavulavu, Rev Salesi Faupula, Viliami Latu, Kalo Puna.
5. **Apologies/Kau poaki** – ‘Aho, Princess Latuifuipeka, Dr Tangikina Moimoi-Steen, Kau Faifekau – Rev Lavingi Tupou, Rev Sylvia Tongotongo, Rev. ‘Ikani Vaitohi, Rev Tevita Holani, Rev Lauleti Tu’inauvai, ...

6. Introducing new ones /Fakafe'iloaki kinautolu 'oku nau fuofua kau mai ki he Fakataha 'a e TNC
Those attending TNC for the first time –

- 'Alisi Manu – Brisbane
- Mele Tu'ipulotu – Auburn
- Lisiate Lavulavu – Auburn
- Lindsay Cullen – Assembly

7. Report from member congregations/Lipooti mei he ngaahi Siasi.

8. TNC Business Minutes 2018/Miniti 'a e TNC he 2018

9. Minute TNC Executive Meeting in July 20th 2019/Miniti 'o e fakataha 'a e Komiti Executive 20/7/2019.Na'e Tali 'e he fakataha 'a e Miniti 'o e TNC 2018 fakataha mo e mo e Miniti 'a e Executive meetings.

10.Future of the Tongan National Conference

Report from TASK GROUP

I. Feitu'u/Venue?

Katoomba or Meroo?

Tali ke Ngaue'aki 'a Katoomba/The Conference agreed to hold it at Katoomba Conference Centre.

II. Taimi/When?

➤ ***Na'e kole ke foki mai pe 'etau Konifelenisi ki Sune? School holiday for most States.***

***'Oku tutuku e ngaahi ako 'i he ngaahi Vahenga Fonua 'e ni'ih. Away from Exam time for HSC Students
Fakafaingamalie e teuteu sivi 'a e taimiki 'oku sivi HSC***

➤ ***Easier for the President of the FWC Tonga to attend. September is a busy time for the President.***

Faingofua ange ki he Palesiteni 'o e Siasi Uesiliana 'i Tonga ke kau mai ki he'etau konifelenisi. Ko Sepitema, ko e mahina mo'ua ia 'o e Palesiteni neongo 'ene fie kau mai ki he'etau konifelenisi.

Foki ki Sune ki he Queens Birthday weekend 2021/To go back and have it during the Queen's Birthday long weekend in 2021.

III. Tu'o fiha/How often?

Na'e tali 'e he Konifelenisi ke fakata'u 2/The Conference agreed to have it every 2 years and see how it goes from there.

From 2nd Gen –

- ***To have the conference every two years because there's a financial aspect and the practical side of things.***
- ***They're happy For TNC to happen every two years.***
- ***They're happy for TNC to move interstates.***

IV. Fakaafe mei muli/International Guests

Na'e ngaue'aki mai hono fakaafe'i mai pe 'a e taki 'o e Siasi; Palesiteni 'o e Uesiliana mei Tonga, pea mo e Palesiteni 'o e Uniting Church 'i 'Aositelelia. 'I he ngaahi ta'u kuo maliu atu, na'e 'ikai ke toe 'omai ha na fetongi (fakafofonga) 'o kapau he'ikai tena lava mai.

Kole ke talanoa 'a e Konifelenisi pe 'e tali ke 'omai ha fakafofonga 'o e Palesiteni 'o kapau 'oku 'ikai ke ne lava mai.

'Oku mahu'inga ange e ke tauhi e ongo Palesiteni... Tali 'e he fakataha pea nau loto ke tauhi pe fakaafe ki he ongo Palesiteni.

11. Minute of Appreciation - Minute of Appreciation – Words of Thanks were expressed by Feke to the Previous Chairperson, Rev Jason Kioa, and the Seceretary Rev 'Alimoni Taumoepeau and also Tangikina Moimoi-Steen. The Conference acknowledge and give thanks to God for all the work they have done for TNC. Feke ended with a word of prayer.

12. Report from all Task Group –

Group Discussions re the cost of the conference -

From the Financial side of things – from the Treasurer and other members

- 8 years at Merroo we've spent close to 800,000 dollars there. Here at Katoomba it's over 100,000 and it's a lot of money.
- Lahi 'etau 'alu ki he fakakaukau fakapa'anga instead 'etau fakakaukau fakacommunity
- To reflect in our journey to where our conference is at the moment.
- Finance is not the issue. We need to think Big of where we are heading.
- Tau konifelenisi pe tautolu ia fakata'u/We need to have the conference annually.
- Think carefully of what we hear from 2nd Gen.
- To support them and enable to lead them into the future.(see above comments from 2nd Gen)

Tevita Fungalei

- Update from Website and questions from the Conference.
- Email address
- TNC Live tonight
- Subscribe to the website

13. Naé fili á e Faifekau Rev. Jason Kioa kene tataki ha talanoa fekauáki mo e “PENIELI PROJECT” hili hono tali á e visone ko eni ke hoko ko e Visone á e TNC.
Ko e fakaámu ke muimuií á e ngaahi talanoa ne ósi fai pea hoko atu/ pe fekumi ki ha meá é ala tokoni ki he ngaue ko eni. Pea toki lipooti mai ki he TNC.

MORNING TEA –

14. **Pacific Mental Health –**

2015 – went to three funerals of young people who committed suicides. She talked to her colleagues and it’s the same with the Maori, Samoans etc. Now they’re working and doing a research at Wollongong University. ‘Alimoni helps them out. There’s funds for a scholarship and there’s two people who have done the scholarship.
‘Alauna Blake – fakalele ‘ene ngaahi workshop ...

Pelenaise Lomai - na’a na vahevahe fekau’aki mo ‘ena ngaue ‘oku fai ke tokoni ki he fanau Tonga.

15. Fakamatala ‘a e Tauhi Pa’anga – The Treasurer tabled her report and the conference received and approved the report.

16. **‘Osi e taimi ka ‘oku kei toe pe ‘etau ‘Asenita pea ‘e toloi ia ke toki sio ki ai ‘a e Executive he fakataha hoko ‘i Ma’asi/There’s not enough time but there’s still some stuff on the Agenda which the Executive will look at it at the next meeting in March 2020.**

Next meeting of the Executive will be on 13th – 15th March 2020 in Canberra Civic Centre.