



## PNG-KLS-SPLC REUNION Sept 30 - Oct 3, 2021

Newsletter #9 January 2021

**Hello Wontoks!**

Join us for the Zoom Gathering on January 23rd 2021. The theme is

*"Life After PNG - What's Your Story?"*

The date and time of the Zoom Gathering has been color coded to help clarify the different time zones. Come join our global event.

**U.S. Central Standard Time Saturday January 23 from 1 - 3 p.m.**

**Central European Time Saturday January 23 from 8 - 10 p.m.**

**Australia Eastern Time Sunday January 24 from 5 - 7 a.m.**

Wontoks from Germany, France, Australia and the U.S have signed up. Mark Singh-Hueter will host through his church, Advent Lutheran, in Pennsylvania. Jonathan Frerichs will facilitate from his home in France.

Our featured speakers are Ron and Else (Helbig) Schardt. Ron was born in the U.S. and in his third year at Colorado State University when he received a letter from the American Lutheran Church. The letter asked him to apply for a position on a team of Foreign Mission Builders. A few short months later, he found himself headed to New Guinea. The teams first assignment in 1958 - construction of the tuberculosis hospital at Butaweng in Finschhafen. Else was born and raised in New Guinea, one of the children of Martin and

Frieda Helbig. Like many of us, she attended boarding schools in New Guinea and Australia. She became a teacher and years later experienced her own children going off to boarding school. Ron and Else have a unique story and their presentation promises to be very interesting.

After the presentation, we'll break into small groups for the opportunity to (briefly) share our own stories of life after New Guinea. A short break is planned, then small groups meet again, after which Jonathan will wrap-up in the large group. It promises to be a fun and interesting event. So far, 27 people have signed-up with room for 100. Both the large and small group discussions will be recorded for future viewing.

About a week before the event, those who have signed up will receive a final email with further information on how to download the Zoom app, discussion questions, names of people who have signed up, and the link to the Zoom Gathering. For those with questions about Zoom, Mark Singh-Hueter's contact information will be listed so you can call or text him.

**Are you interested?**

**Click on the link below to sign up for the Zoom Gathering**

[ZOOM Gathering](#)

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## LIFELINES

Some of the people who impacted our lives while growing up in PNG



1961 Katharine Lehman School Staff - Gil and Myra Kirchhoff, Rita Jericho, Margaret Tanzer, Charlotte Kempfer, Tante Lissie Schuster, Doris Prenzler, Merle Heintze.  
(Rita Jericho Janke photo)



Dr Theodore Braun giving advice over the sked (from the ELCA Archives). Art (Captain of Lutheran Shipping) and Rita (nurse, volunteer and community leader) Fenske (Evelyn Fenske Smietana and Marilyn Fenske Kavan photo).





Jim Lindsay with Beth, Tim and Amy Hueter at Monono (Jim Lindsay photo)



Tom Johnson (Mansur photo) and Ray Jaensch (Jillian Jaensch Hachfeld photo)

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Have you checked out our Facebook page (PNG/KLS/SPLC) and the new WordPress website? The link below will take you to that website. Save it to your favorites for easy access. There you'll find reunion 2021 information as well as past newsletters, photos and Zoom videos.

[\*\*PNG/KLS/SPLC Website\*\*](#)

WISHING YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!