



## 2021 PNG/KLS/SPLC REUNION

*Begins: Thursday September 30th at 3 pm*

*Ends: Sunday October 3rd at 2 pm*

**Newsletter #14 August 2021**

### Greetings Wantoks!

We are a little over one month out and counting!

Will you please join us for the reunion? We want to see you there.

Send an email to Phil Davis at: [phildavis11@yahoo.com](mailto:phildavis11@yahoo.com) to register. The reservation deadline has been extended to August 30th, with payment due September 6th.

### TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

Maggie Tuff will be the contact person for transportation needs. If you are attending and need transportation from the airport, please send her a message at [maggietuff@msn.com](mailto:maggietuff@msn.com)

### COVID-19 GUIDELINES

We are strongly encouraging all who attend the reunion to be vaccinated and we will follow the Minnesota mandated COVID-19 guidelines. Click on this link for the most up-to-date guidelines and recommendations:

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

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A FEW SNAPSHOTS FROM THE 2017 REUNION



Top left: Mrs Carrie Schulz, Margaret (Schulz) Sasscer, Darlene (Daechsel) Schnuelle

Bottom left: Janet Heist and Catherine Frerichs

Top right: Mark Brandt and Fred Brandt

Bottom right: Paula (Schulz) Mitchell and Evelyn (Fenske) Smietana

## WANTOK BUNG 2021

### SCHEDULE

All scheduled times are optional of course.  
Please choose what you would like to attend.

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#### Thursday

3:00 pm - Arrival  
6:00 pm - our first supper together  
7:00 pm - a couple of fun activities to get acquainted

#### Friday

08:00 am - Breakfast  
9:30 am. - [Ruth Van Reken](#) - "Understanding Our Story: The Benefits and Challenges of a Globally Mobile Childhood"  
12:00 pm - Lunch  
2:00 pm - [Dr Franklin Ishida](#) - a TCK like many of us, he serves as Director of the Asia and Pacific Global Mission Unit of the ELCA  
3:30 pm - Open Mic "Revisiting PNG" - have you traveled there recently? Share your experience.  
6:00 pm - Supper  
7:00 pm - Zoom with [Nalon Derr](#) - a friend and fellow classmate who graduated from SPLC in 1966. He presently lives in Madang.  
8:00 pm - Devotions

#### Saturday

08:00 am - Breakfast  
10:00 am - [George Weiblen](#) - "A Celebration: 100 Years Of The Good News in Papua New Guinea"  
12:00 pm - Lunch  
1:30 pm - [Ruth Van Reken](#) - "Sharing Our Stories: A Guided Discussion"  
6:00 pm - Supper  
7:00 pm - Open Mic: discussion on what to do with our PNG artifacts  
8:00 pm - Memorial Service: Remembering those who have passed

#### Sunday

08:00 am - Breakfast  
10:00 am - Service in the Chapel  
12:00 pm - Lunch  
1:00 pm - Closing Remarks with [Jonathan Frerichs](#)

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## LOCAL HOTEL

If you would like to come but prefer to stay off-site, there is a block of 8 rooms available at the Baymont by Wyndham in Lakeville, MN (approx 13 miles from Mount Olivet). The rate is \$78.50 a night, and rooms are under the name 'PNG-KLS-SPLC Reunion'. Call 952-835-1586 and ask for Nicolle.

Here's a link to their website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/lakeville-minnesota/baymont-inn-and-suites-lakeville/overview?>

### Activities offered during the reunion

<https://pngklssplc.org/2021-reunion-preview/>

### Speakers coming to the reunion

<https://pngklssplc.org/about-our-2021-reunion-speakers/>

Book Swap - do you have PNG books you don't want anymore? Bring them with you to the reunion. We have a give-away table that has been very popular.

### Wantoks Registered for the 2021 Reunion

Paula (Erickson) Bergs

Fred Brandt

Mark Brandt

Mary (Brandt) Croft

Loretta Davis

Philip Davis

Al Erickson

Catherine Frerichs

Jonathan Frerichs

Marian Frerichs

David Hueter

Murdoch Johnson

Tanya (Senff) Mayer

Dawn (Daechsel) McLean

Christy (Mesplay) Moyer

Keith Moyer

Grace (Senff) Payne

Barb (Hueter) Reardon

Else (Helbig) Schardt

Ron Schardt

Darlene (Daechsel) Schnuelle

Cynthia (Mansur) Schoonover

Gary Schoonover

Jane (Sandager) Schubert

Mark Singh-Hueter

Donna (Daechsel) Smallwood

Dianne Tuff

Maggie Tuff

Lisa (Mesplay) Turvey

Leslie Walck

Eric Walters

Jon Walters

### BRING A PNG MEMENTO OR PHOTO

For the Saturday session with **Ruth Van Reken**, we invite you to bring and show a **memento** that holds meaning for you. It could signify an event that happened as a child and has shaped your thinking or understanding of life and the world since then. It could be a photo or an object that brings back memories and has had an impact on your life.

## Donations Anyone?

We have received generous donations from thirteen Wantoks plus one church. These donations will help cover speaker fees, expenses, as well as general costs. Any contributions are greatly appreciated. Read about how to make a contribution here: <https://pngklssplc.org/donations/>

Remember, even if you can't attend in person, you will have the benefit of live-stream attendance for speaker sessions during the reunion.

# #JERUSALEMACHALLENGE

In late 2019, a South African musician and DJ named Master KG uploaded a song called “Jerusalema” to YouTube. He was surprised to find that it went viral, receiving over 1 million views in its first week online. Some guys in Angola started dancing to the song while holding plates of food, and this too went viral. The hashtag #JerusalemaChallenge was born during this process as people challenged their friends to create their own dance videos containing the song. Here is our chance to enjoy the music, the dance and the challenge.



The above picture is an example of a **Family display board** created for the 2017 reunion. If you are attending and would like one made for your family, please send 20-30 photos depicting your family and life in PNG (ex family, station, friends, school etc) to Cynthia at [gschoonover04@msn.com](mailto:gschoonover04@msn.com)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!