

PNG/KLS/SPLC Reunion
September 30 – October 3, 2021



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WELCOME to the 2021 Reunion! The whole weekend has many options for solo or group activities.

What about COVID 19 concerns?

Mt Olivet Retreat Center reports that

1. All their staff is vaccinated and will wear masks when our group is onsite.
2. We are the only group overnighiting with us for this time.
3. There can be social distancing in meeting spaces and when dining,
 - a. Tables will be 6 feet apart with no more than 6 people at a table
 - b. Outdoor dining is possible (depending on weather).
 - c. Outdoor areas conducive to gathering are the patio, gazebo, fields, firepits/fireplaces.
 - d. They have a portable sound system that works well outside.

The Retreat Planning Committee recommends and will use the current MN State guidelines:

1. Wear masks indoors, maintain physical distancing, sanitize.

Activities to enjoy for individuals or groups

Outdoor options

- ❖ Equipment is available for softball, basketball, football, bocce ball, volleyball, frisbee, horseshoes.
- ❖ 5 miles of hiking trails can be explored; a map is available.
- ❖ A prayer/meditation labyrinth and an outdoor chapel are available.

Indoor options

- ❖ Take in the Reunion displays and photo shows in Showy Orchis and Chapel.
- ❖ Informal conversations can take place in Showy Orchis, dining room, Cornell House, where the 2nd floor library and the 3rd floor lounge are located.
- ❖ Enjoy the pool, whirlpool & sauna, at posted hours or by request.
- ❖ Check out the Game room with ping pong, pool or foosball.
- ❖ Quieter times can be enjoyed in the Library, or the Lounge with TV/DVD, board games.

Wireless access is available throughout the buildings.

Other helpful Information

- ❖ **Meals** are at 8:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:00 PM in the Trillium Dining Room, Ruth Youngdahl Lodge.
 - All meals are served buffet style.
 - Food will be available for only the first 20 minutes of the meal time.
 - After the meal, the staff would like a few minutes to clean up the dining room.

- ❖ A **Beverage Bar** is available any time in the Trillium Dining Room.
 - It includes coffee, tea, flavored syrups, and *muliwara*, aka lemonade.

- ❖ **Afternoon Activities** on Friday and Saturday.
 - Have fun playing volleyball, bocce ball, swimming in the pool, using the sauna, taking a walk, or enjoying some unstructured time. Listen for announcements.

- ❖ Each evening enjoy a **Campfire** at the Fire Ring.
 - In case of inclement weather, at the fireplace in Showy Orchis.
 - This can be a time for visiting, stories, songs, s'mores or snacks.
 - You can also relive **Kick-the-Can** or some other adventures in the dark from KLS days.

- ❖ **Free Time** after **10:00 PM**.
 - In the Lodge, activities need to be QUIET, since it's a retreat center rule.
 - More spirited activities/discussions can happen at the Fire Ring or in Trillium or Showy Orchis.

- ❖ **Departure on Sunday**.
 - If you will be waiting for an outbound flight, **please sign up in Showy Orchis** early on Sunday to meet others at a nearby location, for conversation and dinner. We'll look for you.

Other important things to know...

- ❖ **Our Offering** this year will be divided evenly between:
 - ❖ **Birthing Kits**, a project organized by the Lutheran Church of Australia. These kits are sent to PNG to be given to village birthing attendants, who help to deliver babies in rural and remote regions of PNG. These bundles of ordinary items, lovingly packed by Lutheran women across Australia, provide clean and safe equipment during labour and birth. In addition, medical supplies no longer required in Australian hospitals are sent for the Lutheran hospitals in PNG.
 - ❖ **Mick Hauser**, guest lecturer at Martin Luther Seminary, Lae. Mick is the son of Gary Hauser, a classmate of some of us. A number of PNG kids stayed with Hausers in Aussie during breaks. Mick also served at SPLC.

- ❖ **The Memorial Service** this year will be held on Saturday evening, during the 8:00 PM devotional time. Anyone wishing to remember a loved one is encouraged to fill out a Remembrance Card, and place it in the Remembrance basket by suppertime on Saturday evening. As part of the Memorial Service, information shared on the Remembrance Cards will be read aloud. Anyone who wants to participate in the reading of the cards is asked to contact Les Walck.

THURSDAY September 30th

3:00 PM	Registration and “Welcome Packet” pick up. <i>Settle in, explore the grounds. Maps are available.</i> <i>Ask for a guided tour if you want one.</i> <i>Enjoy Informal conversations.</i> <i>Take in the displays, including family poster boards & artifacts.</i>	Cornell House Cornell House & outdoors Ruth Youngdahl Lodge & Chapel
6:00 PM	Supper: serving ends at 6:20.	Trillium Dining Room Ruth Youngdahl Lodge
7:00 PM	Welcome Activities. “A Stand-Up Covid-19 Getting To Know You” activity. Jerusalema Challenge Dance video - see it here https://youtu.be/J7hkaK8uGmo	Chapel
8:30 PM	Snacks.	Trillium Dining Room
9:00 PM	Campfire, catching up.	Fire Ring or Showy Orchis
10:00 PM	Quiet time in the Lodge, per Retreat Center rules. More spirited activities or discussions can happen at the Fire Ring or in Trillium or Showy Orchis.	

FRIDAY October 1st

Note: A beverage bar is available any time (coffee, flavored syrups, teas, and muliwara aka lemonade, in the Trillium dining room)

7:00 AM	Swim with Maggie at the pool or Walk with Dianne from the front of Cornell House.	
7:30 AM	Registration and “Welcome Packet” pick up.	Showy Orchis Room
8:00 AM	Breakfast: serving ends at 8:20.	Trillium Dining Room
8:30 AM	Announcements: Review of the day’s schedule.	Trillium Dining Room
9:00 AM	Orientation to the Retreat Center for new arrivals.	

9:30 AM	Speaker: Ruth Van Reken.	Chapel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Understanding Our Story: The Benefits and Challenges of a Globally Mobile Childhood.” <p>For most of us, a globally mobile childhood was the norm. We flew between home and host country with various degrees of regularity. We often went to school in places far from our nuclear family. Our friends did the same. Life became a series of hello's and good-byes. Yes, it all felt quite 'normal'. As adults, however, we also reflect on the paradoxes we have experienced. While our lives have been rich with seeing many places and learning first-hand about different cultures, we can also see some of the impact these cycles of mobility created for and in us as well. In this session, Ruth will share how she began to move from looking at her story as an 'either/or' event to an amazing 'both/and.' We will also look at some of the gifts we received as well; seeing how we can deal with some of the challenges so perhaps, in the end, they too become part of our gifts.</p>	
11:30 AM	Open time.	
12 Noon	Lunch: <i>servings ends at 12:20.</i> <i>Introduce new arrivals.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
1:00 PM	Open time and Jerusalema Dance.	Chapel
2:00 PM	Speaker: Rev. Dr. Franklin Ishida.	Chapel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Emerging From a Crisis of PNG Mission.” <p>A crisis need not be the end of the world, even if PNG feels like it's the end of the world. The church (and society) in PNG often seems to be in some kind of crisis, in a danger mode. But opportunities arise, and indeed many new features are coming out of the church in PNG that cast a bright light on the future. We will hear more of what directions mission in PNG is taking that really are the result of God at work, God's mission.</p>	
3:00 PM	Afternoon Snack.	
3:30 PM	Recent Visits to PNG.	Chapel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rev. Mark Singh-Hueter and Rev. David Hueter. • Q & A • Open Mic 	
5:00 PM	Open time, Photo Opportunity: <i>Please be there; we want everyone included.</i>	
6:00 PM	Supper: <i>servings ends at 6:20.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
7:00 PM	Zoom Meeting with Nallon Derr	Showy Orchis
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Changes, Progress and Hopes for PNG over the past 50 years.” 	
8:00 PM	Devotions: “Holden Evening Prayer”. <i>Paul Johnson</i>	Chapel
8:30 PM	Campfire, songs, s'mores and visiting.	Fire Ring or Showy Orchis
10:00 PM	Quiet time in the Lodge, per Retreat Center rules. More spirited activities or discussions can happen at the Fire Ring or in Trillium or Showy Orchis.	

SATURDAY October 2nd

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7:00 AM	Swim with Maggie at the pool or Walk with Dianne from the front of Cornell House.	
7:30 AM	Registration and “Welcome Packet” pick up.	<i>Find Gary Schoonover</i>
8:00 AM	Breakfast: serving ends at 8:20.	Trillium Dining Room
8:30 AM	Announcements: Review of the day’s schedule.	Trillium Dining Room
9:00 AM	Open time and Jerusalema Dance.	Chapel
10:00 AM	Speaker: Dr. George Weiblen.	Chapel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “A Celebration: 100 Years of the Good News in Papua New Guinea” 	
11:30 AM	Open Time.	
12:00 PM	Lunch: serving ends at 12:20.	Trillium Dining Room
1:30 PM	Speaker: Ruth Van Reken.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Sharing Our Stories: A Guided Discussion for the Group” <p><i>Attendees will explain through a specific object, or a memory, how things experienced or learned in childhood have shaped their lives long term. As Dave Pollock, the originator of the Third Culture Kid Profile, used to say to his audiences, "I'm likely not going to tell you something you don't know, but you may not know you know it yet." We will share why some special object you brought holds so much meaning for you; or how some event that happened to you as a child has shaped your thinking or understanding of life and the world since then. Please plan your explanation for no more than two to three minutes so all who want will have an opportunity to share. (Ruth says she will have a stop watch!)</i></p>	
3:00 PM	Open Time.	
4:00 PM	Enjoy bocce ball, volleyball, swimming, trails, etc.	
5:00 PM	Photo Opportunity: Please be there; we want everyone included.	
6:00 PM	Supper: serving ends at 6:20.	Trillium Dining Room
7:00 PM	Open Mic. Topic: “Parting with our PNG Artifacts: Preserving, Passing them on, Philanthropy or Payment.	Chapel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Virtual video tour of Wantok Place Museum in Adelaide” • Discussion: “What to do with our parent’s artifacts.” 	
8:00 PM	Devotions: “Remembering those who have passed away”.	Chapel
	<i>Les Walck</i>	
8:30 PM	Campfire. songs, s’mores and visiting.	Fire Ring or Showy Orchis
10:00 PM	Quiet time in the Lodge, per Retreat Center rules. More spirited activities or discussions can happen at the Fire Ring or in Trillium or Showy Orchis.	

SUNDAY October 3rd

*If you will be waiting for an outbound flight, **please sign up** to meet others at a nearby location, the Mall of America or elsewhere, for conversation and dinner. **Please sign-up in Showy Orchis early** in the day, so we know to look for you.*

8:00 AM **Breakfast**, serving ends at 8:20. Trillium Dining Room

Before 10 AM Check-out:

- * strip beds, prop door open, and
- * turn keys in at reception desk.

Ruth Youngdahl Lodge.

10:00 AM **Worship:** Mark Singh-Hueter and David Hueter. Chapel
After worship, continue visiting, viewing displays, etc. Chapel or Showy Orchis

12:00 PM **Lunch:** serving ends at 12:20. Trillium Dining Room

1:00–1:30 PM **Closing remarks and sharing.** Chapel

- **Facilitated** by Jonathan Frerichs.
- **Photos** of the reunion will be projected on the screen as we talk.
- **Announcements** including gathering later today.
 - Help available for anyone needing ideas of things to do in Minnesota.
- **Final comments.**
- **Closing Song:** “God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again”
in Pidgin and in English.

Departure by 2:00 PM

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Paula (Erickson) Bergs
 Fred Brandt
 Mark & Merrily Brandt
 Mary (Brandt) Croft
 Dan Daechsel
 Loretta Davis
 Philip Davis
 Al Erickson
 Angela Frerichs
 Jonathan & Marian Frerichs
 Daniel Heist
 David Hueter
 Franklin Ishida, speaker
 Paul Johnson & Melanie Lewis
 Tim Johnson
 Randy & Christine (Sievert) Koch
 Tanya (Senff) Mayer

Dawn (Daechsel) McLean
 Keith & Christy (Mesplay) Moyer
 Grace (Senff) Payne
 Barb (Hueter) Reardon
 Ron & Else (Helbig) Schardt
 Darlene (Daechsel) Schnuelle
 Gary & Cynthia (Mansur) Schoonover
 Jane (Sandager) Schubert
 Mark Singh-Hueter
 Dianne Tuff & Murdoch Johnson
 Maggie Tuff
 Lisa (Mesplay) Turvey
 Ruth Van Reken, speaker
 Leslie Walck
 Eric Walters
 Jon Walters
 George Weiblen, speaker

*Thank you for coming!
 We hope you have a wonderful time!
 Blessings upon each of you!*

