

PNG/KLS/SPLC Reunion

October 2 – 5, 2025

Schedule of Activities

Wantok Bung 2025

“Then and Now—Moving Forward”



50th Anniversary
of PNG Independence

139th Anniversary
of Lutherans in PNG



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WELCOME to the 2025 Reunion!

The whole weekend has many options for solo or group activities.

Outdoor Activity Options

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

Indoor Activity Options

- ❖ Take in the Reunion displays, photo shows, and a large, historic, detailed map of the PNG Lutheran Mission, all in the Showy Orchis Room or in the 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. Maggie Tuff is the contact person and has the key.
- ❖ 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: The Wi-Fi password is posted at the front desk, in our meeting room, and in every overnight room.

Other helpful Information

- ❖ **Meals** are at 8:00 AM, 12 Noon and 6:00 PM in the Trillium Dining Room, Youngdahl Lodge.
 - All meals are served cafeteria style.
 - Served 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.
 - Snacks are also available in the dining room.
- ❖ **Calling all Photographers!**
 - We are pleased to let you know that Phil & Jon Davis have agreed to be the Official Photographers for the Reunion.
 - A PowerPoint presentation will be prepared by Mark Singh-Hueter for the **Farewell** time on Sunday. Please share a couple of your best photos of the Reunion with him by Saturday supper time.

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

- ❖ **Quiet 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.

Other important things to know...

- ❖ Enjoy a **Silent Auction** of a variety of items, preserves, and even in-kind personal presentations. Proceeds will be donated to Prof Weiblen for his sustainable projects in PNG.

- ❖ We will be **“Honoring Our Missionaries.”** This year we will honor several former missionaries and their children who are present. We will honor and bless them in a brief ceremony before lunch on Saturday.

- ❖ Enjoy a hilarious **“Looney Lutherans”** show at 1:30 PM Saturday afternoon.

- ❖ **The Memorial Service and Musical Prelude** will be held again, Saturday evening, beginning at 7:00 PM.
 - Anyone who wants to participate in the reading of scripture, or names of those being remembered is asked to contact Les Walck.
 - A 2025 PowerPoint presentation of Remembering Loved Ones will be shown. Last minute verbal additions can be directed to Les. Just use the Remembrance card that can be found at Registration or in the Chapel.
 - If anyone would like to be part of the musical prelude, please let the organizer, Phil Davis, know of your interest.

- ❖ **Our Offering and monies raised by the Silent Auction** will be donated to Prof. George Weiblen's work in the Madang area, in his “Sustainable Livelihoods” program. It supports teachers and youth activities in biodiversity science, conservation, and preservation of cultural knowledge. Our contributions will *really* help *real* people.

- ❖ **A DVD PLAYER** will be set up in Showy Orchis to play various PowerPoint presentations. Choices are “Quintessential Photos of PNG,” the 2023 Memorial PPT, and the “2023 Wantok Bung Slideshow.”

THURSDAY October 2nd

3:00 PM	Registration.	Cornell House
	Pick up “Welcome Packet.”	Youngdahl Lodge
	<i>Settle in, explore the grounds. Maps are available.</i>	
	<i>Ask for a guided tour if you want one.</i>	
	Enjoy Informal conversations.	Youngdahl Lodge & outdoors
	<i>Take in the displays, including family poster boards & artifacts.</i>	
		Youngdahl Lodge & Chapel
6:00 PM	Supper: serving ends at 6:20.	Trillium Dining Room, Youngdahl Lodge
7:30 PM	Welcome Activities.	Chapel
	“Wantok Bung Song.”	written by Mark Singh-Hueter and sung by Mark and his brother, Dave Hueter. see handout
	Ice-Breaker Game.	Kay (Edwards) Horntvedt
	Silent Auction – How it works.	Paula (Schulz) Mitchell
	MK Nexus – What is it?	Fred Brandt
	Exploring the Labyrinth.	Mark Singh-Hueter
	“We Hold You In Our Circle.”	taught by Mark Singh-Hueter and Dave Hueter.
9:00 PM	<i>Beverage Bar and Snacks are available anytime.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
	<i>Take in the displays, including family poster boards & artifacts.</i>	Chapel and Showy Orchis
	Campfire, singing and catching up.	Fire Ring or Showy Orchis

FRIDAY October 3rd

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
8:00 AM	Breakfast: <i>serving ends at 8:20.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
8:30 AM	Announcements: <i>Review of the day’s schedule.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
9:30 AM	MK Nexus – A Conversation Among Friends, Session 1. Fellow wantoks share deeper memories and experiences.	Chapel
11:30 AM	Open time.	
12 Noon	Lunch: <i>serving ends at 12:20.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
2:00 PM	Jared Diamond by Zoom. Prof. Diamond will discuss the history of the arrival of New Guineans and why they are so diverse; the former big animals that are now extinct; and adventures he had while in PNG. Fast forward to today – what does he foresee for the future of the nation and their culture?	Chapel
3:30 PM	Break with snacks available.	
4:00 PM	George Weiblen and Jonathan Frerichs Q & A. Professor Weiblen, Science Director, Bell Museum & Professor, Plant & Microbial Biology, U of Minnesota is excited to share a newly funded project, Cultural Sanctuaries, to be located at Baitabag, Madang. He and TCK Jonathan Frerichs will describe their recent tour of the project which aims to establish a visitor center and gateway for Indigenous culture and language. They will also share Wokabaut stories with us.	Chapel
6:00 PM	Supper: <i>serving ends at 6:20.</i> Dinner with George (with four winners of the Silent Auction).	Trillium Dining Room
7:00 PM	Barabara Goldhardt/Carlyon by Zoom. Barbara plans to share about her life when she went to live with the Goldhardts. Her life took many twists and turns; and she experienced many blessings.	Chapel
8:30 PM	Devotions with Ron and Else Schardt. “Thankful”	Chapel
9:00 PM	Campfire , songs, s’mores , displays and visiting.	Fire Ring or Showy Orchis

SATURDAY October 4th

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
8:00 AM	Breakfast: <i>serving ends at 8:20.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
8:30 AM	Announcements: <i>Review of the day’s schedule.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
9:30 AM	MK Nexus – A Conversation Among Friends, Session 2. Fellow wantoks share deeper memories and experiences.	Chapel
11:40 AM	“Honoring Our Missionaries.” <i>Ivan Amman (Beth), Loretta Davis (Jon, Phil), Al Erickson (Paula), Rosalie Grosch (Greta), Paula Mitchell (Janelle), Gil Kirchoff (Wendy, Lynette), Ron & Else Schardt, Lisa Turvey (James).</i>	<i>gather outside Youngdahl Lodge</i>
	Song:	<i>“We Hold You In Our Circle”</i>
12:00 PM	Lunch: <i>serving ends at 12:20.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
1:30 PM	“Looney Lutherans” Enjoy a hilarious “Lutheran” comedy show, with a Silent Auction winner as a guest star.	Chapel
3:00 PM	Open Time.	
4:30 PM	Photo Opportunity: <i>Please be there; we want everyone included.</i>	TBA
6:00 PM	Supper: <i>serving ends at 6:20.</i>	Trillium Dining Room
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><i>Please share your <u>best</u> reunion photos with Mark Singh-Hueter for Sunday’s Farewell PPT.</i></div>		
7:00 PM	Pre-Worship Musical Prelude.	Chapel
8:00 PM	Memorial Service: <i>“Remembering Those We Love.”</i> <i>Les Walck.</i>	Chapel
9:00 PM	Campfire. songs, snacks, displays and visiting.	Fire Ring or Showy Orchis

SUNDAY October 5th

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.

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 PM **Closing remarks, Sharing and Farewells.** Chapel

- **Facilitated** by Jonathan Frerichs.
- **Photos** of the reunion will be projected on the screen as we talk.
- **Final comments.**
- **Closing Song:** “God Be With You ‘til We Meet Again.”
in Tok Pisin and in English.

Departure by 2:00 PM

- **Planning Group Wrap-up Meeting.** *TBD*

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Ivan Amman, Beth (Amman) Barcal
Paula (Erickson) Bergs, Alvin Erickson
Fred Brandt, Mark and Merrily Brandt, Mary (Brandt) Croft,
Jennifer (Brandt) Merkling, Lois (Brandt) Tan, Sam Brandt
Donna (Daechsel) Smallwood, Dawn (Daechsel) McLean,
Darlene (Daechsel) Schnuelle, Dan Daechsel
Kirsten (Dahl) Strom
Jon Davis, Phil Davis, Loretta Davis
Kay (Edwards) and Wayne Horntvedt
Renate (Flierl) Eppelein, Ulrike (Flierl) Ixmeier
Jonathan and Marian Frerichs, Peter Frerichs
Rosalie Grosch
Daniel Heist
Else (Helbig) and Ron Schardt
David Hueter, Mark Singh-Hueter
Paul Johnson, Tim Johnson
Gil Kirchoff and daughters, Wendy (Kirchoff) Handsaker and
Lynette (Kirchoff) Voorhees
Chris Mansur, Connie (Mansur) Hassan,
Cynthia (Mansur) and Gary Schoonover, Barbara (Mansur) Zadow
Keith and Christy (Mesplay) Moyer,
Lisa (Mesplay) Turvey and son, James McGrath
Elinor Radke, Ruth Radke
Jane (Sandager) and Daryl Schubert
Miriam (Senff) Bunn, Tanya (Senff) Meyer, Grace (Senff) Payne
Paula (Schulz) Mitchell, and daughter Janelle (Mitchell) Sroka
Christine (Sievert) and Randy Koch
Maggie Tuff, Dianne Tuff and Murdoch Johnson
Les Walck
George Weiblen – speaker

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