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**PNG/KLS/SPLC 2028 Reunion Newsletter***The journey to the Reunion starts here!*

January 2026 Newsletter

**GREETINGS WANTOKS****Look for these items in this newsletter:**

- **Our next reunion date!**
- **Results of the post-2025 reunion survey**
- **YouTube access to recorded sessions at the reunion**
- **Recent Obituaries**
- **Access to PNG mission news from Australia**

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**Announcing our next PNG/KLS/SPLC Reunion!****Thursday September 28 - Sunday October 1st, 2028**

## at Mount Olivet Conference & Retreat Center in Farmington, Minnesota

Your Reunion Planning Team met to review the post-2025 reunion survey responses about holding the next reunion in either 2027 or 2028. In spite of a few more votes favoring a reunion in two years, we had learned that most votes for 2027 had come from the planners. Some voting for 2028 find the travel and other expenses every other year difficult, and others felt the planners needed a longer break between reunions. Planners agreed! Survey feedback about Mount Olivet Retreat Center was overwhelmingly positive, so we'll hope to see you there in 2028!

### Post-reunion survey results:

We surveyed the 2025 Reunion attendees and want to share the findings in two summaries. A shorter Executive Summary, plus a summary with charts as well as quotes from attendees. Both are posted on the [PNG/KLS/SPLC website](#). Reading these will hopefully influence those of you who didn't attend to consider joining the reunion in the Fall of 2028!



At the 2025 reunion, we hiked, talked, sang and ate with friends and family.  
It was a great time!

## **Session videos and slide shows from the 2025 Reunion**

Mark Singh-Hueter again recorded most of our reunion sessions, along with reunion photos. He has posted them in a playlist on YouTube, accessible only to our wantoks using either [this link](#) or you can access these files, along with other 2025 and older Reunion information and photos, on our [PNG/KLS/SPLC Reunion website](#).

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## **Rest in Peace - a link to this and past obituaries:**

[Obituaries, post-2025 Reunion – PNG-KLS-SPLC Reunion](#)

Professor Paul Willard Weiblen, George Weiblen's father, died Dec. 23, 2025. His memorial service will be held at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis on Saturday, February 7 at 11 AM, with visitation at 10 AM. Memorials preferred to the Central Lutheran Church Foundation or the University of Minnesota Foundation (Bell Museum)

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## **Email access to PNG Mission news from Australia through Elinor Radke**

Some of you may recall that Rita Jahnke, who many know from our years at KLS, started an email list many years ago for past Lutheran missionaries to PNG as well as their children. The emails provided a way for PNG wantoks, (especially those in Australia), to share news and announcements.

A few years ago, Rita asked for a volunteer to take over this email chain, and Elinor Radke agreed to do that. Elinor is concerned that many on our Reunion email list are not receiving her emails and may be wondering how to get on the list. Recipients get one or two emails monthly, including special family news, obituaries, gatherings, etc.

Here is the answer: send an email to Elinor at [elinorradkee@outlook.com](mailto:elinorradkee@outlook.com) asking her to add your name and email to her list.

**And a big 'thank you' to both Rita and Elinor for providing this communication link to us!**

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## **2028 Reunion Planning**

We welcome new volunteers for planning our next reunion! Please contact Dianne Tuff at [dianneupfront@gmail.com](mailto:dianneupfront@gmail.com) or any of the planners below if you are interested in learning more!

The 2028 PNG Reunion Planning Committee

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