

## The Newly Elected Church Officials

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These are the new Church Officials of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELC-PNG). They were voted by the ELC-PNG 27th National Synod on the 14th of January 2010.

### THE HEAD BISHOP



Name: Rev. Giegere Wenge

Home Distrik: Boana district

It is his first term as the Head Bishop and he is the fifth man to become the Head Bishop following Dr. Rev John Kudar (1956-1972), Sir Zurewe Zurenuoc (1973-1981), Sir Getake Gam (1982-1997) and Rev. Dr. Wesley Kigasung (1998-2008).

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Employment before elected: Principal, Martin Luther Seminary

Qualification:

Martin Luther Seminary, Bachelor of Theology Concordia University, USA, Christian Education,  
B. Sc. Ed Concordia Seminary, USA, Master of Theological Studies

Administration Course, Bundun

Administration/Account Keeping, Balob Teachers College

Renewal Movement in Church, Tanzania

Work Experience:

1976 Wok Pastor, Kate District (Kabwum)

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1977-1982 Chaplain, Balob Teachers College

1978 Kisim Ordinesen (Balob)

1983-1991 Teacher, Martin Luther Sem

1992-2000 Secretary, Wokman Trening Dipatmen

2001-2006 Wok Pastor long Hobu Lutheran Kongrigesen

2007-2009 Principal, Martin Luther Seminary

## **ASSISTANT BISHOP**



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Name: Rev. Zau Rapa

Home District: Hagen

This is his second term as the Assistant Head Bishop and he is the fifth man as the Assistant Bishop following Rev. Jana Apo (1976-1979), Rev. Getake Gam (1980-1981), Rev. Ray Rasowe (1982-1986) and Rev. Kiage Mоторо (1997-2004).

Employment before elected : Acting Head Bishop, ELC-PNG

Qualification:

Kentagl Bibel Schooll, Church Work Training Certificate

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Work Experience:

1969-1971 Bible Teacher, Tiria Circuit

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1976-1980 Congregation Pastor

1980-1995 President, Tiria Circuit

1980-1985 Stewardship Director, ELC-PNG Hagen

1996-2005 Hagen Distrik President

2006-2007 Assistant Bisop, ELC-PNG

2008-2009 Acting Head Bisop, ELC-PNG

## **GENERAL CHURCH SECRETARY**



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Name: Mr. Albert Tokave

As Distrik: Kainantu

Em i namba wan taim bilong em long kisim dispela wok na tu em namba 7 man bihain long

Mr. Zurenuoc (1962-1972), Mr. Sishoi (1973-1975), Mr. Blacklock (1976-1979), Mr. Kure (1980-1991), Mr. Gomia (1992-1995), Fua Singin (2001-2005) na Isaac Teo (2006-2010)

Employment before elected: Chairman of the Planing and Constitution Committee, ELC-PNG

Qualification

Distrik na Seket :Co-operative College, POM, Certificate in Business DevelopmentLutheran

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Bible Institute, USA, Diploma in Biblical & Christian Education Martin Luther Seminary,  
Theological Foundation Course

UPNG, Social Advisor (Kainantu) Science – Working with Community & NGO Course Dirk  
Berker Management Seminar, Management Course

### Work Experience:

1985-1998 National Youth Director, ELC-PNG

1986-1991 National Youth Services Board

1986-1996 LWF Council Member

1988-1997 Lae City Authority Board Member

1999-2000 Partnership & Inter Church Relation Director, ELC-PNG

2000-2009 District Advisor, Bible Study, Evangelist