



At the recent 27th Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Papua New Guinea (ELC-PNG), the synod has accepted new changes to the ELC-PNG constitution and the VISION 2020 to take effect as of this year 2010. Under these new changes, we see several restructure to the church top administration hierarchy. The prime change is the merging amongst the seven (7) ELC-PNG dep

artments into three main sects. These three sects are the Ministry sect, the Social sect and the Support sect. The roles and responsibility of each of the department will not be changed. The Ministry sect will have the Evangelism and the Ministerial Training department, the Social sect will have the Education, Health and the Lutheran Development Service departments while the Support sect will have the Finance and the Lands/Property department.

Of the three sects the Ministry sect is the core pillar of ELC-PNG. And as the core pillar, they have already taken the fore front in implementing the new change. "The work of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ is the core function of the Church and it has to set the pace for other functions to follow. Therefore, the Evangelism and the Ministerial Training department have to take the lead" Reverend Binora, the Evangelism department Secretary stated.

Since last year the Evangelism department and the Ministerial Training department conducted several consultation workshops on how to implement the changes and a 'Corporate Plan' was formulated out of their work. The corporate plan contains all the administrative restructures and how these two departments will work together under the new structure.

TAKING THE FORE FRONT TO IMPLEMENT THE VISION 2020 OF ELCPNG

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On the 9th to the 11th of March 2010, the Evangelism and Ministerial Training department organized a staff retreat at the Bundum Retreat center. The purpose of the retreat is for the staff of the two departments to get along with each other whom they will now work together as a team.

Also taking part at the retreat were all the newly elected Church officials, Rev Giegere Wenge, the Head Bishop, Rev Zau Rapa, the Assistant Bishop and Mr. Albert Tokave, the General Secretary. "It is the first time I have seen all the Church Officials, prioritising their commitment to attend this retreat." Ms. Gahanema Siniwin from Evangelism department said.

Also other dignified officials of the church who attended include the Church Partnership Program (CPP) Manager, Mr. Gumembi and the ELC-PNG Acting Treasurer, Mr. Lothar Stock.

Devotions and bible studies at the retreat were conducted by Rev. Baafekec from the Resurrection Lutheran Church.