

Cook Islands Christian Church

BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COOK ISLANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Shadow of the Mission Ship "John Williams" which brought Christianity to Aitutaki first in 1821, then to the rest of the Cook Islands.

29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COOK ISLANDS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

~~~ Background Information ~~~

Dates & venue	Sunday 23 – Sunday 30 October 2011, Aitutaki, Cook Islands. The actual assembly will rotate amongst the 3 CICC branches of Arutanga, Vaipae and Tautu.
Assembly programme	See Annex III attached. Note that there are 2 parts to the assembly; pre-assembly workshop on Monday, and assembly proper on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is Gospel Day, participants may take part in the programme organised for the day. Saturday is free.
Opening	10.00am Sunday 23, Arutanga CICC. The programme is as per Annex II attached.
Closing	10.00am Sunday 30, Arutanga CICC. The programme is as per Annex II attached.
Registration	Commences 8.00am Saturday 22 October 2011, Arutanga CICC Sunday School Hall, Arutanga, Aitutaki. Registration will involve confirmation of participants to the assembly, and the issuing of name tags and assembly documents. Staff will man the registration site until evening to allow for participants arriving on the afternoon flights.
After registration	Participants will know during registration which of the churches they will be accommodated, and must proceed to their host churches by 7.00pm Saturday 22 October. Those who will have transport, proceed to your host church straight after registration. For those requiring transport, members of the host churches will be at the Arutanga CICC Sunday School Hall to take you. It is normal for participants to hang around the registration site after registration, to catch up with colleagues. Feel free to do so; self-help coffee/tea refreshments will be made available.
Emailing assembly papers	Minutes of the last assembly 2009, working papers, reports, etc., will be <u>emailed</u> in the 4 th week of August 2011 to those with email addresses, otherwise copies may be collected during registration, so therefore there is no need to print unless you want to table the papers in your church branch for any comments they may have before coming to the assembly. Those coming to the assembly who are not yet on the CICC email mailing list and would like to receive these papers prior to coming, please send an email address to ciccgs@oyster.net.ck This is the email address of the CICC General Secretary.
Accommodation	Participants may arrive Aitutaki anytime before Sunday 23 October, and begin departing on Monday 31 October. The Aitutaki Konitara Ekalesia has agreed to look after participants arriving prior to the registration day of Saturday 22 October, right up to Wednesday 2 November. Given this flexibility, participants are nevertheless urged to arrive Aitutaki as close to Saturday 22 as possible, and depart by Wednesday 2 November. Adherence to these days will make things

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	easier for the konitara. Contact arucicc@aitutaki.net.ck and
	v.ioane@health.gov.ck for more information about accommodation.
Transport during assembly	Host churches will arrange transport for their billets to/from the workshop & assembly venues for those staying in the host churches. Participants staying in alternative accommodation facilities during the assembly will need to arrange their own transport needs.
Catering	Those staying in the 3 churches will be catered for their breakfast and dinner. Lunch will be provided during the assembly days. Arrangements will be made and announced for Wednesday and Saturday.
Dress code	 Opening & closing: Sunday 23 & 30, all CICC ministers and delegates will wear full white suit for men, and white dress with hat for women. For non-CICC participants, white wear is optional, coloured wear will be fine. Workshop day: Monday, free choice, wear whatever is comfortable and preferable to you. No need to suit up. Assembly days: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, formal dress is preferred and encouraged for everybody, i.e. coloured full suits for men and formal dress for women. As has been the practice in past assemblies, men may remove their coats should the weather become too warm. Neckties must, however, be worn at all times. Gospel day: Wednesday, the dress code for this day will be clarified during the assembly on Tuesday. Free day: Saturday is being proposed as a recreational day for the participants. Casuals will be worn. Bring along shorts and casual/running shoes as the programme for the day may involve participants going outdoors.
Participation in the assembly	Active participation in the assembly sessions is encouraged. Except for medical purposes, wandering off during the assembly sessions for shopping, meeting friends and relatives, etc., is not encouraged. This can be done after-hours or when the assembly is over.
Identifications (IDs)	Entry into the assembly sessions is for official participants only, they will be provided with IDs on Saturday 22 during registration. On this ID will be your full name, position, and church/organisation being represented. This information will be extracted from the " confirmation of attendance " form that all participants are required to fill in and return to the CICC Head Office in Takamoa by the end of August. No ID, no entry into the assembly.
Timing of sessions	To be fair to the hosting community, timing of sessions as per the programme will be closely followed by the meeting facilitators.
Free day	Saturday 29 is purposefully set aside as a free day for participants; this is also to allow the assembly secretariat to complete the minutes of the assembly for distribution before departure of delegates. In addition, Saturday will be used for one-to-one meetings between the church branches and invited guests, and the CICC Executive Council. Details will be explained during the assembly.
Working language	The assembly will be conducted in Cook Islands Maori. Speakers may speak in English if they so wish as almost all CICC participants can understand. However, it is not possible to have formal translation of the presentations into either English or Maori. Those invited guests whose only language is English who may want

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	assistance with translating the presentations into English, please arrange with the assembly secretariat.
Church branch hand-outs	Church participants who wish to hand out documents from their churches to the assembly participants (e.g. reports of their individual churches) may give them to the secretariat for duplication if required. It is preferred that you bring them in typed form before giving to the secretariat.
Refreshments	All refreshments (breakfast, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, dinner) during the assembly week will be served free-of-charge to all participants. This is made possible by the generous contributions of the Aitutaki CICC Council.
Radio programme	The Director of Social Welfare welcomes ministers and delegates to make use of the church's radio programme while participants are in Aitutaki. Please see the Director (Ms Nga Teao) to arrange an interview time slot for you.
Travel plans	This is the responsibility of participants, taking note of the assembly dates above. It is strongly recommended that participants commence arranging for their travels <u>as soon as possible</u> . For the Raro/Aitutaki/Raro component, the following contact would be useful:
	Air Rarotonga Ltd P.O.Box 79, Rarotonga, Cook Islands Ph: (682) 22888, Fax: (682) 23288 Email: bookings@airraro.co.ck Book on line at http://www.airraro.com
	Keeping in mind Aitutaki's Sunday observance custom, participants should not arrive or depart Aitutaki on a Sunday. Refer also to the Vaipae church re-dedication (2 nd last paragraph of this document).
Speaking time	Speaking time for delegates is limited to no more than 3 minutes per speaker. Please raise your right hand if you want to make an intervention. The chairman will attempt to be fair and equitable when allowing speakers speaking time. Speaking time may be used for comments and/or questions.
Who can speak	During the normal assembly sessions, speakers include all ministers and delegates from all CICC branches. Invited guests may speak if invited, otherwise they will have their turn when making presentations on behalf of their churches/denominations on Friday as per the assembly programme. Ministers who are not currently serving may not speak. As this is a forum where all CICC branches have equal rights to speak, council representatives will therefore minimise their comments to those matters that may not be adequately covered by the individual branches.
Who are the official participants, how many	
	Avarua & Arorangi CICC branches: Minister, 2 delegates for each branch.
	 All other CICC branches: Minister, 1 delegate for each branch. Observers: from the 3 CICC branches on Aitutaki only. The Aitutaki CICC Council has requested that observers be excused from this year's assembly.
	 All ordained CICC Ministers who do not yet have a church All graduates who have completed their studies at Takamoa but not yet ordained.

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	 All retired CICC Ministers Partner churches: 1 delegate per church
	Note: spouses/friends/relatives of the official participants, if they are coming, will <u>not</u> participate in the assembly and will need to arrange for their own accommodation. Only the official participants as above will be billeted out to the 3 host churches.
Confirmation of attendance	The attached form (Annex I , p.14) is to be used by all intending participants to the assembly. As indicated on the form, filled-in forms must be received by the CICC main office in Rarotonga by the end of August 2011.
Communications	Communication needs of participants (phone, fax, email) can be arranged with the host churches or the assembly secretariat.
Group Photo	This will be taken before morning tea on Tuesday 25. As with the last assembly, the secretariat will attempt to make complimentary hard copies for all participants to hand-carry back with them at the close of the assembly. The photo can also be put on a computer disk if you bring along one.
Cost	 These are the participants': Airfares to/from the assembly Accommodation outside of the times mentioned under "Accommodation" above Accommodation during the assembly if you are not staying in the churches Breakfast if you are not staying in the churches Transport during the assembly if you are not staying in the churches IDD phone calls Other personal costs
	 These are the host churches: Accommodation as specified under "Accommodation" above All meals during the duration of the assembly Transport during the duration of the assembly Laundry & ironing – let the host church know if you have any
	Note: while your accommodation/meal costs are borne by the host churches, participants who wish to make a donation may do so. Normally the "co-ordinator" of the participants in each church which the participants themselves elect when they check-in, will organise such matters.
Computer stick	For those coming to the assembly who have a computer, or their children can use one, or their member churches have one, it is strongly recommended that you bring along a computer flash stick. As was the case in the last assembly, the following documents can be put on the computer stick for you to bring back to your church:
	 Assembly group photo All assembly papers (reports, etc.) Minutes (including the resolutions) of the assembly; hard copies will also be made available for participants prior to departure Photos of past events, such as gospel days, assembly 209, Takamoa graduation 2009, dedication of the CICC head office 2009, etc.
	A small size disk of minimum 4GB will be sufficient.
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Mobile phones	Telecom Cook Is advises that mobile phones can be used on Aitutaki to make calls anywhere around the world. You can re-programme it if it's of the "roaming" type, or buy a sim card at the Telecom office either here in Rarotonga or on Aitutaki for \$25.00.
Children	This is an adults-only meeting where accompanying children will prove disruptive and are therefore not allowed.
Smoking & alcohol	Strictly not permitted on the assembly compounds and accommodation venues at any time. Suitable sites for smoking will be identified by the host members and made known to participants.
Medical needs	Delegates are strongly urged to bring along their own medications. For any major medical issues, the hospital on Aitutaki should be able to attend to those concerns.
Security	For personal effects (such as money, passport, mobile phones, etc.), delegates are fully responsible, so please ensure not to leave lying around, any of your valuables.
Pets	Not permitted on the assembly compounds and accommodation venues at any time.
Sessions with the EC	Saturday 29 and Monday 31 October will be available for assembly
	delegates including invited guests, to talk to the CICC Executive Council on a one-to-one basis. Half hour sessions will be allocated for this purpose. Details will be given on Monday 24. The recreational programme to be organised by the Aitutaki council for Saturday 29 will still proceed.
Opening of Vaipae church	delegates including invited guests, to talk to the CICC Executive Council on a one-to-one basis. Half hour sessions will be allocated for this purpose. Details will be given on Monday 24. The recreational programme to be organised by the Aitutaki council for
Opening of Vaipae church Questions/queries?	 delegates including invited guests, to talk to the CICC Executive Council on a one-to-one basis. Half hour sessions will be allocated for this purpose. Details will be given on Monday 24. The recreational programme to be organised by the Aitutaki council for Saturday 29 will still proceed. For the information of those coming to the assembly, the re- dedication of the Vaipae Ekalesia church building which was damaged by Cyclone Pat last year, will be held at 11.00am on Friday 21 October, followed by a feast in the Vaipae Hall. If you wish to witness this important and memorable event, you will then need to organise your booking so that you arrive Aitutaki prior to this timing. Vaipae Ekalesia advises that all Ekalesias will in due course



Assembly at Nikao, April 2009

29th UIPAANGA MAATA A TE EKALESIA KERESITIANO O TE KUKI AIRANI

~~~ Akamarama'anga ~~~

Au ra / ngai o te uipaanga	Sabati 23 – Sabati 30 Okotopa 2011, Aitutaki, Cook Islands. Ko te uipaanga, ka takapini te reira na roto i nga Ekalesia e 3 i runga i te enua, koia a Arutanga, Vaipae e Tautu.
Porokaramu uipaanga	Akara ki te Annex III i muri i teia pepa. E 2 tuanga o te porokaramu; iriiri kapua i te Monite, e pera te uipaanga i te Ruirua, Paraparau e te Varaire. E ra taeanga Evangelia te Ruitoru 26, ka piri te au mata ki roto i te porokaramu te ka akanooia mai no te reira ra. Kare e uipaanga i te Maanakai 29.
Akatueraanga	10.00am Sabati 23, Arutanga CICC. Tena te porokaramu tei muri i teia pepa, Annex II .
Topirianga	10.00am Sabati 30, Arutanga CICC. Tena te porokaramu tei muri i teia pepa, Annex II .
Retitaanga	Akamata i te 8.00am Maanakai 22 Okotopa, ki roto i te Are Apii Sabati o Arutanga. I te tuatau o te retitaanga e akapapuia'i te au mata ki te uipaanga, ka oronga katoa iatu te au tiketi ingoa tangata e pera te au pepa uipaanga. Ka noo te aronga angaanga opati ki te ngai retitaanga e tae uatu ki te aiai no te retitaanga ia ratou ka tae mai na runga i te au pairere i muri ake i te tuaero.
Me oti te retitaanga	I te tuatau o te retitaanga e kite ei te au mata ko teiea o nga Ekalesia e 3 ta ratou ka noo, e ka aere tika atu ratou ki roto i te reira au Ekalesia. Kia pou te katoatoa ki roto i nga Ekalesia i mua ake i te ora 7.00pm Maanakai 22. Kotou e pereo tetai, akatika atu ki roto i te Ekalesia i muri ake i te retitaanga. Kotou kare e pereo, e au mema tetai no nga Ekalesia mai te ka tapapa no te apai atu ia kotou mei ko mai i te ngai retitaanga, koia oki te Are Apii Sabati o te Arutanga. E mea matauia e te au mata ki te uipaanga kia noonoo roa mai ki te ngai retitaanga no te komakoma atu ki to ratou au taeake. E mea meitaki teia kia rave kotou, ka apaiia mai te kaope/ti na te katoatoa.
Pepa uipaanga ka imereia	Te meneti o te uipaanga maata i topa 2009, te au ripoti, e tetai atu au pepa uipaanga, ka imere iatu te reira kia ratou e imere ta ratou i te epetoma openga o Aukute 2011. Ka tua katoaia teia au pepa i te tuatau o te retitaanga, no reira kare kotou e inangaroia kia nenei (print), mari ua me kua anoano kotou i te akaari i te reira au pepa ki ta kotou au Ekalesia penei e manako to ratou i mua ake ka aere mai ei kotou ki te uipaanga. Ko ratou kare i runga i te email list i Takamoa e kua anoano kotou kia tuku iatu tetai na kotou, tuku mai i ta kotou email address ki te ciccgs@oyster.net.ck Ko te imere teia a te Tekeretere Maata.
Ngai nooanga	Kia tae mai te au mata ki te uipaanga i mua ake i te Sabati 23 Okotopa, e kia akamata i te oki mei te Monite 31 Okotopa. Kua ariki te Aitutaki Konitara Ekalesia i te utuutu i te au mata i mua ake i te ra o te retitaanga, koia te Maanakai 22 Okotopa, e tae uatu ki te Ruitoru 2 Noema. Noatu ra teia, te patiia atu nei te au mata kia tae ki Aitutaki i te tuatau vaitata rava atu ki te Maanakai 22, e kia pou i te oki i mua

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	ake i te openga o te Ruitoru 2 Noema. Me aruia teia au ra, ka riro ia ei maruanga no te konitara. Me e au uianga tetai no runga i te ngai nooanga, komakoma atu ki runga i te imere arucicc@aitutaki.net.ck e te v.ioane@health.gov.ck
Pereo ki te uipaanga	Ko ratou te ka noo ki roto i te au Ekalesia, na te reira Ekalesia rai e akanoo i te pereo ei mataara no te au mata ki te uipaanga. Ko ratou kare e noo ki roto i te au Ekalesia, na kotou rai e akanoo i to kotou pereo.
Katikati	No te tua o te katikati, na te Ekalesia ka noo te au mata ki roto e utuutu ia kotou i te kai ti i te popongi e pera te kaikai i te aiai. I te au ra o te uipaanga, ka katikati ki te ngai e raveia'i te uipaanga. Ka akakite iatu te akanoonooanga no te Ruitoru e te Maanakai, i te tuatau o te uipaanga.
Rakei uipaanga	 Akatueraanga e te topirianga: Sabati 23 & 30, te au Orometua katoatoa, mata e te akarakara, pereue teatea to te tane, kakau teatea e te pare to te vaine. Ratou kare i te CICC, aao i te kakau (suit) teatea me ka rauka; me kare aao mai i tetai kakau (suit) manea tau no te pure. Ra iriiri kapua: Monite, kakau manea tei tau e tei maru kia koe, kare e anoanoia te pereue. Nga ra uipaanga: Ruirua, Paraparau, Varaire, pereue te tane, kakau manea te vaine. Mei tei matauia i te au uipaanga i topa, ka kiriti te tane i te pereue me pakari te vera. Kia vai rai te tapeka necktie i te au atianga katoatoa. Ra kare e angaanga: Kua akanooia te Maanakai,ei ra orote no te katoatoa. Ka aao i tetai uatu kakau. Apai mai i te kakau tau, mei te piripou poto e te tamaka tipoti, no te mea penei te porokaramu no te Maanakai ka aere atu paa ki runga i te au motu.
Turanga i roto i te uipaanga	Ka inangaroia te au mata ki te uipaanga kia noo tinamou ki roto i te uipaanga e kia akaari i to ratou manako ma te mataku-kore. Mari ua no te akakoroanga maki, kare e inangaroia te au mata kia aere ki to ratou uaorai au anoano mei te okooko i roto i te toa, aravei taeake me kore kopu tangata, e te vai atura. Ka rauka teia kia raveia i muri ake i te tuatau uipaanga.
Au akairo (IDs)	I te tuatau o te retitatanga, koia oki Maanakai 22, ka tuaia tetai akairo me kore tiketi (ID) ki te au mata katoatoa ei tikaanga no te tomo ki roto i te uipaanga. Tei runga i teia ID te ingoa tangata, taoanga, e te Ekalesia/taokotaianga te ka mataia mai. Ka kiritiia mai teia au tuatua mei roto mai i te pepa (Annex I) tei anoanoia kotou kia akaki ma te akaoki mai ki te opati i Takamoa nei i mua ake i te ra openga o Aukute. Me kare oou ID, kare koe e tomo ki roto i te uipaanga.
Akakotingaanga tuatau	Kia maru ki nga Ekalesia ka utuutu i te uipaanga, ka aru te akatereanga i te uipaanga ki te au ora me kore akakotingaanga tuatau mei tei akatakaia ki runga i te porokaramu uipaanga.
Ra akangaroi	Kua akanooia te Maanakai 29 ei ra akangaroi no te au mata ki te uipaanga. Ka riro katoa teia ra ei ra akaotianga e te neneianga i te meneti o te uipaanga no te tua atu ki te katoatoa i mua ake ka oki atu ei te au mata. Ka taangaanga katoaia teia ra ei ra araveianga no te au Ekalesia e ratou ka patiia, ki te kumiti akaaere. Ka oronga iatu te akamaramaanga i te tuatau o te uipaanga.

Reo i roto i te uipaanga	Ka reo Maori te uipaanga mei tei matauia. Ko tei anoano i te tuatua papaa no te mea e tu katau ake aia kia pera, kare e araiia no te mea ka marama rai oki te au mata i te reira reo. Kare ra e urianga ki roto i te reo papaa, me kore uri mai mei te reo papaa ki te reo Maori. Ko te au taeake papaa te ka patiia ki te uipaanga, ka akaraia tetai ravenga no ratou kia marama i te au manako ka tuatuaia .			
Pepa na te au Ekalesia	Te au mata e pepa me kare ripoti ta ratou tei anoano kia tuaia ki roto i te uipaanga, oronga mai i te reira ki te aronga angaanga o te uipaanga kia neneiia. Meitaki atu me kua type ia me oronga mai.			
Katikati i te tuatau uipaanga	Ka katikati te uipaanga i te popongi, tuaero, e pera te aiai i te tuatau uipaanga, ma te kore te au mata e tutaki. Kua rauka teia akanoonooanga na roto i te aroa ua o te Konitara Ekalesia o Aitutaki.			
Porokaramu no te ratio	Ka inangaro te Director of Social Welfare i te taangaanga i te au Orometua ma te au mata ki runga i te porokaramu ratio a te CICC ia ratou i Aitutaki. Aravei atu i te Director (Ms Nga Teao) no te akanoo i tetai atianga noou ki runga i te ratio.			
Aereanga mai ki te uipaanga	Na kotou teia tuanga e te au mata ki te uipaanga, ma te akamaara i te au ra o te uipaanga. Te patiia atu nei kia kotou kia akamata i te akanoo i to kotou au tereanga. No te tuanga mei Rarotonga/Aitutaki/Rarotonga, e mea puapinga kia komakoma atu kotou ki teia ngai i raro nei:			
	Air Rarotonga Ltd P.O.Box 79, Rarotonga, Cook Islands Ph: (682) 22888, Fax: (682) 23288 Email: bookings@airraro.co.ck Book on line at http://www.airraro.com			
	E mea manea e te puapinga kia aru te katoatoa i te akanoonooanga i runga i te enua no runga i te rereanga pairere i te Sabati. No reira te patiia atu nei ki te katoatoa ka aere ki te uipaanga, auraka kia tae me kore akaruke ia Aitutaki i te ra Sabati. Akara katoa ki te akakoroanga o te Ekalesia Vaipae (tuanga openga o teia pepa).			
Tuatau tuatua	Ka akakotingaia te tuatau tuatua o te au mata ki te 3 meneti i te taime okotai. Taki i toou rima katau ki runga me anoano koe i te tuatua. Ka timata te tiemani o te uipaanga kia aiteite tana tukuanga tuatau ki te katoatoa. E taangaanga i te tuatau tuatua no te akaari manako me kore ui uianga.			
Koai te ka aere mai ki te	I te tuatau uipaanga, ko te aronga ka akatikaia kia tuatua koia oki te au Orometua e pera te au mata o te au Ekalesia katoatoa e kua arikiia ratou i roto i te au uipaanga maata i topa ei manga no te CICC. Te au taeake no vao mai i te CICC te ka patiia, ka tuatua ratou me patiia; me kare ratou e patiia kia tuatua, ka tiaki ireira ratou i to ratou tuatau tuatua i te Varaire mei tei akatakaia i runga i te porokaramu. Ko te au Orometua akatainuia e kare a ratou Ekalesia i rauka ake, kare ratou e tuatua. No te mea oki e i roto i teia uipaanga e tikaanga to te au Ekalesia katoatoa kia tuatua, ka akangaroi ireira te au mata konitara i te tuatua, mari ua i te akara atu i te tuatua a tetai mata Ekalesia me kua anoanoia.			
uipaanga	Ekalesia Avarua e Arorangi: Orometua, 2 mata i te Ekalesia okotai.			

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	 Te katoaanga o te au Ekalesia CICC: Orometua, 1 mata i te Ekalesia okotai. Akarakara (obsevers): mei roto ua mai i nga Ekalesia e 3 i Aitutaki. Kua pati mai te Aitutaki Konitara Ekalesia auraka te au akarakara mei vao mai e aere mai ki te uipaanga. Au Orometua akatainuia i raro ake i te CICC e kare i rauka ake ta ratou Ekalesia. Au apiianga mei Takamoa tei oti ta ratou apii, kare ra i akatainuia ake Au Orometua Akangaroi Akonoanga e pirianga tona ki te CICC: 1 mata i te akonoanga Akamaramaanga: ko te tokorua/taeake/kopu tangata o te au mata ki te uipaanga, me ka aru mai ratou, <u>kare</u> o ratou tikaanga ki roto i te uipaanga, e na ratou rai e akateateamamao i tetai ngai nooanga no ratou. Ko te au mata ua ki te uipaanga te ka tukuia ki roto i nga Ekalesia e 3 noo ei i te tuatau o te uipaanga. 					
Akapapuanga	Te pepa akapapuanga no te aere mai ki te uipaanga (akara ki te Annex I , kapi 14), ka anoanoia te katoatoa kia akaki mai i te reira ma te tuku mai ki te opati i Takamoa nei i mua ake i te ra openga o Aukute 2011.					
Kaveanga karere	Me e anoano toou i te taangaanga i te phone, fax, email, aravei atu i te aronga akaaere o te Ekalesia taau ka noo, me kore te aronga akaaere i te uipaanga.					
Tutu no te au mata	Mei tei raveia i te uipaanga i topa, ka neneiia te tutu o te au mata ki te uipaanga i te popongi Ruirua i mua ake i te kai ti. Ka timataia kia rauka takitai tutu i te mata okotai i mua ake ka akaoti ei te uipaanga. Kare teia au tutu e tutaki. Ka rauka katoa te tutu i te tuku ki runga i te computer disk me apai mai koe i tetai.					
Akapouanga	 Naau teia e te mata: Tutakianga pairere Ngai nooanga i vao ake i te tuatau tei akatakaia i raro ake i te "Ngai nooanga" i runga nei Ngai nooanga i te tuatau o te uipaanga me kare koe e noo ki roto i te au Ekalesia Kai ti i te popongi me kare koe e noo ki roto i te au Ekalesia Pereo i te tuatau o te uipaanga me kare koe e noo ki roto i te Ekalesia Phone ki vao ake ia Aitutaki Tetai atu au akapouanga naau rai Na te Ekalesia teia ka noo koe: Ngai nooanga mei tei akatakaia i raro ake i te "Ngai nooanga" i runga nei Te au katikatianga katoatoa i te tuatau o te uipaanga Pereo i te tuatau o te uipaanga Kakau ka pua – akakite atu ki te aronga akaaere o te Ekalesia ka noo koe ki roto 					
Computer flash disk	Kotou e taangaanga ana i te computer, me kore e computer ta tetai au mema o taau Ekalesia, e mea puapinga rava kia apai mai kotou i tetai computer flash disk. Mei tei raveia i teia uipaanga i topa, ka					

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	 tukuia teia au pepa i raro nei ki runga i te disk kia mama iakoe i te akaoki atu ki taau Ekalesia: Tutu o te au mata ki te uipaanga Te au pepa uipaanga katoatoa (ripoti, e te vai atura) Meneti o te uipaanga e pera te au tukuanga tika; ka tua katoaia te au kapi neneiia na te au mata i mua ake ka oki ei ratou Tutu o te au akakoroanga i topa, mei te ra taeanga Evangelia, uipaanga maata 2009, apiianga tei akaoti ta ratou apii i te mataiti 2009, akatuera akaouanga i te opati maata i te mataiti 2009, e te vai atura 				
	Ka rava tetai disk meangiti ua, auraka i raro ake i te 4GB.				
Mobile phones	Kua akamarama mai te Telecom Cook Is e ka rauka te mobile phone i te taangaanga i Aitutaki ki tetai uatu ngai takapini teianei ao. Ka rauka ia koe i te porokaramu i te reira me ko taau phone e tei roto i te tuanga o te "roaming", me kare ka rauka tetai sim card i te oko i ko i te opati o te Telecom i Rarotonga nei e pera i Aitutaki, e \$25.00 i te mea okotai.				
Tamariki	E uipaanga teia na te aronga mamaata e ka riro te tamariki i te tamanamanata i te tere meitakianga o te uipaanga, no reira auraka e tari mai i te tamariki ki te uipaanga.				
Kava e te avaava	Kare e akatikaia ki te ngai uipaanga e pera te ngai nooanga o te au mata. Aravei atu i te au mema o nga Ekalesia, na ratou e akaari atu i te au ngai tau no te kai avaava.				
Vairakau maki	E mea puapinga kia apai mai te au mata i to ratou vairakau e taangaanga putuputu ana. Me ka rokoia ua ake te au mata e tetai maki mamaata, ka rauka te tauturu mei te are maki i runga i te enua.				
Akonoanga i te au apinga	Tei te au mata te akara ma te tiaki meitaki i ta ratou au apinga puapinga (mei te moni, passport, mobile phone, e te vai atura), auraka kia vaoo aere ua, ko te ngaro aea.				
Manu	Kare e akatikaia ki te ngai uipaanga e pera te ngai nooanga o te au mata.				
Tuatau ki te kumiti akaaere Akatueraanga i te are pure	Kua akatakaia te Maanakai 29 e te Monite 31 Okotopa no te au mata ki te uipaanga kia aravei ma te uriuri manako ki te kumiti akaaere, me kua anoano ratou. E 30 meneti tei akatakaia no te araveianga okotai. Ka akamarama iatu teia a te Monite 24. Kare teia porokaramu e tamanamanata i te porokaramu ta te Aitutaki Konitara Ekalesia ka akanoo mai no te Maanakai 29, ka raveia rai te reira.				
o te Ekalesia Vaipae	No kotou ka aere mai ki te uipaanga, ka akatuera akaou te are pure o te Ekalesia Vaipae tei takinokinoia e te Uriia Pat i te mataiti i topa, i te ora 11.00am a te Varaire 21 no Okotopa , e i muri ake ki tetai kaikaianga ki roto i te hall o te Vaipae. Me kua anoano koe i te kite i teia akakoroanga, ka akatano mai ireira koe i toou rereanga ki Aitutaki kia tae i mua ake i te ra e te ora tei akakiteia i runga nei. Kua akakite mai te Ekalesia Vaipae e ka tukuia atu rai tetai patianga ki te au Ekalesia katoatoa a teia nga ra e tu ma nei.				
Uianga?	Komakoma mai ki te Tekeretere Maata me e au uianga tetai i mua ake ka aere mai ei ki te uipaanga, tena tona au numero i runga i te kapi mua o teia pepa. I te tuatau o te uipaanga maata, te vai ra te aronga angaanga e pera te Tekeretere Maata, te ka riro i te taturu i tetai uatu me anoanoia.				

Background Information for Participants to the 29^{th} General Assembly of the CICC





For those who have not yet been to Aitutaki, or don't know much about the island

GEOGRAPHY

Aitutaki is an atoll with a maximum elevation of approximately 123 metres on a hill known as Maunga Pu close to its northernmost point. The land area of the atoll is 18.05 km², of which the main island occupies 16.8 km². The Ootu Peninsula, protruding east from the main island in a southerly direction along the eastern rim of the reef, takes up 1.75 km² out of these 16.8 km² for the main island. For the lagoon, area figures between 50 and 74 km² are found. Satellite image measurement suggests that the larger figure also includes the reef flat, which is commonly not considered part of a lagoon.

The barrier reef that forms the basis of Aitutaki is roughly the shape of an equilateral triangle with sides 12 kilometres in length. The southern edge of the triangle is almost totally below the surface of the ocean, and the eastern side is composed of a string of small islands (including Mangere, Akaiami, and Tekopua). The western side of the atoll contains many of Aitutaki's important features including a boat passage through the barrier reef allowing for anchorage close to shore at Arutanga. Towards the south of the side is a small break in the barrier reef, allowing access for small boats to the lagoon which covers most of the southern part of the triangle. Further to the north is the bulk of the main island. Its fertile volcanic soil provide tropical fruits and vegetables. Two of Aitutaki's 15 islets (motus) are also volcanic. The rest are made of coral. Aitutaki Airport is located close to the triangle's northern point.

HISTORY

Polynesians probably first settled Aitutaki around AD 900. The first known European contact was with Captain Bligh and the crew of the "HMS Bounty" when they discovered Aitutaki on April 11, 1789, prior to the infamous mutiny. Aitutaki was the first of the Cook Islands to accept Christianity, after the London Missionary Society (LMS) missionary John Williams visited in 1821. The oldest church in the country, the Cook Islands Christian Church in Arutanga, was built by Papeiha from Bora Bora, Tahiti, and Vahapata from Raiatea, Tahiti, two LMS teachers John Williams had left behind.



In 1942 New Zealand and American forces were stationed on the island, building the two-way airstrip one of which is still being used today. This airport, and one on the northernmost Penrhyn Island, were to be used as bases by the Allies during World War II. The first aircraft, an American light bomber, landed on November 22, 1942. When the war ended some of the servicemen remained and married the locals.

During the 1950s Aitutaki's lagoon was used as a stopover for TEAL (Tasman Empire Airways Limited) flying boats on the famous Coral Route. The islet of Akaiami was used as a resting stop for passengers, who often lay about until the aircraft was refuelled for two hours. These operations ceased in 1960, and the only reminder are the remains of the purpose-built jetty on Akaiami. The flying boat 'Aranui', which was part of this service, is now on display at the Museum of Transport and Technology in Auckland, New Zealand.

Two of Aitutaki's motus (small islands), Rapota and Moturakau, were the locations of the first series of the UK reality television program *Shipwrecked* in 2000. More recently, in 2001, Steve Fossett passed over just south of Aitutaki in the balloon "Solo Spirit" during his round-the-world trip. In 2006, the island was used as the location for the tribal council in *Survivor: Cook Islands*. Surrounding islands were used for tribal camps and crew locations. One of the tribes was named *Aitutaki* (or 'Aitu') after the island. Then, not long afterwards, *Shipwrecked* returned again, with *Shipwrecked: Battle of the Islands 2006*. This was filmed on the same islands as before. One year later, Aitutaki was the locale of an episode of *Survivorman*.

On February 10–11, 2010, Aitutaki was hit by Cyclone Pat. The high winds of the storm ripped the roofs off of most houses and damaged other buildings including a school, hospital, and the Vaipae Church building. Despite the widespread damage, the 3 CICC churches on the island (Vaipae, Tautu, Arutanga) confirmed in August last year, 6 months after the cyclone, that they still wanted to host the biennial assembly of the Cook Islands Christian Church. The assembly in 2007 accepted the invitation by the Aitutaki CICC Council to host the 2011 assembly. That is still the plan, and the gathering of 200-odd representatives from the CICC's 60 branches in the Cook Islands, New Zealand and Australia, will congregate on the island during the week 23-30 October 2011 for the occasion.

TRANSPORT

Air Rarotonga operates up to 4 flights a day to Aitutaki, taking about 40 minutes flying time one way on a 30-seater SAAB plane. Boats take overnight one way on the local inter-island trading vessels. The island is also served by cargo ships from Auck via Rarotonga. Aitutaki is linked to the rest of the Cook Islands and to the outside world by phone and internet.

ECONOMY

Tourism is the mainstay of Aitutaki today. Agriculture is part and parcel of the people's lives, be it subsistence or commercial. Supplementing agriculture is fishing for both the market on Aitutaki itself and well as small quantities being sent to the Rarotonga market. In the years gone by, Aitutaki planted a lot of bananas, oranges, and collected copra for the export markets. However, the marked fall in population brought about by migration, and the reduced accessibility to the export market, has limited primary production to the local market.

DEMOGRAPHY

The estimated population of Aitutaki today is approximately 2,000 of mainly local residents. In addition to Rarotonga, Aitutaki's population has not been significantly affected by outmigration relative to the other outer islands of the country.

(Source: Internet – Wikipedia the free encyclopedia)





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The 29th General Assembly of the Cook Islands Christian Church 23–30 October 2011, Aitutaki, Cook Islands

CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE

Ekalesia/Church: Location: Name(s) of those attending: Minister: Rev. Delegate: Mr/Ms Arrival details into Aitutaki (date/time/flight no.): (to be filled in as soon as itinerary is finalised and form sent to Rarotonga as below) Accommodation] tick <u>one</u> In Aitutaki] box I want to be hosted by the churches I will be making my own arrangements

Note: there will be host churches on Aitutaki; both the Minister & his delegate will be allocated to the same host church. Everyone will be informed of their host church by September or during registration on Saturday 22 October. After completion, please send form by fax/email/post to:

The CICC General Secretary P.O. Box 93, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

- Phones: 26546 or 26547 (office) 23903 (home)
- Fax: 26540 (office)
- Emails: ciccgs@oyster.net.ck (GS direct office email) ciccadmn@oyster.net.ck (CICC Office Administration email) ngam@oyster.net.ck (GS home email)

VERY IMPORTANT: filled-in forms should be received by the General Secretary as soon as possible, preferably no later than August 2011

The 29th General Assembly of the CICC

PROGRAMMES FOR THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

OPENING: 10.00am Sunday 23 October, Arutanga CICC

- 1. Receiving of the colours *(northern group representatives)*, CICC anthem, national anthem
- 2. Introit, opening prayer
- 3. Welcome speech, notices Secretary, Arutanga CICC
- 4. Offering and dedication (collection by the Aitutaki Konitara Ekalesia)
- 5. Introit/opening prayer
- 6. First Sunday School hymn
- 7. Prayer of repentance and the Lord's prayer
- 8. Reading (from today's reading in Maori and English 1 Ariki 3.1-15)
- 9. First traditional hymn
- 10. Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession
- 11. Second traditional hymn
- 12. Sermon, including opening of the 29th General Assembly *Rev. Tangimetua Tangatatutai, CICC President*
- 13. Second Sunday School hymn
- 14. Closing prayer
- 15. Retrieving of the colours (northern group representatives)

Note: all lower pulpit responsibilities to be shared amongst members of the southern group Ekalesias.

CLOSING: 10.00am Sunday 30 October, Arutanga CICC

- 1. Receiving of the colours (NZ Ekalesias), CICC anthem, national anthem
- 2. Introit, opening prayer
- 3. Notices Secretary, Arutanga CICC
- 4. Offering and dedication (collection by the Aitutaki Konitara Ekalesia)
- 5. Introit/opening prayer
- 6. First Sunday School hymn
- 7. Prayer of repentance and the Lord's prayer
- 8. Reading (from today's reading in Maori and English Mataio 23.1-12)
- 9. First traditional hymn
- 10. Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession
- 11. Second traditional hymn
- 12. Presentation of certificates for retiring ministers
- 13. Ordination of Takamoa students
- 14. Sermon, including closing of the 29th General Assembly
- 15. Second Sunday School hymn
- 16. Closing prayer
- 17. Retrieving of the colours (NZ Ekalesias)

Note: all lower pulpit responsibilities to be shared amongst Ekalesia members from Australia.

At the end of each programme, all proceed to the Arutanga Sunday School Hall for refreshments.

29TH CICC General Assembly 2011: Tentative Programme Sunday 23 – Sunday 30 October 2011, Aitutaki

THEME: "Aakianga ia lesu Mesia i roto i teia taumano ou 2100: to tatou au mema. Confessing Jesus Christ in the 21st Century: our membership"

Session	MONDAY 24	TUESDAY 25 Assembly in Arutanga	WEDNESDAY 26	THURSDAY 27 Assembly in Tautu	FRIDAY 28 Assembly in Vaipae
8.15 – 8.30am	Devotion	Devotion	National Gospel Day	Devotion	Devotion
8.30 – 10.30	Workshop	 Organisational matters Minutes of 2009 General Assembly, including update on Resolutions Report by the President 	This is a public holiday to commemorate the arrival of Christianity to the Cook Islands in 1821. The day's	 Reports by: Directors (4) Rarotonga Council 	 Continue amendments/ remits (if necessary) Presentation by partner churches & organisations (20 minutes each)
10.30 - 11.00	Break	Group Photo, Break	programme will	Break	Break
11.00 – 1.00pm	Workshop	 Reports by: General Secretary General Treasurer 	commence with a prayer service at Arutanga, followed by a remembrance service at the memorial stone outside of the Arutanga	 Reports by: Northern Islands Rep Southern Islands Rep CICCNZ Council 	 Presentation by the 2013 assembly host Other matters Wrap-up assembly
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch	Lunch	church, then to the	Lunch	Lunch
2.00 - 4.00	Workshop	Continue/complete General Treasurer's report	Vaipae sports field for the Nuku. Details of the rest of the programme for the day will be provided by the Aitutaki	 Reports by: CICCA Council Vainetini Ministers' rotation programme 2011 	Assembly continues in the afternoon if not completed by lunch time. Otherwise,
4.00 - 4.30	Break	Break	Konitara Ekalesia and the Bicentennial	Break	free afternoon.
4.30 – 6.00	Workshop	 Reports by: Takamoa College Takamoa Board Tepuka Committee 	Committee. All delegates may join in the scheduled programmes of the day. There will be no assembly today.	 Amendments to the CICC constitution Remits 	
6.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner

Note: Saturday 22 October – registration, Sunday School Hall, Arutanga CICC, commences 8.00am till evening

Saturday 29 October – recreational activities, one-to-one meeting with CICC Executive Council, details to be announced during assembly