



Cook Islands Christian Church

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE 34th GENERAL ASSEMBLY
9–16 July 2023, Rarotonga, Cook Islands

Theme: *TE EVANGELIA TA TE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LMS)*
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34th CICC GENERAL ASSEMBLY

~~~ Background Information ~~~

Dates & venue	9–16 July 2023, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.
Assembly programme	See Annex IV attached. Note that the assembly days are Wednesday to Friday; Monday and Tuesday are workshop days.
Opening	10.00am Sunday 9, Are Pure Ebenezero, Ngatangia. The programme is as per Annex II attached.
Closing	10.00am Sunday 16, Are Pure Ebenezero, Ngatangia. The programme is as per Annex II attached.
Registration	Commences 8.00am Saturday 8 July 2023, Takamoa. Registration will involve confirmation of participants to the assembly and the issuing of name tags and assembly documents. The fee is \$50 per delegate. Ekalesia representatives can also pay any outstanding accounts that they may have during registration.
After registration	Delegates will proceed to their designated Ekalesia accommodations.
Emailing assembly papers	Minutes of the last assembly 2019, working papers, reports, etc., will be emailed in June 2023 to those delegates 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 Ekalesia for comments before coming to the assembly. Those who are not yet on the CICC email mailing list and would like to receive these papers prior to coming, send an email address to gense@cicchq.com ; the email address of the CICC Secretary General.
Accommodation	Delegates will be accommodated in the 6 Ekalesias on Rarotonga. Unless delegates indicate their preferences or will arrange own accommodation (family, motel, etc.), Takamoa will allocate everyone to the 6 Ekalesias.
Transport during assembly	Each Ekalesia will arrange complimentary transport for their allocated billets. Delegates are also free to hire vehicles from private sector vehicle dealers at their own cost.
Catering/meals	Breakfast – hosting Ekalesias Lunch – opening & closing – Ekalesia Ngatangia Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea Monday to Friday – Ekalesia hosting the assembly on the day Dinner – hosting Ekalesia All meals will be provided free-of-charge
Dress code	Opening & closing: Sunday 9 & 16, 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 and even the dress you normally wear to your service will be fine.

Workshop days: Monday and Tuesday, informal but nice and comfortable wear.

Assembly days: Wednesday to 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 after devotion should the weather become too warm. Neckties should, however, be worn at all times.

Participation in assembly

Active participation in both the workshop and assembly sessions is encouraged. However, those who talk a lot should be mindful of the fact that there are others in the assembly who also have things to say. Except for medical purposes, wandering off during the assembly week to go to the shop or 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 delegates, invited observers and volunteers only; they will be provided with IDs on Saturday 8 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 (refer to **Annex I**) that all intending participants are required to fill in and return to the CICC Head Office in Takamoa by the end of June.

Timing of sessions

To be fair to the hosting Ekalesia, timing of sessions as per the programme will be closely followed by the meeting facilitators.

Free day

Saturday 15 is purposefully set aside as a free day for participants; this is also to allow the assembly secretariat to complete the assembly minutes of the assembly for distribution before departure of delegates. There will not be a one-on-one session between delegates and Executive Committee members.

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 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, electronic copies are even better. Note that there will be no time for presentation by the individual CICC branches.

Media

Publicity during the assembly – if required – will be coordinated by the assembly secretariat. There is no barring of anyone wishing to take photos or videos of the week's events.

Travel plans

This is the responsibility of delegates, taking note of the assembly dates above. It is advisable that delegates book early to avoid disappointment. Book directly with the airlines or their agents.

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. A time-keeper with a bell will ensure adherence to the time.

Who can speak

During the normal assembly sessions, speakers include 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. Anybody can contribute to the discussions during the workshop days.

Who are the official delegates, how many

- Avarua & Arorangi CICC branches: Minister, 3 delegates for each branch.
- Nikao, Titikaveka, Ngatangia and Matavera CICC branches: Minister, 2 delegates maximum for each branch.
- All other CICC branches: Minister, 1 delegate for each branch.
- Observers: up to 5 from each of the 6 branches on Rarotonga.
- All ordained CICC Ministers who do not yet have an Ekalesia.
- All graduates who have completed their studies at Takamoia but not yet ordained.
- All retired CICC Ministers.
- Partner churches/organisations: 1 delegate each

Other observers

There may be others who wish to pop in to observe either the whole week-long event or parts of it; they are welcome to do so, including joining in with refreshments, but their names will not be recorded.

Confirmation of attendance

The attached form (**Annex I**, p.11) is to be used by all intending official delegates only, including the Rarotonga observers. As indicated on the form, filled-in forms must be received by the CICC main office in Rarotonga before the end of June 2023.

Communication

Communication needs of delegates (phone, email) can be arranged with the host or the assembly secretariat. The hosting Ekalesias will arrange for Wifi at the accommodation venues if required.

Group Photo

This will be taken before morning tea on Wednesday 12 at Avarua. A digital copy can be given to anyone with a computer stick. A formatted copy with captions can be emailed to all those on email before the end of the assembly.

Cost**These are the delegates' and other observers:**

- 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 hosting Ekalesias
- IDD phone calls
- Data for internet use
- Medical and other personal costs

These are for the 6 hosting Ekalesias on Rarotonga:

- Accommodation as specified under **Accommodation** above
- All meals during the assembly week
- Transport during the duration of the assembly
- Laundry & ironing – let the host church know if you have any

Note: while your accommodation/meal/transport costs are borne by the hosting Ekalesias, participants who wish to make a donation may do so but under no obligation.

Computer stick

For those coming to the assembly who have computers, 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 past assemblies, 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 resolutions of the assembly; hard copies will be available from Takamoā as of Monday 17 July.
- Other relevant documents such as Prayer Book, CICC constitution, policies, Manual, etc.

A computer stick with a minimum 8GB size will be sufficient; label and give to the Secretary General anytime during the week.

Mobile phones

This important means of communication is very common these days. It would be handy to bring one to enable you to keep in touch with your families and friends.

Children

This is an adults-only event where accompanying children will prove disruptive and is therefore discouraged.

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 Ekalesias and made known to delegates.

Medical needs

Delegates are strongly urged to bring along their own medications. For any major medical issues, the hosting community will facilitate the necessary arrangements if required. It is advisable that delegates include travel insurance when purchasing their tickets.

Security

For personal effects (such as money, passport, mobile phones, laptops, ipads, 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.

Clothing

The weather on Rarotonga can be chilly at this time, so best to come prepared.

Assembly venues

All 6 Ekalesias on Rarotonga, refer to programme.

Questions/queries?

Contact the Secretary General if there are any questions or queries prior to coming. During the assembly, there will be support staff including the Secretary General, ready to assist if required. The hosting Ekalesias may also be able to assist if required. Important arrangements and announcements will be given prior to the start of each session from Monday to Friday.

BICENTENARY - 200 Years of the Gospel to the Cook Islands

Celebrated in AITUTAKI on 26 October 2021



Will be celebrated on the following islands in 2023:



19 July, ATIU



22 July, MITIARO



23 July, MAUKE



25 July, RAROTONGA

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Celebration for the following islands in the coming years:

MANGAIA	15 June 2024
MANIHIKI	8 August 2049
RAKAHANGA	15 August 2049
PENRHYN	13 March 2057
PUKAPUKA	6 December 2057
PALMERSTON	25 May 2063

34th UIPAANGA MAATA A TE CICC

~~~ Akanoonoo'anga ~~~

Au ra / ngai o te uipaanga	9–16 Tiurai 2023, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.
Porokaramu uipaanga	Akara ki te Annex IV i muri i teia peapa. E 3 ra o te uipaanga, Ruitoru ki te Varaire. Kua akatakaia te Monite e te Ruirua ei nga ra iriiri kapua.
Akatueraanga	10.00am Sabati 9, Are Pure Ebenezero, Ngatangia. Tena te porokaramu tei muri i teia peapa, Annex II .
Topirianga	10.00am Sabati 16, Are Pure Ebenezero, Ngatangia. Tena te porokaramu tei muri i teia peapa, Annex II .
Retitaanga	Akamata i te 8.00am Maanakai 8 Tiurai ki roto i te Ruatoka Hall, Takamoa. I te tuatau o te retitaanga e akapapua'i te au mata ki te uipaanga, ka oronga katoa iatu te au tiketi ingoa tangata (IDs) e pera te au peapa uipaanga. Ko te tutaki, e \$50 i te mata okotai. Ka rauka katoa i teia tuatau i te au mata o te au Ekalesia i te tutaki i ta ratou au akatuanga anga moni mataiti ki Takamoa.
Me oti te retitaanga	Ka aere tika te au mata ki te Ekalesia tei akatakaia kia noo ratou.
Peapa uipaanga ka imereia	Te meneti o te uipaanga maata i topa 2019, te au ripoti, e tetai atu au peapa uipaanga, ka imere iatu te reira kia ratou e imere ta ratou i te epetoma openga o Tiunu 2023. Ka tua katoaia teia au peapa 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 peapa 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 to kotou email address ki te gensec@cicchq.com , te imere a te Tekeretere Maata.
Ngai nooanga	Ka noo te au mata katoatoa ki roto i nga Ekalesia e 6 i Rarotonga nei. Kare katoa e manamanata me iki te au mata kia noo ki te kopu tangata me kore tetai uatu ngai nooanga mei te motels.
Pereo ki te uipaanga	Na te Ekalesia ka noo te au mata e akanoo mai i te pereo no te tari aereanga i te au mata ki te ngai uipaanga. Tei runga katoa i te au mata me e akanoonooanga ke ta ratou, mei te tarauanga e te vai atura.
Katikati i te tuatau uipaanga	Kai ti i te popongi – na te Ekalesia ka noo te au mata Kaikai i te tuaero – akatueraanga, topirianga – Ekalesia Ngatangia Katikati i te popongi, tuaero, muri ake i te tuaero, Monite ki te Varaire – na te Ekalesia nana te utuutu o te uipaanga i te reira ra Kaikai i te aiai – na te Ekalesia ka noo te au mata Kare e tutakianga no te au katikatianga katoatoa

Rakei uipaanga	<p>Akatueraanga e te topirianga: Sabati 9 & 16, 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.</p> <p>Nga ra iriiri kapua: Monite e te Ruirua, kakau manea</p> <p>Nga ra uipaanga: Ruitoru ki te 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. E mea manea kia vai rai te tapeka necktie i te au atiangā katoatoa.</p>
Turanga i roto i te uipaanga	<p>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 matakū-kore. Kotou e te au mata tuatua putuputu, akamaara e, e maata te au taeake i roto i te uipaanga tei anoano kia akaari manako. 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.</p>
Au akairo (IDs)	<p>I te tuatau o te retitatanga, koia oki Maanakai 8, ka tuaia tetai akairo me kore tiketi (ID) ki te au mata katoatoa, ratou tei patiiā, e pera te aronga angaanga o te uipaanga maata, ei tikaanga no te tomo ki roto i te uipaanga. Tei runga i teia ID te ingoa tangata, taoanga, e te Ekalesia/taokotaiana te ka mataia mai. Ka kiritiā mai teia au tuatua mei roto mai i te peapa (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 Tiunu 2023. Tetai uatu tei anoano i te tomo ki roto i te au ngai uipaanga, kare e araiā, kare ra ratou e tuatua.</p>
Akakotingaanga tuatau	<p>Kia maru ki te au taeake na ratou te ututuanga 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.</p>
Ra akangaroī	<p>Kua akanooia te Maanakai 15 ei ra akangaroī no te au mata ki te uipaanga. Ka riro katoa teia ra ei ra akaotianga i te meneti o te uipaanga no te tua atu ki te katoatoa i mua ake ka oki atu ei te au mata. Kare e tuatau e akanooia no te au mata Ekalesia kia komakoma mai ki te kumiti akaaere.</p>
Reo i roto i te uipaanga	<p>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 araiā 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 patiiā ki te uipaanga, ka akaraia tetai ravenga no ratou kia marama i te au manako ka tuatuaia .</p>
Peapa na te au Ekalesia	<p>Te au mata e peapa 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 neneiā. Meitaki atu me kua type ia me oronga mai, me e e-copy te ka apai mai, maata atu te meitaki. Akakoromaki mai, kare e rava te taime no te akamarama tatakitā i ta kotou ripoti ki te uipaanga maata.</p>
Akakitekiteanga (media)	<p>Ko te au akakitekiteanga o te uipaanga i te epetoma o te uipaanga – me kua anoanoia – na te aronga angaanga te reira o te uipaanga e rave. Kare e araianga i tetai uatu no te nenei tutu me kore taviri teata i te tuatau o te uipaanga.</p>

- 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 mei tei akatakaia i runga nei. E mea meitaki kia akamata vaveia teia tuanga, ko te tureti aea. Aravei atu i te au ngai na ratou teia tuanga.
- Tuatau tuatua** Ka akakotingaia te tuatau tuatua o te au mata ki te 3 meneti i te taima 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 uiana. E tangata tetai i mua i te kaingakai ka akanooia no te akara matatio ki te ora.
- Koai te ka tuatua** 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 patii, ka tuatua ratou me patii; me kare ratou e patii 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 akarava atu i te tuatua a tetai mata Ekalesia me kua anoanoia.
- Koai te ka aere mai ki te uipaanga**
- Ekalesia Avarua e Arorangi: Orometua, e 3 mata i te Ekalesia okotai.
 - Ekalesia Nikao, Titikaveka, Ngatangia, Matavera: Orometua, e 2 mata i te Ekalesia okotai.
 - Te katoaanga o te au Ekalesia CICC: Orometua, 1 mata i te Ekalesia okotai.
 - Akarakara (obsevers): e 5 mei roto mai i te Ekalesia okotai i Rarotonga nei.
 - Au Orometua akatainuia i raro ake i te CICC e kare i rauka ake ta ratou Ekalesia.
 - Au apianga 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
- Tetai atu au akarakara** Penei e au taeake tetai tei anoano i te tapae ake akarakara i tetai au tuanga me kore katoaanga o te uipaanga; kare e araianga no te reira e pare ki te au atianga katikati, kare ra to ratou au ingoa e rekotiia.
- Akapapuanga tereanga mai** Te pepa akapapuanga no te aere mai ki te uipaanga (akara ki te **Annex I**, kapi 11), 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 Tiunu 2023; meitaki atu me tae mai i mua ake i teia marama.
- Kaveanga karere** Me e anoano toou i te taangaanga i te tereponi e te imere, aravei atu i te aronga angaanga o te uipaanga me kore ratou i roto i te au ngai nooanga. Tei runga i nga Ekalesia ka noo te au mata, i te akara e me ka anoanoia tetai Wifi kia tamouia.
- Tutu no te au mata** Ka neneia i mua ake i te kai ti a te Ruitoru 12 ki Avarua. Ka rauka te digital copy i te oronga iatu ki runga i te flash stick, e ka imere katoaia ki te katoatoa i mua ake i te openga o te uipaanga me oti tetai au tuatua i te akaoia ki roto.

Akapouanga**Na kotou teia e te au 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 Ekalesia tei akatakaia
- Taniuniuanga i toou au taeake/kopu tangata
- Tetai atu au akapouanga naau rai

Naau teia e nga Ekalesia i Rarotonga nei:

- Ngai nooanga mei tei akatakaia i raro ake i te **Ngai nooanga** i runga nei
- Te au katikianga katoatoa i te tuatau o te uipaanga
- Pereo i te tuatau o te uipaanga
- Kakau ka pua – akakite atu ki te au mema o te Ekalesia taau ka noo.

Note: noatu e na te Ekalesia te akapouanga no te ngai nooanga, katikati e te pereu, ka arikiia tetai uatu tei manako i te oronga tauturu ki te Ekalesia, kare ra mei te mea e ka anoanoia te reira kia raveia.

Computer flash disk

Kotou e taangaana 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 te uipaanga i topa, ka 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 kapi neneiia mei Takamoa i mua ake ka oki aere atu ei te au mata.
- Tetai atu au tataanga tei tau kia tuaia na te au mata, mei te Puka Pure, ture tumu, au ture akateretere, e te vai atura.

Ka rava tetai disk meangiti ua, auraka i raro ake i te 8GB; oake atu ki te Tekeretere Maata i te tuatau o te uipaanga.

Teleponi apaipai

Te kitea nei te puapinga o teia apinga i te au ngai katoatoa. No reira apai mai i tetai naau kia rauka iakoe i te komakoma atu ki te ngutuare e te au taeake iakoe i Rarotonga nei.

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 i roto i nga Ekalesia ka noo te au mata. Aravei atu i te au mema o te 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 taangaana putuputu ana. Me ka rokoia ua ake te au mata e tetai maki mamaata, ka rauka te tauturu me akakiteia ki te au mema o te oire taau ka noo. E mea puapinga katoa kia akao iatu teia tuanga ki roto i toou tiketiki, koia te travel insurance.

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, laptops, ipads, 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.

Kakau maana

E marama anuanu a Tiurai i te maataanga o te taime i te au mataiti katoatoa, no reira kia rava te kakau maani me apai mai.

Au ngai uipaanga

Au Ekalesia katoatoa i Rarotonga nei, akara ki te porokaramu uipaanga.

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. I te tuatau o te uipaanga maata, te vai ra te aronga angaanga te ka riro i te tauturu i tetai uatu me anoanoia. Ka riro katoa te au mema o te au Ekalesia ka noo kotou i te tauturu i tetai uatu me anoanoia. Ko tetai uatu au akakitekiteanga puapinga, ka orongaia ki te katoatoa i te au popongi i muri ake i te pure ngutuare, Monite ki te Varaire.

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CONFIRMATION OF ATTENDANCE FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATES

(to be completed by all delegates from the outer islands, New Zealand and Australia)

Ekalesia/Church: Location:

Name(s) of those attending: Minister: Rev.

Delegate: Mr/Ms

Comment:

(Indicate here whether you want to stay in an Ekalesia – feel free to indicate preference – or not because you will be arranging alternative accommodation)

After completion, please send (post, email) this form to:

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

Phones: 26546 or 26547 (office), 23903 (home)

Emails: gensec@icchq.com (SG direct office email)

admin@icchq.com (CICC Office Administration email)

Very Important: filled-in forms should be received by the Secretary General no later than June 2023.

The 34th General Assembly of the CICC

PROGRAMMES FOR THE OPENING AND CLOSING SERVICES

OPENING: 10.00am Sunday 9 July, Are Pure Ebenezer, Ngatangiaa

1. Introit, opening prayer
2. Welcome speech – *Secretary, Ekalesia Ngatangiaa, on behalf of both the Ekalesia and the Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia*
3. First Sunday School hymn
4. Prayer of repentance and the Lord's prayer
5. Reading (from today's Tia in Maori and English – Psalms 100)
6. First traditional hymn
7. Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession
8. Second traditional hymn
9. Offering and dedication
10. Sermon, including opening of the 34th General Assembly – *President*
11. Second Sunday School hymn
12. Closing prayer

Note: all lower pulpit responsibilities to be shared amongst delegates from the Southern Islands

CLOSING: 10.00am Sunday 16 July, Are Pure Ebenezer, Ngatangiaa

1. Introit, opening prayer
2. Thankyou and farewell speech – *Secretary, Ekalesia Ngatangiaa, on behalf of both the Ekalesia and the Rarotonga Konitara Ekalesia*
3. First Sunday School hymn
4. Prayer of repentance and the Lord's prayer
5. Reading (from today's Tia in Maori and English – Psalms 101)
6. First traditional hymn
7. Prayer of thanksgiving and intercession
8. Second traditional hymn
9. Offering and dedication
10. Presentation of certificates for retiring ministers: *President and Secretary General*
11. Commissioning of new office bearers: *officiating official to be confirmed*
12. Sermon, including closing of the 34th General Assembly – *Newly elected President*
13. Second Sunday School hymn
14. Closing prayer

Note: all lower pulpit responsibilities to be shared amongst delegates from Northern Islands

At the end of each service, all proceed to Ngatangiaa CICC Mission Ground for refreshments.

2023 ASSEMBLY REPORTS

A. These are regular compulsory reports for presentation to the assembly:

1. President
2. Secretary General
3. Treasurer
4. Legal Adviser
5. Principal, Takamoa Theological College
6. Rarotonga CICC Council Representative
7. Northern Islands Representative
8. Southern Islands Representative
9. New Zealand CICC Council Representative
10. Australia CICC Council Representative
11. Director of Youth
12. Director of Publication
13. Director of Evangelism
14. Director of Social Welfare
15. Director, Bicentennial Celebrations Unit
16. CICC Vainetini Representative
17. CICC Review Committee Representative

B. These are optional reports which will not be presented to the assembly, but will be included as part of the assembly papers for the information of delegates:

18. Individual Ekalesia reports

C. It is important to note that:

The above reports should be received by the Secretary General no later than May 2023. This will enable sufficient time to be cleared by the Executive Committee for duplication and insertion into ring binders ready for the assembly in good time. The important sections of the report are as follows;

- Work programme since the last assembly
- Achievements or work undertaken since the last assembly
- Problems/difficulties encountered since the last assembly
- Recommendations for the next 2 years and beyond

D. Please send all reports, preferably by email, to:

The Secretary General on **gensec@cicchq.com** before end May. As has been the case on many occasions in the past, there are unnecessary difficulties in the processing of reports if they are not received on time.

34th CICC General Assembly 2023 PROGRAMME Sunday 9 – Sunday 16 July, Rarotonga

Theme: TE EVANGELIA TA TE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY (LMS) I APII KI TE KUKI AIRANI

Session	SATURDAY 8 Takamoa	SUNDAY 9 Ngatangia	MONDAY 10 Matavera	TUESDAY 11 Avarua	WEDNESDAY 12 Nikao	THURSDAY 13 Arorangi	FRIDAY 14 Titikaveka	SATURDAY 15	SUNDAY 16 Ngatangia
8.15–8.30am	Devotion								
8.30 – 10.30	REGISTRATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration in the Ruatoka Hall, Takamoa, commences 8.00am Free rest of day 	OPENING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All delegates to assemble at Ngatangia CICC Mission Ground by 9.15am. Service starts at 10.00am. Afterwards, all return to Mission Ground for refreshments. Evening – hosting Ekalesias programme 	WORKSHOP	WORKSHOP	ASSEMBLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of 2019 Assembly, update on Resolutions Tabling of all reports by the chairman, and discussion of the reports 	ASSEMBLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reports discussion 	ASSEMBLY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remits Amendments to constitution Presentation by Partner Churches & Organisations 	NO PROG <p>Free day, assembly secretariat to complete minutes and organise distribution</p>	CLOSING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All delegates to assemble at Ngatangia CICC Mission Ground by 9.15am. Service starts at 10.00am. Afterwards, all return to Mission Ground for refreshments Evening – hosting Ekalesias programme
10.30 – 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegates to spend time going through the assembly papers 		M/tea	M/tea	G/photo, M/tea	M/tea	M/tea		
11.00 – 1.00pm					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reports discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reports discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of office bearers Close assembly 		
1.00 – 2.00			Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
2.00 – 4.00					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reports discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reports discussion 			
4.00 – 4.30			A/tea	A/tea	A/tea	A/tea			
4.30 – 6.00					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reports discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue reports discussion 			

34th CICC General Assembly 2023: WORKPLAN, June 2022 – August 2023

Activity	2022							2023							
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Release of assembly background information paper (i.e. this document) to all Ekalesias and invitees															
Delegates to arrange travel plans															
Confirmation of delegates due															
Amendments to the constitution due															
EC to process amendments and email to all Ekalesias															
Remits due															
EC to process remits and email to all Ekalesias															
Reports by Office Bearers due															
Ekalesia reports (optional) due															
Assembly papers emailed to delegates															
Printing & binding of assembly papers at Takamoa															
Delegates arrive Rarotonga, open/close assembly															
Electronic copy of assembly minutes made available to delegates, hard copies to be picked up at Takamoa															
Newly elected Executive Committee takes charge															
Secretary General to coordinate assembly preparations from Takamoa															