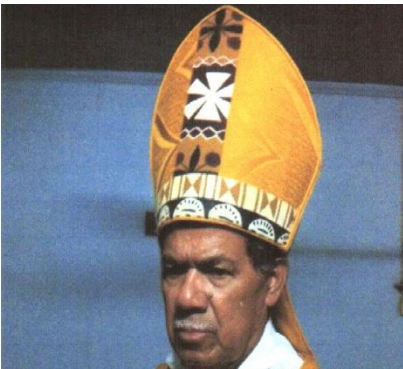




ANGLICAN CHURCH of PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Press Release



Rt. Rev. Clyde Igara, 62 of Mukawa Village, Rabaraba Sub-District, Milne Bay Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is the new Archbishop - elect of the Anglican Church of PNG (ACPNG). Married to Miriam with 5 children and 5 grandchildren, Bp Clyde was first ordained to the Anglican priesthood ministry at the Dogura Cathedral in 1997. He was first posted as a parish priest at Boianai for 2 years and later from 1999 to 2009, served as parish priest at Alo-tau for 10 years.

In June 2009, Bp Clyde became the first local man from the Dogura Diocese to be the Bishop of Dogura and has remained as the Diocesan Bishop of Dogura until the Provincial Council of the Anglican Church of PNG appointed Bishop Clyde during its meeting on June 14, 2013 to be the new Archbishop-elect and Primate of the Anglican Province of PNG. The position of the Archbishop of the Church has remained vacant after the retirement of Archbishop Joseph Kopapa in December 2012. Senior Bishop Allan Migi and the Diocesan Bishop of New Guinea Islands (NGI) had been taking on the duties and responsibilities of the Archbishop until the election of Bishop Clyde as the new primate/archbishop.

The new archbishop when making his first speech as the new primate told his followers that he is in for the common interests of the Anglican Church in PNG through the implementation of the four pillars as contained in the Church's Strategic Plan 2012/15 – an initiative of the former archbishop, Most Rt. Rev. Joseph Kopapa (Retired). He also pledged to lead his Church leaders to fulfil its vision of growing the Church and to work collectively with all stakeholders to make and maintain a self – supporting Church within the Anglican Communion (worldwide) proclaiming and living out the Gospel and united in maximizing its human and material resources to empower, promote and to build just and peaceful communities across PNG where the Church serves.

The new Archbishop said he is looking ahead with the vision to lead and to hold together the five very large dioceses which are distributed across the country to fulfil and to nurture the three-fold Ministry of Jesus Christ in preaching, teaching and healing through the provision of health, education and pastoral care to both Anglicans and non – Anglicans alike in communities where the Anglican Church serves irrespective of religion, race or gender and preparing a Church for the future benefit of all mankind.

Bishop Clyde has plans to open up the Anglican Church and offered to work very closely in partnership with the Government, the UN family of agencies, development partners and NGOs to make ACPNG institutions and establishments as centres of delivery of comprehensive social services, policies and programs of its stakeholders to promote peace, harmony and security in order to make a difference in the lives of ordinary people so the people themselves will appreciate and acknowledge God's blessings.



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Chicki is the new General Secretary of the Anglican Church of PNG



Mr Samson W. Chicki (MBE), 50 of Kompiai village, Lower Jimi Valley, Western Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG) is married to Emilyne of Kalokalo village, West Ferguson Island, Milne Bay Province with 8 children. Mr Chicki was appointed the new General Secretary of the Anglican Church of PNG (ACPNG) by the House of Bishops through the Bishops' Selection Panel in January 2013 and was endorsed by the Provincial Council of ACPNG during its meeting on June 14, 2013.

Mr Chicki is leaving the National Public Service after 21 years of full-time service and has held several senior positions with the Department of Youth, Religion and Community Development over the years. In August 1992 Mr Chicki first started his employment with the then Department of Youth and Home Affairs as a National Contract Officer for six months. From March 1993 to April 1998 he was a Welfare Officer (Child Protection) and Coordinator for Welfare Database and Training. After a six month attachment at the PNG National Parliament as the Department's policy advisor to the minister, in March 1999 he was redeployed back to the Department as HR Manager and later appointed as the Registrar – General of PNG with the Office of Civil Registration from 1999 to 2001 responsible for designing the births registration project, registration of births, marriages and deaths. Mr Chicki was later appointed the Director of Development Programs (Gr.18) from March 2000 to March 2003. From April 2003 to December 2010, Mr Chicki held the position of Deputy Secretary – Corporate and Regulatory Services (Gr.20) responsible for developing annual budgets, performance reviews, personnel/human resources planning, development, selection and recruitment, public finance management, procurement planning and expenditure control, amongst other responsibilities.

During his tenure as the Deputy Secretary - Mr Chicki has performed other representational duties for the Department and the country at various senior officials meetings largely in the Australasia region and a few outside of the region on APEC matters, child/social protection, gender/development, inter – faith dialogue and other human development related matters within the Asia Pacific region at the UN, MSG and CRGA/SPC senior officials meetings levels.

In November 2008 Mr Chicki's contributions were recognized by the Government of PNG and he was recommended to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the 2nd for his services to the Public Service and community with an Award of Member of the British Empire (MBE) Civil Division.

Mr Chicki strongly believes that in order for the Anglican Church of PNG to continue to grow and develop and its stakeholders to make impact, the Church should reorganize and realign the organization's structure and its development programs and re-engage with the Government of PNG and allow its land, institutions and establishments across its dioceses and parishes throughout the country to be centres of comprehensive social ser-

vices delivery for the Government, the United Nations, other bilateral development partners and international NGOs to rollout their policies and programs. Through teamwork, we will transform communities and together we will make a difference in the lives of both the Anglicans and non – Anglicans alike in communities where the Church has been providing on-going social services. The Anglican Church should build-on from its current traditional role of preaching, teaching and healing and to take on additional human/social development programs in a holistic approach to develop the whole person so that young Anglicans are attracted to remain and help grow the Church. I am challenging all advocates of social development to design social programs with the view to making the Government of PNG owning all development program efforts and Churches should be the vehicles to deliver the programs so that whatever is put in place should continue to exist and to provide for the social needs of people because running parallel programs is the beginning of bad social development engineering design from day one and has very slim success rate in the long term.

Mr Chicki believes that there should be a separate ministry of Religion and Inter – Faith Dialogue to be established by the government to cater for the growing development needs of all faith – based organizations in the country to learn from the experiences of its regional neighbouring countries within the Asia and the Pacific Region in particular Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam and Cambodia on their efforts to promote peace, harmony and security within the region through inter – faith dialogue in order to promote economic and social development so that the ordinary people may not only see the changes happening in their communities but also feel the differences in their individual lives.