

THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE FIJIAN MISSION [Na Matabose ni Lotu Vaka-Viti]

OUR VISION:

“Nurturing God’s People to Follow Jesus”

“Me ra Susugi na Luve ni Kalou me ra Muri Jisu”

OUR STRATEGIC STEPS

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Preparing people

To prepare servant leaders at all levels of our ministries and churches for the growth of the Fijian Mission [Lotu Vaka-Viti]

Cultivating Places

To engage with our conference for conducive places of worship for the full expression of our Fijian Methodist tradition.

Aligning Resources.

To identify and access church resources that can support spiritual, intellectual, social and cultural advancement of members of the Fijian mission.

OUR ACTION PLANS

1. Preparing People.

A. Preparing people has to begin with preparing our leaders.

B. Inviting future leaders for Lay Servant Training and for seminary education opportunities.

C. Attracting future leaders for church leadership training for tomorrow's churches.

MOVING FORWARD...FIJIAN MISSION

[Na Matabose ni Lotu Vaka-Viti]

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Preparing People

Fijian leaders who are currently enrolled as students of PSR pursuing their Masters of Divinity

1. Pastor Mesake Jioji serving Patterson Federated Church. (Home church, St. Luke's UMC Richmond)
2. Certified Lay Minister / Vakatawa Yaco Adi Mere Nabou (Home church, Santa Rosa First UMC, Santa Rosa)
3. Certified Lay Minister / Vakatawa Yaco Luke Vakaliwaliwa (Home church, San Rafael First UMC, San Rafael)
4. Certified Lay Minister / Vakatawa Yaco Iva Mere Codrokadroka (Home church, San Rafael First UMC, San Rafael)
5. Atunaisa Bolabiu (Home church, San Rafael First UMC, San Rafael)
6. Pita Leweniqila (Home church, San Rafael First UMC, San Rafael)
7. Emosi Raura, Chairman, Committee of Finance Wesley UMC, Sacramento



2. Cultivating Places.

- A. Growing the current and new Fijian ministries and churches for future church members.
- B. Engaging with our conference to identify potential new church plant locations.
- C. Assist church plants by supporting certified lay and clergy church planters.

3. Aligning Resources.

A. Identify resources to support lay servant training and seminary education for Fijians.

B. Accessing church resources that can support spiritual, intellectual, social and cultural advancement of members of the Fijian Mission.

C. Partner with community and state institutions with services that support the general needs of the immigrant Fijian community.

FIJIAN MISSION'S ANNUAL PLAN OF ACTIVITIES.

1. Annual Fijian Mission Summit - October each year. This is to coincide with the commemoration of the arrival of the first missionaries in Fiji [October 12th, 1835] and the Fiji Independence Day [October 10th, 1970]
2. Annual Fijian Mission Combined Worships - January and July each year. January would be a good month to come together to commence each new year together and celebrate achievements of the past year. The month of July is the first month of our conference/church year during which we can also celebrate new assignments/appointments and certifications gained by Fijian members.
3. Fijian Mission Quarterly Committee Meetings - These meetings are to be attended by;
 - A. Fijian Ministry Lay Leaders, Stewards, and committee leaders of local churches and language ministries.
 - B. Fijian Clergy on appointments and Certified Lay Ministers on assignments.
 - C. Pastors of churches with Fijian ministries.
 - D. A conference representative.

E. Fijian Seminaris

**Following Jesus!
Thriving in Community!
Healing the World!**

**Muri Jisu!
Vakabulabulataki ni noda Veitikotiko!
Vakabulai ni Vuravura Taucoko!**

**Proposed Leadership Development
plan for Fijian local churches and
Fijian language ministries.**

A. Certified Lay Servant – Siga Dina

Basic Lay Servant
Spiritual Gifts

**B. Certified Lay Speaker – Daucaka
Lotu Masumasu / Dauvunau**

Basic Lay Servant
Spiritual Gifts
Lay Speakers

**C. Certified Lay Minister – Vakatawa
Yaco**

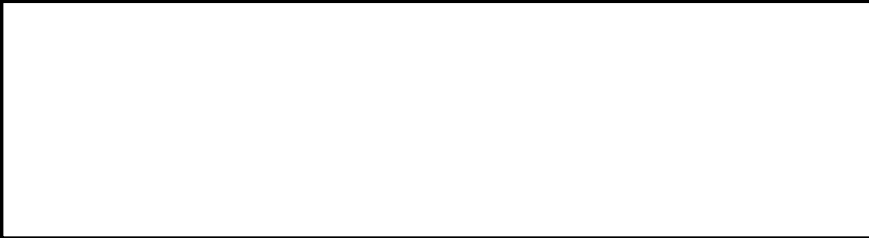
Basic Course
Spiritual Gifts
Lay Speakers

**Lay Servant Requirements + 6 courses +
4 modules**

Basic Course
Spiritual Gifts
Deeper into the Bible
Preaching
Leading Worship
Leading Public Prayer
United Methodist Heritage
United Methodist Polity
CLM Training Program, includes 4
modules

**NA NODA VEIQARAVI ENA LOMA NI
LOTU**

**Evangelism
[Veivakalotutaki]
Discipleship
[Veivakatisaipelitaki]**



**NA VEIVAKATISAIPELITAKI
ENA VANUA VOU NI NODA BULA KEI NA NODA
VEIQARAVI.**

A. Certified Lay Servant – Siga Dina

B. Certified Lay Speaker – Daucaka Lotu

Masumasu / Dauvunau

C. Certified Lay Minister – Vakatawa Yaco

**A. Certified Lay Servant
(SIGA DINA)**

Proposed Discipleship Membership
Process:

1. Reception of new members
(Local Church)
2. Conversion Experience
(Disciplined to be Certified Lay
Servant) (SIGA DINA)

Conference issues certificate.
Certified Lay Servant Certificate

**Fijian Local Church or Fijian
language ministry** issues **SIGA
DINA** certificate as well [Refer to
handout].

Evangelism and discipleship are two sides of the "making disciples" coin. You cannot have one without the other. Both are equally essential.

Philemon 6

"I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ."

How then do we measure our end-product of "making disciples?"

Let's look at two critical junctures as our measuring points:

1. Evangelism
2. Discipleship

Luke 6:40 ⁴⁰ A disciple is not above the teacher, but every disciple who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

Parable of the lost sheep

CONVERSION

Luke 15

FULLY TRAINED DISCIPLE

LUKE 6:40

Seeker

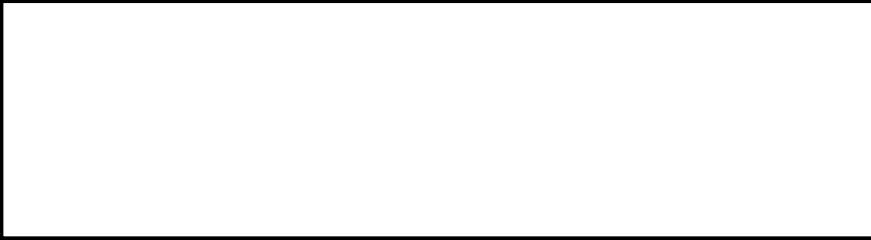
Believer

Evangelism

Discipleship

LAY MINISTERS' PATH.

1. **Trained Lay Minister [TLM]**
2. **Assigned Lay Minister [Certified Lay Minister - CLM]**



Cal-Nev. Conference Fijian Ministries

- **We wish to explore if the Fijian TLMs can be assigned by DSs to serve in Fijian Language ministries or Fellowships.**
- **Compensation ; In consultation with Fijian Language Ministries or Fellowships. .**

ORDINATION PATH

1. **Local Licensed Pastor**
2. **Associate Member.**
3. **Elders' Order.**

[Refer to handout]