

## OBJECTIVES

- To facilitate ecumenical and cross-cultural engagement.
- To build and strengthen skills to respond to the needs of the churches.
- To analyse, strategize, respond and address issues of social justice, ecology, development, governance and leadership.
- To undertake, coordinate, document and publish research.
- To compile and update a resource database for the programmes.
- To assist in strengthening ecumenical and church relationships.
- To initiate and promote discussions on issues that are of concern to the churches.
- To advocate on issues that are relevant in the region.
- To support, inform and cooperate with the academic programmes of the College.
- To build internal capacity and ensure relevancy of the programmes.
- To raise funds for the work of IMR.

## ACTIVITIES 2017

### • RESEARCH

- \* Strengthening Ecumenical Relations in Oceania
- \* Re-weaving the Ecological Mat

### • CONSULTANCY

Moderation, facilitation and research methods

### • PUBLICATIONS

Researched materials in book form and occasional research papers

### • CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

In-country workshops and personnel exchange across the Pacific region

### • PUBLIC LECTURES

### • ADVOCACY

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# INSTITUTE FOR MISSION & RESEARCH 2017



*“Wellness, Well-being and  
Wholeness of Life”*



## What is IMR?

The Institute for Mission and Research (IMR) is the product of an integrated God's Pacific People Programme (est. 1997) and the Institute for Research and Social Analysis (est. 2008). Both programmes have been mandated by the PCC and PTC executive councils. The IMR collaborates with churches, church based organizations, consultants and civil society groups/NGOs for engagement and advocacy on pertinent issues faced by our Pacific societies today.

## Vision

An ecumenical well-informed Christian presence in the Pacific that confronts injustices and affirms the dignity of God's creation; in dialogue with biblical principles and traditional values.



## Mission

To assist the churches to be well-informed and be effective actors for justice, peace and the affirmation of God's creation through advocacy on pertinent issues, contextual research and capacity building; delivered through mutual ecumenical sharing, learning and engagement.



## What We Do

### Capacity Building Programmes

*Equipping Churches with skills needed to better serve the region in the areas of:-*

- Peace-building
- Leadership and Management
- Personnel Exchange Programmes
- Pastoral Counseling
- Social Analysis
- Ending Violence Against Women

## Research

*The Institute carries out, facilitates and publishes its own research projects in collaboration with partners and member churches in particular.*

- Research publications
- Occasional Research Papers

## Communications

*A platform for information sharing and advocacy through:-*

- Social Media
- Public Lecture Series
- Forums & Conferences

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