

**Enhancing Holistic and Quality Education**  
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The Methodist Church in Fiji Decade of Education was launched on Thursday 18th February to coincide with the presence of our 57 Divisional Superintendents and Divisional Stewards in Suva for their Annual Retreat. The program was held at Centenary Church. Also invited were all institutional heads (religious and 32 schools), school managers, Ministry of Education Senior Staff, Teachers Unions, and Faith-based school reps media.

Church President, Rev. Dr. Tevita Nawadra Banivanua will be presided at the launch with a high level participation of our leaders in the hour program which included a special cake. As part of the event, all school heads and managers will have a Question and Answer Session with Senior MOE Staff and Secretary Education often the morning tea. Secretary for Methodist Education, Master Waisake Ravatu said he hoped the auspicious occasion was the start of exciting things for Church institutions and especially schools as we move through the next 10 year in our New Exodus.

“The much – awaited 2016, themed our Year of Education has finally arrived and we must be thankful to God for His loving guidance and provision for 2015 in which much was achieved. Amongst these were

1. Action taken on the 13 Resolutions of 2014 Conference.
2. All Motions of Education Office receiving wide support in our Divisions and finally Conference 2015.
3. Secretary visited all our 31 schools except the 2 Richmond schools.
4. Commencement of Davuilevu Secondary School.
5. Closure of Secondary Section of Navuso and the commencement of Navuso Agricultural Institute.
6. Two visits to the Honorable Minister for Education resulting in an amicable working relationship that gives us hope for better understanding and things for us and our schools especially.
7. Facilitation of meetings with school stakeholders
  - 7.1 Managers/Chairmen
  - 7.2 School Heads
  - 7.3 Chaplains and Deaconesses.
8. Schools allowed – full uses of billeting hire charges- 75% of rental from Billboards/Radio Masts.
9. Schools beginning to rise to the challenge of improving their performance and outlook.
10. Review of our RE Curricula underway”

“Of course, given the worrying stage some of them had reached, change wouldn't come overnight thus our stand that this Year of Education be the start of a commitment by MCIF for a consistent concerted and collective effort through the next decade on its educational institutions.”

“For our schools our mission for the next decade in this

New Exodus is to

1. Lift the physical outlook of all our schools – buildings compound
2. Equip them all necessary equipment for effective education
3. Lift their academic performance but in conjunction with other aspect of development
4. Provision of a holistic education
5. Make an impact as a mission field on the life of our students through a comprehensive and targeted Christian setting including its RE Curriculum
6. Provision of effective school personnel – school heads, staff, church appointees though focused empowerment session
7. Regularizing our school policies and regulation for better management and organization

“We look forward with much hope to 2016 as we try and put into place structure important for years ahead.”