



Foundation Documents.



Nai Vakarau E Tinikarua

Sa nona i tavi na i Talatala ni Lotu va-Karisito me qaravi ira na tamata; me vakani ira ka tuberi ira na qele ni sipi me vaka ni na tarogi kina mai Vua na Kalou. Sa na rawa walega me vakayacora na i tavi oqo ko koya kevaka e rau sa lako veitikivi sara kei na Kalou. Me liu tiko e matana na cakacaka ni Kalou ka me lewai saran a nona bula mai na i vakarau ni noda Lotu ka vakayacora tikoga “Na i Vakarau e Tinikarua me yaga vei ira na i Talatala ni Lotu Wesele”.

- 1) Mo dau gugumatua. Mo dua na dau vakayagataki gauna vinaka.
- 2) Mo kua ko ni dau veiwali: me sa nomu i bole oqo: “Na yalo savasava e na mata ni Kalou.” Qarauna na yagomu. Kua ni dau veiwalitaka na veika bibi. Me qarauni na veiwali e na vakavuna na rarawa, na veiwali ena veivakacalai, na veiwali e sega ni veiganiti.
- 3) Lewai iko vinaka ena vuku ni veimaliwai kei ira na yalewa se tagane.
- 4) Ni bera ni yaco na nomu vakamau, mo masulaka mada e liu Vua na Kalou. Mo vakasamataka vinaka, ka veivosakitaka talega kei ira na nomu i tokani ena cakacaka. Me liu taumada na nomu yalayala ni vakamau Vua na Kalou.
- 5) Kakua ni vakabauta vakarawarawa ni sa cala e dua ka vakavo ni sa vakadinadinataki sara. Dau vakabauta na nodra tikina vinaka duadua na tamata.
- 6) Kakua ni vosavakacacataka e dua na tamata. Taqomaka na nomu vakanananu me baleta e dua me yacova ni ko drau sa sota, qai tukuna vua. Mo dro tani mai na daukakase.
- 7) Ke ko kila ni sa sega ni rauta na nona i tovo e dua, tukuna sara vakadodonu vau ena yalo loloma, ena gauna totolo duadua e rawa kina. Ke sega, ena qai yaco me kakana e lomamu me vaka e dua na mate ca. Io, mo vosoti koya sara e cala.
- 8) Mo kakua ni viavia turaga. Na dauvunau ni i Tukutuku Vinaka o nodra dauveiqaravi na tamata kecega.
- 9) Kakua ni maduataka e dua na ka, na i valavala ca ga. Na vakayacori ni cakacaka lolovira e sega ni ka me maduataki.
- 10) Kakua ni dau bera. Cakava na nomu cakacaka ena gauna e dodonu me ra dui caka kina.
- 11) Sa nomu cakacaka dina na vakabula na yalodra na tamata. Ia mo lako, sega walega vei ira era gadrevi iko, ia, vei ira era gadrevi iko vakalevu cake (o ira e rawa mo yaga vakalevu vei ira).
- 12) Mo vakayacora na nomu i tavi kece, e sega ena vuku ni nomu vinakata ga, ia, me vaka na veidusimaki ni i Tukutuku Vinaka (Kosipeli) kei na nomu loma vata kei ira na nomu i tokani vakacacacaka. Mo wasea na vakayagataki ni nomu gauna ena vunau kei na veisiko ena veivale, ena veiqaravi vei ira era gadreva na veivuke, ena wilibola, ena vakasama vakayalo kei na masu. Ia mo nanuma matua mo vakayacora na cakacaka sa lesi iko kina na Bose ko Viti, me vakalagilagi kina na Kalou. Sa sega ni nomu i tavi na vunau vakavica se qarava na mata siga oqo se ko ya, sa nomu i tavi dina na kauti ira mai na levu ni tamata ko rawata vei Karisito, kei na kena levu ni tamata i valavala ca, me ra veivutuni, ka yaco me'ra yalosavasava.

Twelve Rules Of A Helper

The task of a Christian Minister is to take care of people, to feed and guide the flock, as one who will have to give an account to God. He or she can only do this by walking closely with God, by putting God's work first, and by disciplining himself or herself according to the guidance of the church, observing the "Twelve Rules of a Helper".

- 1) *Be diligent. Be a good steward of your time.*
- 2) *Be serious. Let your motto be, "Holiness to the Lord". Guard your tongue. Do not make jokes on serious matters, jokes that may hurt, jokes that may deceive people, jokes that are unfitting.*
- 3) *Behave properly with people of the opposite sex.*
- 4) *Take no step towards marriage without a solemn prayer to God, careful consideration and consultation with your fellow-worker in the Church. Make your marriage vows first of all before God.*
- 5) *Believe evil of no-one, unless it is fully proved. Believe the best of people.*
- 6) *Speak evil of no-one; keep your thoughts about a person to yourself until you meet that person. Avoid gossip.*
- 7) *If you think you see a wrong in someone, speak to that person lovingly and plainly, as soon as you can; if not it may be like a germ that multiplies in your heart. Then forgive straight away.*
- 8) *Do not put on airs. A preacher of the Gospel is a servant of all.*
- 9) *Be ashamed of nothing except sin. Doing lowly tasks is not shameful.*
- 10) *Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time.*
- 11) *Spend yourself in the task of saving souls; and go always not only to those who want you, but to those who need you most.*
- 12) *Act in all things not as you want to, but as the Gospel directs and in union with your fellow-workers. Use your time partly in preaching and visiting from house to house, partly in serving the needy, partly in reading, meditation and prayer. Above all, carry out that work which the Conference appoints you to, for the glory of God. It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that Church or meeting, but to bring as many as you can to Christ, to bring as many sinners as you can to repentance, and to build them up in holiness.*

ESO NA YAVU BIBI NI VAKABAUTA VAKARISITO ENA LOTU WESELE

NA I VAVAKOSO LOTU WESELE

Era lewena na i vavakoso era vakatokai ena vosa vakavavalagi na “*Methodists*”, se ‘Mecotisi’ (‘vavakoso bula vakaituvatuva ka vakaitovo’. Era semati na i vavakoso kece sara ki na i Soqosoqo ni Lotu Wesele e Vuravura (World Methodist Council).

- Keimami vakataudeitaka ka karoni ni keimami sa tiki vakaidina ni Lotu Vakarisito sa roboti Vuravura taucoko (catholic / ‘universal’) ka sa yavutaki ena i Vakavuvuli ni Apositolo (Apostolic) kei na Dodonu (Holy).
- Keimami a tauyavu mai na nodrau veiqaravi na veitacini ko Jone kei Jale Wesele ena i ka tinikawalu ni yabaki drau (18th century) mai Igiladi ka qai dewa yani ki na veiyasai vuravura.
- Sa i naki ni veiqaravi oqo me vakavouia na Lotu kei na vakadewataki ni Vosa bibi ni Kalou ka okati kina na kena tutaki na cakacaka savasava ka dodonu e vuravura taucoko, ia me rokovi duadua ga kina na Kalou na Tamada, Luvena, kei na Yalo Tabu.
- Keimami vakatusa ni vuqa na gauna keimami sega ni vakayacora na veika e veikacivi kina na Kalou, ka veivutunitaka na veigauna malumalumu eso ni neimami bula ka dau vakavuna me vakatanitaki (distorted) kina na i Tukutuku Vinaka i Jisu Karisito. Ena vuku ni neimami sa vakadinata na loloma-savu (grace) ni Kalou, keimami sa vakavouia tale kina vakaoqo na neimami bula ni veiqaravi ena matanitu ni Kalou.

ME BALETA NA NEIMAMI VAKABAUTA

Keimami sa vakataudeitaka na yavu ni rai (raivotu) ni Vakabauta Vakarisito ena kena cakacaka ni Veivakalotutaki (evangelical), ena Veiqaravi sa Vakavoui (Reformed) kei na kena roboti Vuravura taucoko (catholic/universal), ena kena yavutaki ena loloma-savu (grace) ka vakaitavitaki koya wasoma e vuravura.

- Na Lotu Wesele e vakataudeitaka ni i Vola Tabu ena Veiyalayalati Makawa kei na Veiyalayalati Vou sai koya na sala ni veituberi ena veika vakayalo me vaka na cioloji, na vakabauta kei na kena matanataki na vakabauta.
- Na Lotu Wesele e duavata ena vakatutusa era se vola taumada na Qase ni Lotu, me vaka na Vakatusa sa volai koto ena i Vola ni Sere ni Lotu.
- Na Lotu Wesele e gadreva me dau vakatusa, me vakadewataka, ka bulataka na veika e toqai ena Vakabauta ni Apositolo, na i tukutuku ni vakabauta e soli taumada ki na lotu.
- Na Lotu Wesele e vakadeitaka e tolu na ka bibi ena dau vukea na kena wasei na vakasama ni Vola Tabu: na noda nanuma vakatamata (reason), na noda i tovo ni bula vakaitaukei (tradition), kei na veika eda curuma e noda bula (experience); ia e vakadeitaka talega ni veivakavuvuli kece sara ni lotu sa vakayavutaki duadua ga ena i Vola Tabu.
- Na Lotu Wesele e rekitaka na i tuvatuva loloma ni Kalou ena nona cakacaka ni veibuli, veivakaduavatataki kei na veivakataucokotaki me baleti vuravura ena vuku ni nona loloma-savu.
- Na Lotu Wesele e vakabauta na bibi ni loloma-savu (grace); ni se bera na veivutuni (prevenient), na i karua ni kena i lakolako (justifying), kei na kena e bula e lomada (sanctifying).
- Na Lotu Wesele e vakabauta na veiliutaki (Turaga) i Jisu Karisito ena ka kecega ka sa rauti keda vinaka na nona cakacaka ni veivakabulai ena kauveilatai me baleti vuravura.
- Na Lotu Wesele e vakabauta ni da “i tokani ni tamata kecega ka sega ni keda meca.”

WESLEYAN ESSENTIALS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

THE PEOPLE CALLED METHODISTS

The "people called Methodists" form a family of churches within the World Methodist Council...

- *We claim and cherish our true place in the one holy, catholic and apostolic church.*
- *Our origins lie in the work of John and Charles Wesley in 18th century England which quickly spread to every corner of the world.*
- *The purpose of this work and ministry was, and is, to renew the Church and spread scriptural holiness which includes social righteousness throughout the whole earth, to the glory of the one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*
- *We confess that often we have failed to live up to this high calling, and we repent of the times when our witness has distorted the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Trusting in the grace of God, we engage ourselves anew in God's service.*

OUR BELIEFS

We affirm a vision of the Christian faith, truly evangelical, catholic and reformed, rooted in grace and active in the world.

- *Methodists affirm the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the primary rule of faith and practice and the center of theological reflection.*
- *Methodists profess the ancient ecumenical creeds, the Apostles' and Nicene Creed.*
- *Methodists seek to confess, to interpret and to live the apostolic faith, the faith once delivered to the saints.*
Methodists acknowledge that scriptural reflection is influenced by the processes of reason, tradition and experience, while aware that Scripture is the primary source and criteria of Christian doctrine.
- *Methodists rejoice in the loving purpose of God in creation, redemption and consummation offered through grace to the whole world.*
- *Methodists believe in the centrality of grace; prevenient, justifying, and sanctifying.*
- *Methodists believe in the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the sufficiency of His atoning work for all humankind.*
Methodists believe that we "are the friends of all and the enemies of none."

OUR WORSHIP

We worship and give allegiance to the Triune God.

- *In worship, we respond in gratitude and praise for God's mighty acts in creation, in history, in our communities, and in our personal lives.*
- *In worship, we confess our sin against God and one another and receive God's gracious forgiveness.*
- *In prayer, we wait in God's presence, offer the searching's and longings of our own hearts, for ourselves and in intercession for others, and open ourselves to God's Spirit to comfort, lead, and guide.*
- *In the celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, we participate in the mystery of God's presence, redemption and reconciliation.*
- *In reading, proclaiming and receiving the Gospel, we affirm God's creating and saving power.*
- *From worship we go into the world to love and serve others and to be instruments of justice and peace in the establishment of God's reign on earth.*
- *The language and form of worship emerge from the community through obedience to Jesus Christ and the creative power of the Holy Spirit.*

- *We inherit the treasury of the Wesley's hymns, with a hymnody now enriched from many other sources.*

OUR WITNESS

- *We proclaim Jesus Christ to the world through word, deed and sign.*
- *We seek the realization of God's will for the salvation of humankind.*
- *We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to be signs of Christ's presence in our communities and in the world through our preaching, teaching, and in deeds of justice, peace, mercy, and healing as the outworking of faith.*
- *We witness to God's reign among us now, as proclaimed by Jesus, and look forward to the full realization of the coming Kingdom when every form of evil will be destroyed.*
- *We seek to understand and respond to the contexts and situations in which we live, so that our witness will have integrity.*