



## First annual meeting of the Papua New Guinea Mission Society held in district



**WOODBURY**—The first annual meeting of the recently incorporated Papua New Guinea Mission Society (PNGMS) was held June 22-23 at Woodbury Lutheran Church. Participants included former and current missionaries to Papua New Guinea, as well as family members and friends from as far away as Thailand and China.

In her keynote address to some 70 participants, Dr. Frances Ingeman, linguistic consultant and retired professor of linguistics for the University of Kansas, gave an overview of the changes she has observed in the Enga and Ipiili cultures during the past 30 years. Her remarks formed the basis for further discussion on the current state of the church in Papua New Guinea and how the PNGMS can help support the work of the Gutnius Lutheran Church. Gutinius Lutheran Church is a partner church of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

The PNGMS developed after the 50th anniversary of LCMS mission work in Papua New Guinea in 1998. Its purpose is to provide opportunities for members so

share in building up and extending the Lutheran church in Papua New Guinea. Current goals of the PNGMS include providing updated study materials and ongoing education for pastors of the Gutnius Lutheran Church.

For more information about the Papua New Guinea Mission Society, call (651) 777-7351.

### **December deadline: Oct. 15**

Send items for the district portion of *The Lutheran Witness* to Rev. David Anderson, Immanuel Lutheran, 1200 N. North Ave., Fairmont, MN 56031, or e-mail [pastoranderson@yahoo.com](mailto:pastoranderson@yahoo.com).

**DEADLINE is the third Monday of each month.**

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