

## **EDITORIAL**

The Christian Leaders' Training College (CLTC) has provided all pieces of writing. The first two articles are by Melanesian graduates of the College, while the third article is by a faculty member. They are all relevant to the Melanesian church today.

Newton Saura Ekoda analyses youth work in the Anglican church of Papua New Guinea with special reference to the Aipo Rongo Diocese. He begins by describing youth, their development and needs. Then, after evaluating youth work within the Anglican church of Papua New Guinea, he makes some recommendations for improvement.

Philip Manuao discusses communicating the "Gospel in Meaningful Cultural Forms in Melanesia". Philip focuses on the Gula'ala people. He begins by looking at their culture, and then focuses on two appropriate media for sharing the gospel: audio and visual. He gives many good and relevant recommendations.

Russell Thorp shows the importance of developing local theology in cultures. He gives several solid recommendations for developing a local theology. Russell states, "The hope is that this will stimulate local believers to respond biblically to the deep issues they face, in order to encourage genuine discipleship that brings glory to our Lord Jesus Christ."

Not everyone will agree with the conclusions reached by the authors. However, we hope that, as you wrestle through these issues, that the thoughts of the authors will help you to grow in your understanding of God's Word, and what it may say to your culture.

Doug Hanson