

World Day of Prayer International Committee – June 16-18, 2022

Pacific Regional Representative Candidates

Self-Introduction and Biography

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Name: Vicki Marney

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Vicki is a woman of faith, married for 32 years, a mother and grandmother. Vicki considers it a blessing and a privilege to serve as Vice President of the Word Day of Prayer International Committee and a member of the Executive Advisory Group and Pacific Region Representative, since 2017. One of the many highlights, has been

travelling to Vanuatu to work alongside the WDP Vanuatu National Committee, to prepare the WDP 2021 service.

Vicki serves the local church as a Regional Representative in rural Australia, supporting Church leaders and the missional outreach of the Churches of Christ movement. Vicki has had a passion for the Pacific region since working for over 10 years, with Australian Churches of Christ in missional and community development. This has enabled Vicki to travel the Pacific Region, empowering and enabling women, through leadership workshops and mentoring, to bring about change in their communities.

Vicki is passionate about promoting the leading role of women and women's fellowship organisations in transforming churches and communities around the world. She is also a passionate advocate for community development and human rights across the Pacific Region. This led to utilizing her connections and skills in communication and leadership to bring together Vanuatu women from across the nation to enable the process and success of the WDP 2021 program.

The Pacific contribution brings to the WDP movement an understanding of not only the challenges but the blessings of the Pacific region. This came to life with the WDP 2021 Vanuatu program and will again be highlighted in the 2025 Cook Island celebration.

The Pacific region is constantly threatened by natural disasters and their impacts on people's livelihoods and the wider economy. Alongside the gender justice work, WDP program also educates people about the need to be prepared for and actively work against climate-related disasters.

In the next 100 years, Vicki wishes the WDP movement will be:

"Lead by young women engaging ecumenically with the whole community. Advocating to influence and bring change thru prayer and action on social and environmental issues."