

**ASSEMBLY OF CONFESSING CONGREGATIONS  
TONGA**



**PEPA FAKAHOKO NGAUE 'A E KAU MEMIPA 'O E  
KONIFELENISI 'A E KAKAI TONGA 'I HE SIASI  
FAKATAHATAHA, 'OKU NAU KAU KI HE ACC, 'I HE LEA  
FAKA-TONGA MO E LEA FAKAPILITANIA.**

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**TALATEU:** Ko e ngaahi fakamatala 'a ia 'oku fu'u mahu'inga pea taau ke mea'i 'e he kakai Tonga` , 'i he Siasi Fakatahataha 'i 'Aositelelia ni.

**Fehu'i: Ko e ha koaa 'a e ACC 'oku lau holo` ni?** Ko e ACC ko e fakanounoua ia ki he ngaahi fo'i lea faka-Pilitania, ko e Assembly of Confessing Congregations. Pea ko e ha leva hono 'uhinga 'o e pupunga lea` na(ACC)? 'Oku 'uhinga ia ko e Konifelenisi, pe ko e Kautaha, pe Kulupu Ngaue, pe ko ha Falukunga Kakai, 'i he loto Siasi 'o e Uniting Church, 'a ia 'oku nau fakahaai 'enau Tuii` (to declare one's faith, to acknowledge an opinion or view, etc).

Pea ko e kakai leva 'oku nau kau ki he ACC, ko e kakai pe` 'i he loto'i Siasi Fakatahataha` , 'oku nau kau mai mei he ngaahi siteiti kehekehe 'o e fu'u fonua` ni, pea 'oku nau kau mai mei he ngaahi kolo kehekehe, pea mo e ngaahi fai'anga lotu kehekehe'o e UCA. Pea 'oku kau leva ki ai mo e kakai Tonga nofo fonua he Konitineniti` ni, pea ko e va'a ia 'o e ACC, 'a ee 'oku ui ko e ACC-TONGA.

Manatu, ko e ACC-TONGA, ko e va'a ia 'o e ACC('a ee 'oku taki mo 'ulu ai 'a e konga 'o e kau Papalangi` , 'o e Siasi` , 'a ia leva, ko e ACC-TONGA, 'oku mahu'inga malie pe 'a e feinga, mo e taukave, 'oku nau faii` (he ko e kakai pe 'o e loto Siasi` , 'oku nau fie fakahaai, mo lea, ki he'enau tuii` ).

**FAKATOKANGA'I ANGE, MO ENI FOKI** - 'I he 'aho 13 ki he 14 'o e 'Okatopa, 'o e 2006, na'e fakatahataha mai ai 'a e kau fakafofonga, mei he ngaahi tapa kehekehe 'o 'Aositelelia` ni, pea kau mai ki ai mo e kau fakafofonga mei he ngaahi matakali kehekehe 'i he Siasi Fakatahataha` ni(UCA).

Na'e fai 'a e fakataha` ni 'i he Wesley Mission, 'i loto Senee` ni. 'Io, na'a nau fakataha mai ke lotu, pea mo fakafanogo fakataha, ki he ui mo e fokotu'utu'u 'a e 'Otua` , fekau'aki mo e kaha'u 'o ho No Siasi`. Na'e fakapapau'i ai pe 'i he fakataha` ni, 'a e hingoa, ke ngaue'aki 'e he Konifelenisi pe Kulupu Ngaue` ni(ACC), pea ohi, mo tali ai pe, 'a e ngaahi fokotu'utu'u ngaue, ke fakataumu'a ki ai 'ene feinga`. Na'e fili foki ai ha toko 12, pea fakamafai'i ai pe kinautolu, ke nau fakahoko 'a e ngaahi ngaue ne nau alea'ii. Pea na'e lava ai pe, ke fokotu'u 'a e Kautaha Lotu faka-Pule'anga 'a e ACC(pea mahino ia, ne maau ai pe, mo e tafa'aki ki he Pule'anga` mo hono Lao` ).

**KO E NI'IHI ENI 'O E NGAHI ME'A 'A EE 'OKU  
TAUKAVE'I MO MAMAHI'I 'E HE ACC MO E ACC-TONGA` :**

1. Ko e Folofola` (Tohi Tapu` ) pe, pea mo hono Kosipeli` , ko ia pe 'a e fo'i mo'oni ki he Lotu faka-Kalisitiane` , 'o 'ikai ko ha toe lau 'a hai!
2. Ko Sisu Kalaisi pe, 'a e 'Alo 'o e Tamai 'Otua` , 'a ee na'e pekia pea toetu'uu, ha'ele hake ki he Langi` , ko Ia pe 'a e 'Eiki` Misaia` , pea mo e Fakamo'ui 'o mamani` .
3. Ko e Uo-u-anga-taha 'a e Siasi` , 'oku tu'unga pe ia 'i he TAHA 'A E TUII, TAHA 'A E PAPITAISO, PEA TAHA 'A E 'OTUA KO 'ETAU TAMAI.
4. Ko e fakamo'oni 'a e Folofola ma'oni'oni('a e Tohi Tapu` ), ko ia pe 'a e fakaha'anga mahino mo totonu, pea mo'oni, 'o hono fakahoko mai 'a e Finangalo totonu 'o hotau 'Otua` (what the Bible says, God says it).
5. Ko e fekau'aki 'a e Tuii mo e To'onga mo'ui totonu` . Ko e to'onga mo'ui totonu 'a e Kalisitiane` , 'oku tefito taha pe ia 'i he 'Otua` , pea mo 'ene ngaue mai 'ia Sisu Kalaisi` , 'a ia, na'e hoko mai ko e Tangata, 'o Ne 'ai kakano 'i hotau fa'ahinga` , pea

ko ia ai, 'oku 'ikai tali 'e he ACC mo e ACC-TONGA 'a e pehe ko ia, ko e to'onga mo'ui totonu` , ko 'ete fili pe 'e kita, faka-e-kita, 'a e sipinga mo'ui 'oku sai kiate kita` .

## **KO E ASSEMBLY OF CONFESSING CONGREGATIONS - TONGA (ACC-T)**

1. Na'e huufi 'a e ACC-TONGA 'i he 'aho 14 'o Siulai, 2007.
  - a) Na'e fai 'a e malanga huufi 'e he Sea 'o e ACC-TONGA, ko Rev. Sione Alo Fakahua
  - b) Na'e lea foki 'a e ongo tangata 'iloa 'o e Siasi Fakatahataha 'i 'Aositelelia` , ko Rev. Dr Gordon Moyes, ko e Faifekau malolo ia 'o e Wesley Mission ka ko e fakafofonga Falealea ia, 'i he Falealea 'o e vahefonua Niu Sauele.
  - c) Na'e lea foki mo Rev. Dr Max Champion, ko e Sea ia 'o e ACC('a e kau Papalangi` ).
  - d) Na'e ma'u mai foki 'a e tohi faka-loto-mafana mo pou pou ki he ngaue` ni mei he Faifekau Malolo ko Rev. Sione Siupeli Taliai
  - e) Na'e faka-tonu-lea ki he malanga 'a e ongo Papalangi` 'a 'Ifalemi Naitoko mei Melipoane.

### **1. Ko eni 'a e Komiti Ngaue 'a e ACC-TONGA**

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Sione Alo Fakahua

Kuo tokolahi ange 'a e ngaahi kupu fo'ou 'o e ACC-TONGA, 'o kau mai 'a e kau Faifekau mo e kakai kuo mahino kiate kinauolu, 'a e pulonga, 'a ia 'oku` ne 'u'ufi 'a e ngaahi mo'oni, 'a ee 'oku toka ai 'etau Tu'a-'ofa-'Otua, ki hotau 'Eiki` , mo hono Siasi` .

## **PEPA KI HE KONIFELENISI 'OKU KAMATA HENI**

**KO HONO FAKAHOKO KI HE KONIFELENISI 'A E KAKAI TONGA` (Tonga National Conference), 'A E NGAAHI FAKAKAUKAU MEI HE ACC-TONGA.**

**Siune 11-14, 2010.**

Fai 'e Rev. Dr Mele Koloa Fakahua-Ratcliffe, Rev. Dr Hedley Fihaki, Rev. Lulu Senituli, Mr 'Ifalemi Naitoko pea mo Rev. Sione Alo Fakahua, ma'a` e ACC-Tonga (i he loto Siasi Fakatahataha 'i 'Aositelelia` ).

**Ko e Kaveinga` : "KO E FANAU 'O E IKUNA` "(Children of Victory)**

**Ko e Veesi Folofola` - Hepelu 12:1-2 - "Aua, pea ko e me'a 'i he kapu'i 'a kitautolu 'e ha 'ao, kau fakamo'oni 'oku fu'u pehe fau, ko ia, ke tau hu'ihu'i 'a e fakamamafa kotoa pe, mo e angahala 'oku tau mo'ua ngofua ki aii` , pea tau kitaki atu 'etau lele he fakapuepue kuo tala humaki mai kiate kitautolu` ; 'o tau sio fakamama'u atu ki he Takimu'a 'i he Tuui` mo hono Fakaa'uu` , 'io, 'a Sisu` ."**

# 1. KO E HA LEVA 'A E TUI, 'A KITAUTOLU, KAU KALISITIANE?

'I he Kosipeli tohi 'e Sione` , vahe 14, veesi 6 - 'Oku fakama'opo'opo lelei ai 'e Sione 'a e me'a ko ee 'oku 'i he mafu pe uho(heart) 'o e Lotu faka-Kalisitiane` , 'o ne tuhu mahino kia Sisu tonu mo 'ene folofola` , 'a ia 'oku pehee - "Ko au pe ko e Hala` , pea mo e Mo'oni` mo e Mo'uui: 'oku 'ikai ha'u ha taha ki he Tamai` , ka 'i he'ene fou 'iate auu` ."

'I he "Makatu'unga 'o e Fakatahataha 'o e Siasi Fakatahataha 'i 'Aositelelia` "(Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia), 'oku pehe ai 'a e fakalea 'o e palakalafi hono **3 - LANGA 'I HE FUNGA 'O E 'EIKI PE TAHA KO SISU KALAISI`** (Built upon the One Lord Jesus Christ). Pea ko eni hono fakamatala fakamahino` - "Oku tali lelei 'e he Siasi Fakatahataha` , ko e tui mo e 'uunitaha (faith and unity) 'o e Siasi Tapu Fakaleveleva mo faka-'Aposetolo` 'oku langa ia 'i he funga 'o e 'Eiki ko Sisu Kalaisi` . Pea 'oku malanga'i 'e he Siasi` , ko Sisuu, ko e 'Eiki toetu'u ia na'e kalusefaii, pea 'oku` ne fakapapau'i, ko e 'Eiki ia 'i he kololia 'o e 'Otua ko e Tamai` ."

He ko e tui 'a e Siasi` ('a e me'a ko ee 'oku tau tui ki aii), **'e toki lava pe ia ke tali 'o taku ko e me'a'ofa foaki mai 'e he 'Otua` 'ia Sisu Kalaisi, 'i taimi ko ee 'oku tau fakahaha'ii` ai, pea mo mo'ui'aki` (confessed, avowed)**. Pea 'i he'ene pehee, 'oku ui leva kitautolu, ke tau ala nima, mo tau fakamo'oni'i 'a e me'a tonu ko ee na'e tuku mai 'e he 'Eiki ki he kau ako` , pea kuo tuku mai foki ia kiate kitautolu, 'o fou mai 'i he ngaahi to'utangata, 'o ha kakai tonunga mo mateaki ('a kinautolu ko e 'ao ia 'o e kau fakamo'oni 'oku fu'u pehe fauu), 'a ee kuo nau mu'aki atu 'a e

fononga` , ki he malolo'anga` .

Pea hange, ko hono fakalea 'e Paula 'i he'ene lave ki he 'Ohomohe 'a e 'Eiki` : "He na'a` ku ma'u` e au mei he 'Eiki` , ('a e me'a) 'a ia, ne u tuku atu (kiate kimoutolu` ). (1Kolinito II: 23).

## 2. PEA KO E FE` LEVA, 'A E ME'A, 'OKU HALA AI 'A E SIASI` (Uniting Church)?

### a) Ku o li'aki 'e he Siasi 'a 'ene Tuii` (apostasy)

He ko e palopalema leva 'oku tau(Siasi` ) fehanganagai mo iaa` , ko 'ene toki fuofua hoko eni ha me'a pehe 'i he hisitolia 'o e Siasi` . Ko e Konifelenisi Lahi 'a e Siasi Fakatahataha` (Assembly of the UCA) kuo` ne fakahoko mai ha ongo tu'utu'uni fakapapau(resolutions) 'e 2, 'a ia ko e Resolution 84('i he ta'u 2003) mo e Resolution 108 ('i he ta'u 2006 ia), 'a ia 'oku` na hanga 'e kinaua, 'o fakangofua ki ha no hilifaki-nima, pe ko e tali mai 'o ha kau faifekau, 'a ia 'oku nau mali pe` , 'a e Tangata mo e Tangata, pe Fefine mo e Fefine.

Ko e sipinga eni 'o e faka-Sotoma` , 'a ee kuo tui ma'u pe 'a e Siasi Fakaleveleva, Tapu, mo faka-'Aposetolo` , **ko e fo'i angahala ia**, kae uoke, kuo taku eni ia, 'o pehe, 'oku 'ikai ko ha kei angahala ia. Ka kuo lau eni ia, ke tali, he ko e kongia ia 'o 'etau tui ki he ngaahi founga 'o e "fetuiaki` mo e ngaahi founga kehekehee"(diversity), pea 'ikai ko ia pe, ka koe'uhi` foki, ko e ngaahi tokateline kehekehe 'a ee 'oku 'i he loto Siasi` . Pea 'oku uki foki kitautolu ke tau nonofo melino pe mo faaitaha he ngaahi tokateline kehekehe ko eni` , neongo pe 'a e fepakipaki 'a e ngaahi fakakaukau` ni, 'i he loto Siasi` . Ko ia leva, kuo hoko leva eni ia 'a e tokateline va'ava'a mo kehekehe` ni, tupu mei he'etau fetuiaki mo kehekehee, hoko

ia ko e tokateline fai tu'utu'uni he loto Siasi` , 'o 'ikai ko 'etau faaitaha 'ia Kalaisi` .

Pea ko hono ola` leva, 'o e ohi mai 'a e ngaahi fakakaukau, mo e filio'i fo'ou` ni ki he loto Siasi` , kuo mavahe leva mo 'auhia 'a e Siasi` , mei he Tui Totonu` ('a e Siasi Taha pe, mo Ma'oni'oni, Fakaleveleva pea faka-'Aposetolo` ) 'a e Siasi na'e tuku nima mai ki ai, 'e ha 'ao 'o e kau fakamo'oni 'a ia 'oku fu'u pehe fau, 'a kinautolu kuo nau mu'aki atu 'a e fononga` . Pea` ka li'aki, pe mavahe 'a e Siasi` ni mei he'ene Tuii, pea 'oku ui ia 'e he Tohi Hepeluu, ko e "hiki, pe mavahe mei he 'Otua 'oku mo'uii"(fall away from the living God) -(Hepelu 3:12)

**Kuo hinga 'a e Siasi` (the Church has become apostate)-** He kuo too, mo vaivai 'a e Konifelenisi Lahi` (Assembly) 'o 'ikai malava hono fatongia, 'i he ngaahi me'a 'o e Tokateline` , pea mo e mo'ui faka-'Ulungaanga 'a e Siasi` (its responsibility in matters of doctrine and discipline) (Konisitutone, palakalafi 8.)

Pea ko e ola leva 'o e Resolution 84 mo e Resolution 108, 'a ee kuo hoko maii, pea fu'u mahino leva 'a e ngaahi me'a` ni, 'i he loto Siasi` :

**i) Ko e kanokovi 'o e tu'unga 'ulungaanga faka-e-kakano 'a e kau faifekau` he loto Siasi` (moral decay in sexual standards for UCA Ministers)**

'I he taimi lolotonga` ni, kuo 'i ai 'a e kau faifekau 'i he Siasi Fakatahataha 'i 'Aositelelia` ni, kuo nau 'osi nofo kovi('a e tangata mo e tangata, 'a e fefine mo e fefine), pea ni'ihii, 'oku nau nonofo kovi(pe nofo faka-Suva), pea nofo 'a e ni'ihii 'o taku ko e nofo mali, ka ko e mali 'oku 'ikai fai faka-lao.

'I he malanga na'e fai 'e Rev. Dr Gordon Moyes 'i hono fakaava 'a e ACC-TONGA` , 'i he 14 Siulai, 2007, na'a` ne pehe ai - "Kuo faka'ataa 'e he Uniting Church, ke ne fu'u muimui, mo takina ia 'e he ngaahi tukunga 'ulungaanga faka-e-mamani ko eni` ." Pea ko e 'uhinga ia 'o 'eku(Rev. Dr. Moyes) fu'u faka-loto-lahi'i pe taukave ke fakahifo 'a e Moderator pea mo e Sekelitali Seniale 'o e Sinoti` , 'a ia na'a nau nofo faka-Sotoma he loto Siasi` , pea pehe foki kiate kinautolu 'a e kau faka-Sotoma` , tangata mo fafine na'a nau taki he Siasi` . **Ka ko e lotu a Sisuu` ia na'e faii, na'a` ne lotu, ke tau mo'ui, mo nofo ma'oni'oni."**

**ii) Ko ha Tui Fo'ou(new faith) - St. Michael's UCA Melbourne.**

Ko e tumutumu 'o e fakamamahi` ni, 'a e me'a fekau'aki mo 'etau tali 'a e fakakaukau 'o e faikehekehe 'o e tukunga mo'uii(diversity), 'i **he'ene hoko a'ana ko e Tokateline taki fo'ou ia mo pule he Siasi`** , he ko kinautolu eni, 'oku nau kinikini mai 'a e hala fo'ou, mo tali 'a e ngaahi tui fo'ou ko ia` , 'o pehe, 'oku 'ikai mo'oni 'a e tu'unga 'o Sisu Kalaisi ko e 'Eiki` ia(denying the Lordship of Jesus Christ). Pea ko e tui fo'ou ko ia 'i Melipoane` , 'a e faifekau ko ia ko Rev. Dr Francis Macnab, 'oku` ne taukave, ko e Fekau e Hongofulu ia(10 Commandments) kuo 'olo-kuonga, pea kuo 'i tu'a-taimi ia(old fashioned and outdated, pea 'ikai ngata aii, **ka ko Sisuu ia na'e 'ikai toetu'u ia mei he pekia`** , pea na'e 'ikai ko e 'Alo ia 'o e 'Otua` , **ka ko e tangata Siuu, nofo toafa pe,** ko e lau ia 'a Macnab.

Ko eni 'a e lau 'a e Faifekau Toketaa ko David Millikan 'o kau ki he fakakaukau 'o e "**Ahi'ahi me'a fo'ou tau'atina` ni**"(the liberal experiment) (ACCatalyst December 2009):

Kuo tau mo'ui mai mo mamata, 'i ha to'utangata 'o e Siasi` , 'a ia kuo nau ue'i 'a e tui 'a e Siasi` , 'a ee na'a tau pipiki ki aii, 'o tui, ko e mo'onii ia, 'i he ta'u ko eni 'e uaafe(2,000 ta'u).

Mei he'eku tu'u 'oku faii(ko Millikan ia), 'o mamata ki he hoko 'a e me'a` ni, pea 'oku ou sio ai ki he faka'ulia mo'oni 'a e mole 'a e me'a ko ia ko e tuii(loss of faith), pea 'i he'ene tau takele pehe fauu, pea tokolahi 'a e kakai, 'oku nau fehu'ia, pe ko e ha ha me'a, 'oku kei toe 'i he tui ko ia ne laulau to'u-tangata 'enau tauhi ki aii?

Ko e fa'ahinga tui` ni, kuo` ne hufia 'a e ngaahi ako'anga faka-faifekau lahi 'o e ngaahi fonua 'o e Uesite` , pea kuo` ne kumoa(deeply affected) 'a e fai 'o e malanga` , pea mo e tokanga faka-tauhi sipi 'a 'etau kau faifekau` , pea 'oku ou tui(David Millikan ai pe) kuo` ne fakatupu 'a e faingata'a, 'e tu'uloa 'i he mo'ui 'a e Siasi` .

Kuo` ne hanga 'o mimisi 'a e malohi pe ivi , 'o e fetalanoa'aki he tokateline` , pea` u tui, kuo` ne fakaava 'a e matapa ki he hulutu'a 'o e ngaue 'a e ngaahi kulupu lotu he sipinga faka-penitekosi(Charismatic movement). Pea 'e 'ikai kei lava 'a e kakai` , ke nau mo'ui atu 'i ha founga lotu 'a ia kuo mole mei ai 'a e laumalie loto mafana` , mo vekevekee.

Ko e tokateline 'o e "ta'epauu` mo e tala'aa` "(Theology of Doubt) 'a ia kuo pihia ai 'a e ngaahi fai'anga lotu lahi 'o e Uniting Church, 'a ia ko e ngaahi feitu'u ia, 'e 'ikai 'iloa ai 'a e fai velenga 'o e lotu` . Ko e mo'oni, 'oku ou tui pau(ko Millikan ai pe), ko e 'auhia ko eni mo e mole 'a e tokolahi 'o e kakai 'o e Siasi` , ko e ola kovi ia 'o e fakakaukau` ni.

iii) Ko e fotu tumutumu ko ee 'a Sisuu` (uniqueness of Jesus) 'oku tu'u 'auhia ia 'i he fokotu'u fakaangaanga ko eni 'o e talateu ki he Konisitutone 'o e UCA.

Ko e fika 3 'i he talateu fakaangaanga('o e Konisitutone` ) 'oku pehe 'a hono fakaleaa: "Ko e 'ofa mo e kelesi tatau pe, 'a ee na'e fakahaa'i aofangatuku mo kakato 'ia Sisu Kalaisi` , ko ia tofu pe na'a` ne poupou'i mo fakatolonga 'a e ngaahi Mu'aki pe 'Uluaki Kakai(first peoples), pea` ne foaki kiate kinautolu 'a e ngaahi koloa faka-e-loto(particular insights) kau ki he ngaahi founa 'a e 'Otua` ."

Pea 'i he fakakaukau leva ko iaa, 'oku` ne faka'auhia'i, pea fakata'e'aoga'i, mo ne fakamo'ulaloa'i 'a e fotu tumutumu pe laulotaha ko ee 'a Sisu Kalaisi` . Pea tokua, ko e fa'ahinga mahino fo'ou eni, 'o e ngaahi Me'a Fakaha maii(a new understanding of Revelation). Pea kiate kitautolu, 'a e kakai Tonga` , 'oku tatau ia mo ha no talamai, ko e kelesii pea mo e 'ilo ko ee 'oku tau lolotonga ma'u` ni, tu'unga 'ia Sisu Kalaisi` , ko e koloa pe ia, na'a tau 'uluaki ma'u pe ia 'e kitautolu 'i mu'a atu mei he'etau ngaahi katoanga faka-Tonga mu'aa(Tongan ceremonies), 'a 'etau ngaahi lao fakafonua` pea mo hotau ngaahi 'ulungaanga faka-fonua mu'a 'i Tonga` (laws and old customs). Pea kapau ko e mo'onii ia, pea kuo ta'e'aonga leva ha no toe fiema'u 'o Sisu Kalaisi ia.

Ko e fa'ahinga lea ko ee 'a e kau 'Uluaki mo hono Ua 'o e ngaahi kakaii(first and second peoples) 'i he talateu('o e Konisitutone` ) 'oku` ne fakahala'i 'e ia 'a e fakamatata 'a Paula 'a ee 'oku` ne pehe - "Oku 'ikai ai ha Siuu pe Kalisi('uluaki pe ko hono ua), 'oku 'ikai ai ha popula pe ha tau'atina, 'oku 'ikai ai ke tangata pe fefine: he ko kimoutolu katokatoa, ko e toko taha tofu pe 'ia Kalaisi Sisu."(Kaletia 3:28). "He 'oku 'ikai ha filifilimanako 'i he

'Otua` ."(Loma 2:11), pea te tau fika 'uluaki kotoa pe, fakataha he taimi pe taha.

## **b). KO HONO NGAUE-HALA'AKI 'O E MAFI** **(Misuse of Power)**

Ko hono 'uhinga, 'a ee 'oku 'ikai 'iloa lahi ai 'a e fakamatala` ni, 'oku tupu ia mei hono ngaue-hala-'aki 'e he kau taki 'o e UCA(siasi fakatahataha 'i 'Aositelelia` ) 'a e mafai 'o honau ngaahi lakanga` , 'o nau pule'i faka'aufuli pe 'a e ngaahi fakamatala, 'a ee 'oku nau loto ke tukuatu, ke 'ilo ki ai 'a e kakai` .

Pea ko eni 'a e lau 'a e kau taki` - **"Oku 'ikai ha me'a ia kuo liliu"**, kae fefe 'a e fakaha loto 'o e "ta'efiemaliee" 'e he kakai ko ia 'e toko Uamano fa` afe(24,000) 'o nau tuhu ki he Resolution 84 'o e 2003, 'a ia ko e liliu ia mo e fulihi mei he tu'unga tukufakaholo mo totonu(traditional and orthodox position of the Church) ko ee 'o e Siasi` 'i he'ene tali 'a e faka-Sotoma` . **'Oku mahu'inga foki, ke fakatokanga'i ange 'a e vaivai mo fakaongotuli 'a e Assembly ke fai ha tokanga ki he ngaahi le'o 'o e ngaahi Konifelenisi faka-Fonua 'a e ngaahi matakalii, pea kau ai mo e le'o 'o e Congress, 'i he me'a mahu'inga` ni.**

'I he pau ke hokohoko atu hono "fakatonuhia'i"(justify) 'o e ngaahi ngaue pango mo angahala'ia` ni(fakasotoma), pea kamata leva 'a e kau taki 'o e Siasi` , ke nau ngaue-hala'aki mo pa'usi'i 'a e ngaahi fo'i lea` , pe fakakaukau faka-Tohitapu, mo faka-Teolosia` , 'o hange ko e "kelesi` " mo e "ofa` " , pea pehe ki he "kataki'i 'o ha me'a, ka ke te kei 'ofa pe"(tolerance and love), 'o 'uhinga'i ia, ke tau tali aa 'a e "angahala` " , 'io,'a e fakasotoma` .

Ko e kau memipa, mo e kau faifekau ko ee 'o e Siasi` , 'a ee 'oku nau fakalea 'o kau ki he hee, pe` hinga 'a e Siasi` , 'oku fai hono tuku-aki'i hala'i kinautolu(wrongly labelled), 'o tala ko e kau "fakatupu moveuveu"(trouble makers). **'Io, kuo 'eke'i koaa 'a e "ofa` , mo e pikitai"** ki he Siasi` , 'o lau ia ko e kau fakatupu moveuveu? Pea ko e kau taki 'o e ngaahi kakai nofo mai ki he fonua` ni, 'oku filifili pe meiate kinautolu, 'a e kau fakafofonga ko ee ki he ngaahi kaunisila fakafonua` , 'a kinautolu pe, te nau tali 'a e loto pea mo e ngaahi fakakaukau 'a e Assembly.

Ko e ngaahi fakaanga ko ee 'oku nau pehe - "Ko e Siasi` , kuopau ia, ke mu'omu'a ma'u ai pe kiate ia, ke ne fakahoko 'a e "manava'ofa"(compassion), 'a ia ko e 'ofaa ia, mo e kelesi` , 'o mavahe ia mo kehe, **mei he tui totonu`** . (Fakamahino -'A ia 'oku 'uhinga ia, ke tau tali 'a e fo'i fakapulou mata'a'aa ko eni` , he kuo maali ai 'a e "manava'ofa", kae li'aki pe 'a e **tui totonu` ia**).  
KUOPAU KE TAU LI'AKI 'A E FO'I FAKAKAUKAU` NI, 'O TA'E TALI(must be rejected).

'Io, na'e fonuhia pe si'i Sisu` ia he manava'ofa` (compassion), ka na'e 'ikai fai ai ha'a` ne faka-hoho-loto, ke va'etu'ua ai 'a e **"mo'oni"** . **Kuopau ke fononga fakataha pe 'a e Manava'ofa pea mo e Mo'oni. He'ikai te ke lava 'e koe, 'o ngaue'aki 'a e taha` , kae li'aki 'a e taha` .**

## 2. KO HONO FAKAHAA'I PAU 'A KALAI SI, KO E 'EIKI IA 'O E MAMANI HE 'AHO` NI (Confessing Christ as Lord in the World today)

Pea ko e ha leva 'atautolu 'e faii? - 'Oku 'ikai ke 'uhi'uhinga ua mai 'a e Folofola` /Tohitapu` 'i he'etau me'a ke faii.

## 2 Timote 4:1-3.

2. Ko e 'Otua` ee, mo Kalaisi Sisuu, 'a ia 'oku` ne fakamaau 'a e mo'ui` mo e pekia` - 'io, 'oku ou na'ina'i 'aki foki 'ene ha mai` , pea 'aki hono pule'anga`
3. Ke ke malanga'aki 'a e folofola` , fa'a fai pe 'i he faingamalie` mo e 'ikai ha faingamalie` , faka'ilo hala, valoki, enginaki 'i he anga kataki 'aupito, pea 'aki 'a e fa'ahinga ako kehekehe.
4. **Koe'uhi` , 'e faifai pea hoko ha kuonga, 'a ia 'e 'ikai te nau kataki ai 'a e tokateline haohaoa` , ka te nau fokotu'unui ha nau kau akonaki, 'o fakatatau ki he ngaahi holi 'anautolu` , he veli honau telinga` .**

**1 Pita 1:13-16.** Ko ia, mou 'ai 'a e no'o 'o homou loto` , mo laka faka'ehi'ehi, pea matu'aki 'amanaki ki he kelesi 'oku ene hono 'omi 'i he fakapu` mai 'o Sisu Kalaisi` .

Fai 'o ngali mo ha fanau talangofua, 'o 'oua te mou tuku kimoutolu ke anga ki ho'omou ngaahi holi mu'aa, fai 'i he ta'e'ilo` ; ka mou anga ki he Toko Taha Ma'oni'oni` , ne ne ui kimoutolu, 'o mou hoko kimoutolu foki ko e ma'oni'oni 'i ho'omou to'onga kotoa pe: koe'uhi` kuo tohi 'o pehe, Te mou ma'oni'oni he 'oku ou ma'oni'oni.

**Levitikoo 11:44** - He ko Sihova au ko homou 'Otua` ; **ko ia mou fakatapu'i kimoutolu, pea mou ma'oni'oni, he 'oku ou ma'oni'oni.**

**Loma 12:1-2** - Ko ia 'oku ou enginaki atu, kainga, 'i he funga 'o e ngaahi fai manava'ofa 'a e 'Otua` , ke mou 'atu 'a e ngaahi sino 'omoutolu ko e feilaulau, ke mo'ui, ke tapu ki he 'Otua` , ke fakahooifua kiate ia - ko e fakaloto e 'o ho'omou fai e lotu` .

Pea ke 'oua na'a mou tuku ke faka-anga-tatau kimoutolu ki he maama ko eni` : kae tuku ke fai ai pe homou liliu` , he fakafo'ou 'o homou 'atamarii, ke mou sivi 'o 'ilo pe ko e ha 'a e finangalo 'o e 'Otua` , 'a e me'a 'oku lelei` , 'a e me'a te ne hooifua ai` , 'a e me'a 'oku haohaoa` .

**'Oku tau tui leva, kuo si'i tukulolo 'a hotau Siasi` ni(UCA) ki he ngaahi mahu'inga 'o 'etau ngaahi sivilaise` /pe tukufakaholo` (surrendered to our culture's values) pea pehe mo e taele mai 'a e ngaahi kosipeli muli(kuo hake maii). Pea hange ko e lau 'a Paula 'ia Loma 12:2 - ke 'oua na'a fakaanga tatau kitautolu ki he mamani ko eni` .**

Ko ia ai, 'i he maama 'o e fu'u hee taupotu pea fakalukufua ko iaa` , 'a ee kuo 'akilotoa ai 'a e Siasi` (pea 'oku` ne faka-'apulu'i(mo fakatuma'i) 'a 'etau pue he lele malafoni, 'a ee kuo talahumaki mai` , pea 'oku` ne ofe'i foki ai 'etau sio fakamama'u atu kia Sisuu), pea kuopau ke tau fakamavahe'i kitautolu(ke tau ma'oni'oni) 'o 'ataa mei he hee` ni(apostasy), 'o 'ikai ko e fai fakafo'ituitui pe, ka ke tau ngaue fakataha ko e fanau kitautolu 'a e 'Otua` , pea ko e fanau foki 'o e Ikuna` , pea koe'uhii, ke tau lava 'o hoko atu, ke tau fakahaa'i ta'eufi mo ta'ema hotau 'Eiki ko Sisu Kalaisi` , 'o taukave'i 'a e mo'oni 'o e Kosipeli` , pea ke tau lotu hufia foki, ke fai ha fakafo'ou ma'a e si'i **Uniting Church.**

## PRESENTATION TO THE TONGAN NATIONAL CONFERENCE 11-14 JUNE 2010 IN ENGLISH

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**Theme: "CHILDREN OF VICTORY - FANAU 'O E IKUNA"**

**Text: Hebrews 12: 1-2**

*"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great  
cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that  
hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run  
with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix  
our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith".*

### 1. WHAT DO WE BELIEVE AS CHRISTIANS?

John 14: 6 summarises well what is at the 'heart' of Christianity by pointing to Jesus' own words when he said: ***"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"***.

The Basis of Union of the Uniting Church in Australia paragraph 3 puts it in this way:

The Uniting Church acknowledges that the faith and unity of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church are built upon the **one Lord Jesus Christ**. The Church preaches Christ

the risen crucified One and confesses him as Lord to the glory of God the Father.

The church's faith (what we believe) can only be received (confessed) as a gift given to us by God in Christ Jesus. We are simply called to 'hand on' or to bear witness to what the disciples themselves received from the Lord and in turn have passed on to us through the generations of faithful people (or the great cloud of witnesses) that have gone before us.

As St. Paul put it regarding the Lord's supper: "***For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you..***" (1 Corinthians 11: 23).

## **2. WHERE IS THE UNITING CHURCH GOING WRONG?**

### **a) APOSTASY!**

The problem we are now facing in the Uniting Church is that for the first time in its history, the Assembly of the UCA has introduced two resolutions, R84 (2003) and R108 (2006), that have allowed for the ordination or acceptance of ministers in same gender relationships (*fakasotoma*).

That is, *fakasotoma*, which has always been considered by the church universal (the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church) as 'sin' is now no longer considered 'sin'. Instead, it has been 'accepted' as being part of the '***DIVERSITY***' of opinions and theologies that exist within the church. And, we are called to live in peace and unity within this diversity of theologies even if these theologies 'conflict'. Unity in Diversity is now the ruling theology within the UCA, not Unity in Christ.

As a result of adopting this new teaching and practice, the church has drawn away from or departed from the faith (of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church) that has been 'handed on' to us from the great cloud of witnesses that have gone before us. When the church departs from the faith, this is called '**Apostasy**' (Hebrews 3: 12).

**The Church has become apostate. Kuo hinga 'a e Siasi.**  
(Assembly has "failed" to fulfil its responsibility in matters of 'doctrine and discipline' (Constitution para. 8).

As a result of R84 and R108, a number of things are now becoming very evident:

**i) Moral decay in sexual standards for UCA Ministers**

There are now quite a number of UCA ministers who are already practicing homosexuals/Lesbians, some living in adulterous relationships and some in marriages that are not legal.

The Hon. Rev. Dr. Gordon Moyers in his sermon at the inauguration speech at the ACC-Tonga 14 July 2007 says: "The Uniting Church allowed itself to be too influenced by the moral standards of this world. That is why I strongly urged the Church to stand down a moderator and a General Secretary of Synod who were committing adultery and those in homosexual and lesbian relationships who were leaders of the church. Jesus prayed that we would live in holiness".

## ii) New Faith - St. Michael's UCA Melbourne

The saddest of all as a result of 'diversity' as being the new ruling theology within the UCA, is the introduction and acceptance of beliefs that deny the Lordship of Jesus Christ, such as the NEW FAITH in Melbourne by the Rev. Dr. Francis Macnab; a faith that believes that the 10 commandments are old fashioned and outdated, that Jesus did not rise from the dead and that He is only a Jewish peasant and not the Son of God.

Dr. David Millikan says this of "The liberal experiment"  
(*ACCatalyst December 2009*):

"We have lived through a generation of Church membership that has seen a remarkable challenge to the beliefs the church has held to be true for 2000 years. From where I watch this happening, I see an amazing loss of faith, so profound that many people are wondering what is left of the faith they held to for so long. It has made its way into the teaching of many Western Theological Colleges, it has deeply affected the preaching and pastoral life of our clergy and I believe it has created an existential crisis in the life of the Church. It has sucked out the energy of theological discussion and I also believe it has opened the door to the excesses of the Charismatic movement. People will not live long in a religious system that is devoid of enthusiasm. The Theology of Doubt which infects the life of so many Uniting Churches is not the place where that enthusiasm is likely to flourish. Indeed I believe the decline in our membership numbers is in part the consequence".

### **iii) The uniqueness of Jesus is diminished in the proposed preamble to the constitution of the UCA**

Point 3 in the proposed preamble says: **"The same love and grace that was finally and fully revealed in Jesus Christ sustained the First Peoples and gave them particular insights into God's ways"**.

This belief diminishes/devalues/trashes the uniqueness of Jesus Christ. It suggests that it is possible to come to know God fully outside of who Jesus Christ is. This is a new understanding of Revelation. It is equivalent to us, as Tongan people, suggesting that the knowledge and grace we now know in and through Jesus Christ is in fact something we already knew through our own ceremonies, laws and customs in Tonga. If that is the case, then there is no need for Jesus The Christ.

The language of "First and Second Peoples" in the preamble also goes against Paul's understanding that "There is no longer Jew or Greek [first or second], there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). "God shows no partiality" (Romans 2:11) and everyone may now be 'first', together.

### **b) MISUSE OF POWER**

The reason why this information is not commonly known, is because UCA leaders have misused and abused their power to control what information is released into the public domain.

UCA leaders say 'nothing has changed' despite protests by well over 24, 000 people highlighting that R84 in 2003 is a change

from the traditional and orthodox position of the church regarding homosexuality. It is also important to note that Assembly has failed miserably to heed the voice of its migrant ethnic National Conferences, including the voice of Congress on this vital matter.

In order to continue to “**justify**” these 'sinful' (fakasotoma) practices, Church leaders begin to misuse and abuse biblical and theological terms such as grace, compassion, tolerance and love to mean 'acceptance' of sin (fakasotoma).

UCA Members and ministers who are vocal regarding the apostasy of the church are wrongly labelled as 'trouble makers'. Loyalty and love for the church is questioned. Migrant ethic leaders are hand-picked on national councils to suit Assembly's views.

Criticisms that say that “the church should always give priority to Compassion [love/grace] as distinct from right beliefs” **MUST BE REJECTED.**

Jesus was full of compassion but never compromised the truth. Compassion and Truth must go together. You cannot have one without the other.

### 3. 'CONFESSING' CHRIST AS LORD IN THE WORLD TODAY.

What are we to do? Scripture is unambiguous regarding what we are to do.

#### **2 Timothy 4:1-3**

1. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and because he is coming to rule as King, I solemnly urge you <sup>2</sup> to preach the message, to insist upon proclaiming it (whether the time is right or not), to convince, reproach, and encourage, as you teach with all patience. <sup>3</sup> The time will come when people will not listen to sound doctrine, but will follow their own desires and will collect for themselves more and more teachers who will tell them what they are itching to hear.

#### **1 Peter 1: 13-16**

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: **"Be holy, because I am holy."**

#### **Leviticus 11:44**

I am the LORD your God, and **you must keep yourselves holy**, because I am holy.

#### **Romans 12: 1-2**

1. I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, **holy**

and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

We believe that the Uniting Church has surrendered to our culture's values and the lure of alien gospels. It has, as Paul says in Romans 12: 2, 'conformed to this world'.

Therefore, in the light of the corporate 'apostasy' of the UCA (*that hinders us from running the race set before us and from fixing our eyes on Jesus*) we must 'set ourselves apart' (holiness) from this apostasy, not just as individuals but corporately as the children of God/victory, so that we can continue to unashamedly Confess Jesus Christ as Lord, proclaim the truth of the gospel as well as pray for the renewal of the Uniting Church.