Uniting Church in Australia

Sudanese Nuer Faith Community in Queensland

1st Anniversary

We welcome you all to commemorate with us the day that we were integrated into The Uniting Church in Australia.



Our story

The Sudanese Nuer Faith Community started in 2003 comprising of a few families coming together for fellowship and worship.





When this fellowship was started, it was a home- based fellowship where the families which constituted the group would go and worship in each other's residence in turns. As the group increased in size, we approached the St. David's Coopers Plains' Uniting Church to help us find a place of worship. The St. David's Family later welcomed us with open arms. From 27th of September, 2003 to 2nd of August, 2008, we were known as Sudanese Nuer Congregation in Queensland. On the 3rd of August, 2008, we were incorporated into The Uniting Church in Australia as Sudanese Nuer Faith Community.





The St. David's Family welcomed us and allowed us to use their facilities e.g. church podium, fellowship room, activities hall e.t.c. They have allowed us to use their facilities and that puts our delight beyond measure for they have entrusted us with almost everything. We pray that St. David's could extend such a generously to other needy members of our community.

The Sudanese Nuer Faith Community carries out a broad range of activities which are categorised below:

Evangelism/Pastoral Care

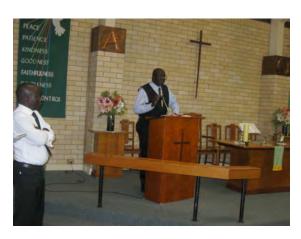
- Praise and Worship



Bible Studies



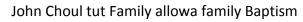




- Celebration of Holy Communion



- Baptism of Rambang family 2005





- Marriage ceremonies











(Rev. Ivan Kirk has been of enormous help in all of the above areas)

Various Groups

- Women group







- Youth group photo 2008





- Church council 2008







- Sunday School 2003





Translation services

- Translated the Basis of Union from English to Nuer dialect (Thok Naath)





- Translated the Picture dictionary from English to Nuer (Thok Naath)

Training and Seminars

Some members attended lay preaching courses conducted by Queensland Synod,
Trinity Theological College









- Some members attend some conferences conducted by the Uniting Church
- Some workshops were organised here at St. David's Coopers Plains



The leaders of the Sudanese Nuer Faith Community attend South Moreton
Presbytery meetings and Multi-cultural Committee meetings



- Community Health and Awareness program

Teaching Services

- Teaching Arabic and Nuer hymns
- Teaching Arabic and Nuer dialect (Thok Naath)





- Home work Club for any members who need assistance with their school work
- Teaching how to play: piano, organ, guitar and drums (by music team)





Community outreach programs

- Save the Sudanese Children





- Overseas support to Sudanese brothers and sisters who may need help in foreign countries
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- e.g. Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia e.t.c
- Visit people at their homes



- Provide necessary assistance to newly arrived refugee families
- Write support letters to members who are asked to provide support letters by various

Government agencies and by employment providers



- Visited various church in Brisbane, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast areas





- A member of Sudanese Churches in Queensland



- Pastor Moses' trip to Sudan

Visitors

- The Faith Community was visited by Rev. Dr. Tony Floyd – The National Director of Multi-cultural Ministry







- A visit by Rev. Alistair McCrae – President of Uniting Church in Australia



A visit by Rev. Dr. David Pitman – Former Moderator of The Uniting Church,
Queensland



