



# **Churches Tackling Gender-Based Violence:**

Preventing Violence

Reporting Perpetrators

Restoring Survivors

Pacific Theological College

12-13 April 2018



# Building on the 2014 Nadi Accord



A Symposium on Culture and Religion was convened by the Pacific Prevention of Domestic Violence Programme (PPDVP) in Nadi, Fiji from 6th to 11th April 2014. The Symposium assessed the impact of culture and religion in police practice in response to domestic violence. We call upon Religious Leaders:

- To acknowledge and address the high rates of domestic violence in the Pacific and we urge religious leaders to champion the elimination of SGBV and to act with strong leadership in this regard. Religion or culture or tradition never justifies the use of sexual and gender based violence.

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# Introduction to NZIPR Project



- Church Responses to Gender-Based Violence Against Women in Samoa: Supporting Church Capacity for Transformative Social Leadership: **Tatala le ta'ui a le Atua: Rolling Out the Fine Mat of Scripture**
- Lead researcher Dr Mercy Ah Siu-Maliko, in partnership with Piula Theological College, Samoa and Pacific Theological College, Fiji.
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- Duration: August 2017-October 2018



# PTC Conference

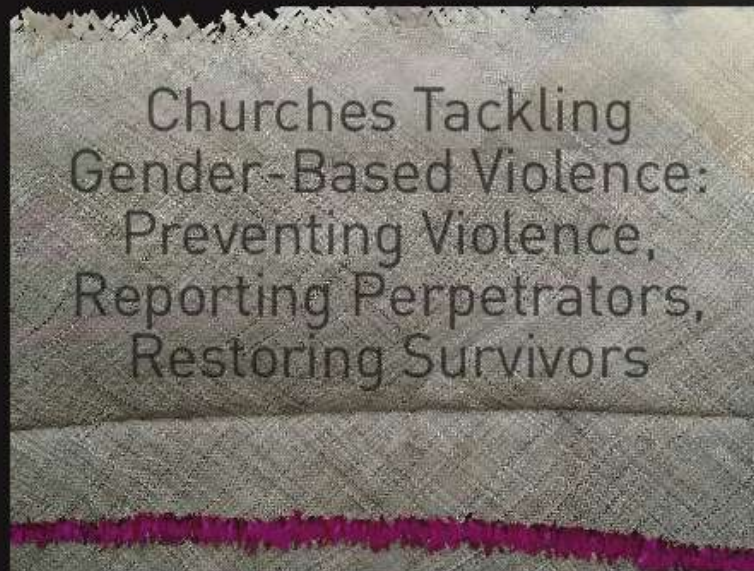


- To explore church responses to violence against women in Fiji and the wider Pacific region.
- To draw on expertise and experience from theological/biblical/church perspectives as well as more practical/policy contributions.
- To share the vision, rationale and progress of the project to date.



# TATALA LE TA'UI A LE ATUA

Rolling out the fine mat of scripture



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