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2                                   (Conference continues)

3                   PASTOR LORIN: (Speaks in a foreign  
4 language.) I am thankful to all of you that have  
5 come here today to listen to us, listen to some of  
6 the challenges that we are going share with you in  
7 this sector, what challenge is faced by our churches  
8 and how we are trying to overcome them. We will  
9 basically do the same thing.

10                   I am not going to introduce these  
11 gentlemen. That would be noseey in my culture. I  
12 will let each one of them open their own bio to  
13 whatever they want to tell you, how much they want  
14 to tell you about themselves. All I want you to  
15 know is all three of them also work for the churches  
16 and try to help assimilate these new kids on the  
17 block.

18                   I want to ask one thing before we start.  
19 For any questions, if you could please hold on to  
20 the end of our part, and then we will make sure -- I  
21 will make sure that you have time to ask questions.

22                   I think it is better if I start out  
23 myself. I minister to a group of people from my  
24 island. We use the classroom at the Leeward  
25 Community College. I looked down on this paper

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1 here, and I don't see any topic on what we are going  
2 to work on or what we are going to talk about, and  
3 then I say what's going on here? How am I going to  
4 know what to talk about?

5           But then I sit back, and I said, you  
6 see, Dr. Hanlon is a very smart guy. We can not  
7 limit God's work. Whatever God wants to talk about,  
8 he talks about. So we are going to open up this  
9 panel, and I am going to let these guys talk about  
10 whatever they want to talk about as long as it is  
11 empowering the Micronesian populations in Hawaii.  
12 Right, guys? Thank you.

13           Like I said, we are trying our best to  
14 help assimilate these populations into the western  
15 culture. What exactly what I mean? Well, we are  
16 trying to help them, direct them to the agencies  
17 that could help. One thing you have to know about  
18 being a minister, you are not just a minister. You  
19 are the father, you are the mother, you are  
20 counselor, you are the psychiatrist, you are the  
21 doctor, and sometimes you are a map for the State of  
22 Hawaii. The people will come and ask you how do I  
23 get to the welfare office, and they expect you to  
24 know. The people will come and ask you can you fill  
25 out this Quest form for me, and they expect you to

1 know.

2 I was told by Reverend Radigan David  
3 that no, the word no doesn't exist in the Pohnpeian  
4 language, and I think that's the same thing with a  
5 lot of us ministers. When the people come and ask  
6 for assistance, you must be able to help. In my  
7 work at Catholic Charities, I help a lot of people.  
8 There are times that they come in to ask for help,  
9 and I just couldn't help them, and I don't know how  
10 to say no when I don't have the money because I want  
11 to say yes, but I have to say no. They cry, and we  
12 cry together.

13 I guess what would be more important at  
14 this point for me to say is when you work with this  
15 population, this Micronesian population in Hawaii, if  
16 you find that it is overwhelming, like most of you,  
17 most of you guys that do the outreach or do the  
18 services, I know it is overwhelming sometimes. Just  
19 kind of step back, take a deep breath, and come back  
20 and say, look, I don't have what you're asking, but  
21 I tell you what, let me have your phone number, and  
22 I will call people that I know that could help, and  
23 I will come back to you. That's basically what we  
24 could do. But if you could help, by all means, help  
25 us.

1           I will stop right here, and then I'm  
2 going to pass on to Reverend Radigan David to do his  
3 own piece, whatever he is ready to talk about. We  
4 don't have a topic in here, so we are just going to  
5 talk about things that we feel like God lay it on  
6 our heart to talk about that will help you and us  
7 assimilate into this community. Reverend?

8           REVEREND DAVID: Thank you, Robert, and  
9 as this is a conference of Micronesian voices, it is  
10 only appropriate that I start my statements with the  
11 usual traditional and honorific statements, and I  
12 will say that in Pohnpeian. (Speaks in foreign  
13 language.)

14           And that's sort of how I think we are  
15 going to have to start off since I think there is a  
16 reason why we weren't given any topic. When I was  
17 given the piece of paper that -- the sample  
18 questions that we were supposed to be thinking about  
19 yesterday, I quickly put it aside because I felt  
20 like the church that I serve wasn't doing enough to  
21 respond to any of those questions. So I am going to  
22 try to address those questions in an indirect term.

23           Just to start off, my name is Radigan  
24 David, and I am a graduate of UH, University of  
25 Hawaii at Hilo, and one of the -- I guess to start