

**BLACA AGED CARE CONFERENCE 2012**

**Role Diversity for Chaplaincy in Lutheran Aged Care**



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"I have been like a portent to many  
but you are my strong refuge.  
My mouth is filled with your praise,  
and with your glory all day long.  
Do not cast me off in the time of old age;  
do not forsake me when my strength is spent."  
(Psalm 71:7-9)



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**Challenges for the Lutheran Church**

- An Ageing Population, dementia and other health needs requiring special care.
- Providing pastoral carers specifically trained for this specialized ministry
- Catering for the spirituality of those of the Lutheran faith, other Christian faiths, and other expressions of faith and spirituality
- With limited ordained Pastors available, training and supporting lay people, male and female, to provide pastoral care in aged care settings.



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## Discussion

- How did your current aged care chaplain come to your facility?
- What further training or resources would assist aged care chaplains in their pastoral care of the aged?




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## BLACA Scholarships for Pastoral Care

### Grant from Lutheran Laypeople's League:

"To assist with Chaplaincy and Ministry Support in Lutheran Aged Care facilities including training of Chaplains and support workers (possibly using the resources of Australian Lutheran College), together with the distribution of relevant materials (e.g. bible study resources, booklets etc.)"




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## Ways Scholarships may be Utilized:

- For initial training that prepares and equips candidates for entering into aged care chaplaincy, or ongoing training for those already in this pastoral care ministry
- Training may include units of Clinical Pastoral Education or similar pastoral training; attending seminars, conferences, workshops, training days for skills development; aged care professional development programs
- Advanced, Post Graduate, Masters or PhD studies in the field of spiritual support for the ageing
- Develop and implement an accepted research program within Lutheran Aged Care
- Develop innovative or creative ways or resources to support Lutheran pastoral care of the ageing




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### Criteria for Scholarships

- For anyone providing pastoral care within Lutheran aged care facilities, or intending to enter this ministry
- Applicants must complete an application form and accept the conditions of the Scholarship
- Applicants applying for training must be enrolled in an accepted educational program to equip them for service in LCA Aged Care
- BLACA Scholarship Committee will process the granting of all scholarships
- Payment of the Scholarships based on reimbursement of costs, on successful completion of the unit of study or creation of the resource.



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### Words of Encouragement and Hope

“Even to your old age I am he,  
even when you turn gray I will carry you.  
I have made, and I will bear;  
I will carry and will save.”  
(Isaiah 46:4)



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