

# AGENDA

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(Current office-bearers listed)

- 16.1. **Election of Bishop**  
*Rev John R Henderson*
- 16.2. **Election of Assistant Bishop**  
Assistant Bishop: *Rev Dr Andrew Pfeiffer*
- 16.3. **Election of General Church Council**  
[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected]  
Pastor at large: *Greg Priebbenow* (not available for re-election)  
Lay person at large: *Ms Faye Schmidt*

## **17. BOARDS PARTIALLY ELECTED BY SYNOD**

(Current members listed)

- 17.1. **Board of Directors Australian Lutheran College Ltd**  
[2 pastors, 2 lay members elected by Convention]  
Pastors: *G Pietsch, D Gogoll, J Henderson, R Paech*  
Lay members: *Mrs S Kloeden, Mr D Dreckow, Mr N Klinge, Mr D Prenzler, Mr B Mills, Ms Kristine Gebbie*  
Consultants: *Rev J Winderlich, Mrs A Lamnek*

**17.2. Board for Mission**

[1 pastor, 2 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors: *J Henderson, P Hage*

Lay members: *Ms A Synnott, Mr R Hoff*

Consultants: *Ms G Hartwich, Mr S Kroker, Dr T Nelson*

**17.3. Board for Lutheran Archives**

[1 pastor, 3 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors: *Dr G Lockwood, M Stollznaw*

Lay members: *Mrs L Coleman, Dr L Zweck, Ms L Helbig, Mr E Leske*

Consultant: *Mrs R Kuchel*

- 17.4. Board for Media Ministry**  
[1 pastor, 3 lay members elected by Convention]  
Pastors: *B Hentschke, M Hansen*  
Lay members: *Ms M Shepherd, Ms K Mildred, Mr R Meharg, Mr J Graetz*  
Consultant: *Rev R Fox*
- 17.5. Board for Lutheran Aged Care Australia**  
[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]  
Pastor: *G Wegener*  
Lay members: *Mr M Johns, Mrs C Fitzpatrick, Ms J Gilbertson, Mr G Thiel, Dr C Seligmann, Ms A Uhrhane*  
Consultants: *Rev P Semmler, Ms W Rocks*
- 17.6. Board of Directors Lutheran Education Australia Ltd**  
[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]  
Pastor: *T Bohmert*  
Lay members: *Dr N Highett, Mr L Saegenschnitter, Mr B Hausler, Ms S Wood, Ms S Dixon, Dr L Schmidt*  
Consultants: *Mr S Rudolph, Mr J Proeve, Mr D Mulherin, Mr J Denholm*
- 17.7. Commission on Salaries**  
[1 pastor, 2 lay members elected by Convention]  
Pastor: *G Fowler*  
Lay members: *Mr A Kupke, Mr R Pietsch, Mrs N Heppner, Mrs K Doecke*
- 17.8. Commission on Theology and Inter-Church Relations**  
[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]  
Bishop and Assistant Bishop: *J Henderson, Dr A Pfeiffer*  
ALC teaching staff: *Dr S Pietsch, Dr P Lockwood, Dr J Silcock, Dr S Hultgren, Dr S Haar*  
Pastors: *F Pearce, T Vuorinen, M Thomas, M Lockwood*  
Lay members: *Dr P Simonsen, Ms V Kohrt, Mr N Mattiske*  
Consultants: *Revs D Altus, P Smith, N Otto, J Winderlich*
- 17.9. Commission on Worship**  
[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]  
Pastors: *A Kitson, M Prenzler, T Klein*  
Lay members: *Mrs C Matthias, Mr M Simpfendorfer, Mrs S Mattner, Mr A Collyer*  
Consultants: *Dr J Kleinig, Dr T Skene*
- 17.10. Standing Committee on Constitutions**  
[1 pastor, 2 lay members elected by Convention]  
Pastors: *W Schiller, T Ebbs*  
Lay members: *Mrs M Koch, Mr D Dreckow, Mr G Materne, Mrs F Schmidt*
- 17.11. Finke River Mission Board**  
[1 pastor, 3 lay members elected by Convention]  
Pastors: *J Heffernan, G Schutz, R Zadow*  
Lay members: *Mr C Gunter, Mr T Stollznow, Ms S Tikoft, Mr C Pfeiffer, Mr M Kenny*  
Consultants: *Mr B Elliott, Ms M Roberts*
- 17.12. Commission on Social and Bioethical Questions**  
[2 parish pastors, 4 lay members elected by Convention]  
Pastors: *T Kowald, B Schild, S Pietsch*  
Lay members: *Mrs H Lockwood, Ms K Pfeiffer, Dr C Hamilton, Dr T Wittwer*  
Consultant: *Mr I Rentsch*

## **18. CLOSING FORMALITIES**

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Invitation from Victorian District

**18.2.** Vote of thanks

Close of Convention