

STAMPS FOR MISSION – HOW TO PROCESS USED AUSTRALIAN STAMPS

Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) International Mission

1. Stamps with nicks and cuts in them (currently \$1 and \$1.10 peel and stick stamps) are left on paper. Cut around them with a cm of paper all around. These are then sold “on paper”.
 2. Generally, all other Australian stamps can be soaked off paper. Please put aside stamps on yellow/brown paper, as these can colour the stamps if left too long in water.
- Most people use hot water to soak off stamps. Some add a drop or two of detergent to the water. Start at a corner and peel off the stamp, taking care to get the glue off the back of the stamp. If some or all of the glue is unfortunately left on the stamp, after drying, this can be negated by rubbing the glue with talc powder.
- Place the wet stamps facedown on blotting paper or tea towels or paper and allow them to dry.
3. Sort the dried stamps into groups with the same face value. Then put together identical stamps into a bundle. Where there are 103 (to ensure at least 100 good stamps), place a small rubber band around the group. If there is less than 103, place a card the size of the stamps, on the back and write on the card the number of stamps in the bundle. Then put a rubber band around the bundle.
- In completed bundles of 103, ensure that there is a stamps face on the top and bottom of the bundle. Place complete bundles in a separate bag from these with less than 103.
4. To complete the bundling proceed as follows: cut plastic bags (such as the Advertiser bag) into strips about the width of the stamps and long enough to be able to wrap around the bundle more than a full turn. Secure the plastic tightly around the bundle with a piece of sticky tape. Mission completed.

5. Whether you have completed only one or several of the above steps, or none of them, your stamps will still be most welcomed.

Stamps can be sent to/left at the
Churchwide office of the LCA

197 Archer Street, North Adelaide SA 5006

or sent to

Peter Nitschke

24 Gameau Road, Paradise SA 5075

Thank you for your support of Stamps for Mission.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What stamps should I use?

In order of priority:

1. Concession stamps – if you are eligible for these.
2. Sheet stamps (not peel and stick) from commemorative Australian stamps or one of the territories, Australian Antarctic Territory, Christmas Island, Coeos and Kreling Islands or Norfolk Island.

How can I get more stamps for Stamps for Mission when I don't get much mail with stamps?

Ask your family members, friends or acquaintances who work in places where they get mail with stamps on it, to collect the used stamps for you.

Information about the current projects being supported, as well as stamp receivers in the various states, can be found on the LCA International Mission website www.lcamission.org.au or in the current brochure.