**LCANZ Local Mission Annual Appeal**

**Announcement script –** to accompany appeal video

Good morning. Today I’m going to share with you a video message from Bishop John Henderson.

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Bishop John calls us to pray for church planting and renewal. We can gladly do that, both as a church and individually. Bishop John also speaks of the growing church planting movement and missional renewal activity of our church. Now that’s exciting and is something that we can get involved in!

How do we get involved? The Local Mission office of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand is looking for our support. They have launched their first appeal. The appeal is asking for two things:

1. That we pray for the church planting work of our church - for church planters specifically, and for all God’s missional activity in our communities; and
2. That we join with Local Mission by donating to the missional work of five departments of the LCA.

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Your donation enables **New and Renewing Churches** to provide mentoring, training and financial assistance to sending churches and church plants. Your donation enables **Cross-Cultural Ministry** to assist you in ensuring every congregation of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand is inclusive and welcoming. Your donation enables **Grow Ministries** to assist congregations in their intergenerational ministry and **Ministry with the** **Ageing** to assist you with care for the older members of our communities. And your donation ensures that the message of God’s love can be heard via **Lutheran Media**.

Will you join in? Grab your appeal envelope today.