

48th
Regular
Synodical
Convention

4-6 BOOK OF MAY 2018 REPORTS



Tatachilla Lutheran College, McLaren Vale



SYNOD MEANS 'WALKING TOGETHER'.

We have come together from congregations around South Australia and the Northern Territory recognising that we walk together in faith and a common witness to Christ as part of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

The theme for our 'walking together' this weekend is based on Luke 24:13-33.

Two disciples were walking together on a road. They were disheartened and disillusioned about faith and life, and were walking without hope until a stranger walked with them. The stranger turned out to be Jesus, the risen Lord himself. At the end of the day, they reflected:

"Were not our **hearts burning** within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us" (v32)

Hearts burning - isn't that what we pray for our congregations, the District, the LCA and the whole church on earth? Isn't that what we would want for ourselves personally, for our loved ones and the whole world?

When we walk with Jesus, listening intently to him, our hearts can't help but burn too - with faith, with hope, with love and the desire to share what has warmed our own hearts.

May we recognise Christ's presence with us as we meet and walk together over these days, especially in his word and as he breaks bread for us.

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RULES FOR TRANSACTING BUSINESS

The rules for transacting business at District Convention are listed below. The rules are plain English versions of By-Laws Part B of the District Constitution, which deal with Entitlement to Speak and Vote and Procedure in Transacting Business.

WHO CAN SPEAK AND VOTE AT CONVENTION?

Elected lay delegates, members of the Ministry of the District, members of the Church Council, the District Administrator, the Director of Mission, the Director of Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults, the Director of Lutheran Schools, the Director of Lutheran Community Care, the Director of Chaplaincy Ministry, Ministry with the Ageing and elected school principals.

HOW IS THE QUORUM DETERMINED?

One-half plus one of those entitled to vote make up the quorum.

However, for the purposes of establishing the quorum, the following are not included:

- Members of the Ministry who are full-time officers of the General Church
- Lecturers at Australian Lutheran College
- Pastors teaching at our colleges
- Pastors emeriti

These members are still entitled to vote.

WHO CAN SPEAK AT CONVENTION?

- All delegates
- Consultants
- The Bishop of the General Church, Chairpersons of Committees/Councils and other people considered suitable by the District Church Council.
- Visitors who are members of the Church.
- Other visitors, with the permission of the Chairperson.

WHO CAN SUBMIT MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AT CONVENTION?

- Any congregation
- Any parish
- Any standing committee, council or commission of the District, provided the matter is within the terms of reference of the group
- The Pastors' Conference
- The District Church Council or its Executive
- The General Church Council or its Executive

WHAT RULES ARE FOLLOWED IN TRANSACTING BUSINESS?

- The business is chaired by the District Bishop, unless he asks the First Assistant Bishop, the Second Assistant Bishop or a lay person to take the chair.
- The Chairperson ensures that a quorum is present for the transaction of business.
- People wishing to speak move to a microphone and, after being called upon by the Chairperson, stand and address themselves to the chair.
- No one is allowed to interrupt the speaker, unless a point of order is raised.
- All proposals on the Agenda must be placed before the convention for discussion and decision, unless the proposer withdraws the proposal (with the consent of the convention).
- No motion or amendment can be discussed or voted on until it has been moved and seconded by a delegate. Proposals coming from reports of Councils/Committees are considered to have been moved and seconded.
- All reports published in the Book of Reports (and supplements) are regarded by the convention as having been received.
- If the mover and seconder of a motion requests, the motion or amendment can be withdrawn with the approval of the convention.
- Only one amendment to a motion can be before the chair at any one time. After that amendment has been accepted or rejected, another can be moved. Notice of a further amendment can be given at any time.
- Proposers of amendments shall present the amendment to the Chairperson in writing if asked to do so.
- Every amendment must be relevant to the motion to which it refers.
- Those taking part in the debate will be limited to one speech on a question, except to clear up a misunderstanding or to exercise a right of reply, unless the meeting grants permission.
- A right of reply is allowed only to the mover of the original motion. It concludes the debate unless there are one or more amendments, in which case it may be exercised at the conclusion of the debate on the first amendment.
- Seconded amendments are new questions, and those who have spoken to the motion are permitted to speak again.
- The mover of any motion is allowed to speak for five (5) minutes only. The limit for other speakers is three (3) minutes unless there is a resolution from convention granting extra time.
- The Chairperson shall give ample opportunity for speakers for and against a motion or an amendment to be heard. If there are no speakers against the question it will be put without right of reply.
- As a general rule, motions and amendments will be read before a vote is taken and the Chairperson shall, if necessary, briefly explain their meaning.
- No motion may be brought forward which is the same in substance as a question, which has already been resolved by the convention, unless a motion calling for reconsideration of the question previously decided is moved and seconded by those who voted with the majority when the question was originally put. If the motion to reconsider is carried, the previous vote is thereby cancelled, and the original motion is again before the convention in the form in which it was put to the vote. A question may be reconsidered only once at the same convention.

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- A question shall be decided by a show of hands unless a ballot is required by the Chairperson or demanded by a delegate and granted by resolution of the Synod. If there is a disagreement about the result of a vote, a recount or a second vote can be demanded.
- If in the opinion of any delegate, an irregularity in procedure occurs the delegate may immediately, without asking permission from the chair, rise to a "point of order", and shall be heard straight away. The delegate must explain the point of order clearly and briefly, without introducing new topics. The Chairperson shall decide either to uphold or disallow the point raised, and the decision shall not be debated unless there is an appeal against the ruling of the Chairperson.
- Deference shall be paid to the Chairperson's authority. All present must be seated whenever the Chairperson rises to speak, and the Chairperson must be heard without interruption, except when a point of order is raised.
- The Chairperson can call attention to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a speaker, and may direct the speaker to stop speaking.
- If disorder arises, the Chairperson can announce an adjournment of the convention, and by that action the convention is immediately adjourned for a period of not more than 30 minutes.
- The Chairperson can speak briefly for the purpose of giving some desired or necessary information.
- If the Chairperson wishes not to chair the business at any stage, the First Assistant Bishop, the Second Assistant Bishop or an appointed lay person can take the chair.
- Unless otherwise stipulated, a simple majority will decide a question, and if the votes are equal, the Chairperson, in addition to having a deliberative vote, will have a casting vote, or may refer the question for further consideration.
- No formal motion can be moved or seconded by anyone who has moved, seconded or spoken to the motion or any amendment.

THE FOLLOWING FORMAL MOTIONS MAY BE MOVED AND SECONDED, AND ARE NOT DEBATABLE:

A question may be superseded for that particular convention by the acceptance of either of the following motions:

- That the debate be adjourned;
- That the synod proceeds to the next business.
- A question may be superseded for the time being by the motion:
- That the question lies on the table.
- There can be a subsequent motion either at the same or a later convention to take the question from the table.

The convention may be adjourned by the motion:

- That the convention adjourns.
- Debate may take place if the motion or amendment states time, date and place of the adjourned convention.
- Debate on a motion or an amendment may be closed by the motion:
- That the motion be now put.

- However, the Chairperson, believing that the question has not been sufficiently discussed, may refuse to accept the motion.
- Those who have signified their intention to speak before moving the closure of debate can be given the right to speak at the discretion of the Chairperson.
- Matters of conscience and doctrine will have precedence over other questions, and
 any rules relating to time limits and the number of times a person can speak can be
 suspended by the ruling of the Chairperson or by a majority decision of the meeting.
- Any of these standing orders can be suspended if two-thirds of the delegates present consent.

ANY PROPOSALS OR QUESTIONS COMING BEFORE THE CONVENTION CAN BE REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STUDY AND REPORT TO THE CONVENTION BY:

- the Church Council prior to the sessions
- the convention during sessions.

All proceedings shall be entered into a minute book, with the exception of un-seconded motions and un-seconded amendments.

The District shall not be bound by any statements or plans contained in a report, but only by specific resolutions on matters arising from reports and carried by the convention.

ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DELEGATES DURING SYNOD

Delegates present to Synod any proposal their congregation/parish has placed on the Agenda.

While delegates will be aware of their congregation's attitudes, they will be responsible for voting according to their assessment of the debate at Synod.

Delegates may use the opportunity at Synod to network with other delegates in areas of mission and ministry, which could help their home congregation.

AFTER SYNOD

Delegates will receive a summary report to Convention.

Delegates have the responsibility to report back to their congregation and leadership team any major decisions and significant information from reports given and statements made at Convention.

During the following years, delegates share information about District mission and ministry initiatives.

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LCA SA-NT DISTRICT CONVENTION OF SYNOD

4 - 6 MAY 2018

PROGRAM

FRIDAY 4TH MAY

5.00 pm	BBQ Tea available (fundraiser for Tatachilla Lutheran College) Check-In Open	
6.30 pm	Opening Service of Convention	
7.00 pm	Welcome and presentation by Tatachilla Lutheran College	
7.20 pm	Business Session Including presentation by LCA Bishop John Henderson	
8.10 pm	Close	

SATURDAY 5TH MAY

7.30 am	Coffee van available
7.45 am	Check-In Open
8.30 am	Opening Devotion
8.40 am	Business Session
10.00 am	Morning Tea
10.30 am	Business Session
12.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Business Session
1.40 pm	Church Quiz
2.00 pm	Business Session
3.00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3.30 pm	Business Session Including presentation by SA-NT Bishop David Altus
5.45 pm	Closing Devotion
6.30 pm	Dinner and Drinks
8.30 pm	Close

PROGRAM

SUNDAY 6TH MAY

7.30 am	Coffee van available
7.45 am	Check-In Open
8.30 am	Morning Worship
10.00 am	Morning Tea
10.30 am	Business Session Including presentations from SA-NT District Departments
12.00 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Business Session Including presentations by LCA Departments
1.45 pm	Church Quiz
2.00 pm	Business Session
3.00 pm	Closing Worship Service
3.30 pm	Finish

PROGRAM

AGENDA

OPENING WORSHIP AND WELCOME

ELECTION OF:

Convention Chairperson Minute Takers Electoral Committee

GREETINGS AND APOLOGIES

PRESENTATION BY BISHOP JOHN HENDERSON

BUSINESS SESSION:

Rules for Transacting Business
Questions on Notice
Quorum Report
Presentation of Financial Statements
Presentation of 2018 Budget
Proposal re Restructure of the
SA-NT District

BUSINESS SESSION:

Election of SA-NT District Bishop

DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY

BUSINESS SESSION:

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Election of Assistant Bishops Proposal re District Church Council

DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY

PRESENTATION BY BISHOP DAVID ALTUS

DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITY

BUSINESS SESSION:

Proposal re Zinnbauer Fund Election of District Church Council

BUSINESS SESSION:

Election of Standing Committees and Councils

PRESENTATIONS BY:

Chaplaincy
Lutheran Community Care
Aboriginal Ministry
CFYYAM
Aged Care
Mission
Lutheran Education SA, NT, WA

BUSINESS SESSION:

Approval of 2018 Budget

PRESENTATION BY
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

MISSION STIMULUS GRANT PRESENTATION

WORSHIP

CLOSE OF CONVENTION

Proposals

Proposals to SA-NT District Synod 2018

1. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION FOR THE ASSISTANT BISHOP FOR MISSION POSITION

At the Synod Meeting in 2017 the meeting approved the development of the Assistant Bishop for Mission position as a replacement position for the retiring Director of Mission. It was agreed that constitution changes would be brought to the next District Convention of Synod.

During the following months, the Delegates voted and elected the incoming Assistant Bishop for Mission. A Call was then issued to a pastor, who accepted the call.

The following amendments are required:

V. DEPARTMENT FOR MISSION COUNCIL FOR MISSION

1 Membership

- (a) The Council for Mission shall consist of eight (8) members with at least one (1) member a pastor:
 - (i) four (4) members to be elected by Synod;
 - (ii) four (4) members to be appointed by Church Council.

2 Duties

- (a) The duties of the Council shall be to:
- (b) be responsible for the implementation of the Department for Mission's current mission statement as printed in Policy Statements of the District D12;
- (c) supervise, support and be concerned with the general welfare of the Director for Mission;
- (d) submit an annual report to the Church Council for presentation to Synod;
- (e) submit a budget for the ensuing twelve months to the Church Council;
- (f) meet as a rule, every month, or when called by the Chairperson.

Replacement rule 2(c): support and be concerned with the general welfare of the Assistant Bishop for Mission;

ABORIGINAL MINISTRY SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1 Objects

The objects of the Committee shall be to organise, supervise, encourage and extend the preaching of the Gospel of

Christ to Aboriginal people at Ceduna, Oak Valley, Koonibba, Yalata, Port Lincoln, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, the wider Adelaide area and any other areas of South Australia, and to promote the general welfare of Aboriginal people.

2 Membership

The Committee shall consist of up to ten (10) members with at least one (1) member to be a pastor:

- (a) six (6) elected by Synod;
- (b) four (4) to be appointed by Church Council;
- (c) when possible the Committee shall include Aboriginal members and/or consultants;
- (d) the Directors for Mission and Administration shall be consultants to the Committee.

Replacement for Rule 2(d): the Assistant Bishop for Mission and the District Administrator shall be consultants to the Committee.

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B. (1) TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT

DIRECTOR FOR MISSION

1) Appointment.

- a) The Director for Mission shall be appointed by the Church Council in consultation with the Council for Mission.
- b) The Director shall be appointed for a probationary period to be determined by the Council for Mission, after which the appointment shall be confirmed or terminated by the Church Council on the recommendation of the Council for Mission.
- c) The appointment may be terminated by either the Director or the Church Council provided that three month's notice is given. In the case of false doctrine, ungodly life or gross neglect of duty, (see District Constitution, Article X, 1. b) the appointment may be terminated by the Church Council at its discretion.

2) Relationship to the District Bishop.

The Director shall work in close consultation and co-operation with, and be under the general oversight of, the Bishop.

3) Relationship to the Council for Mission.

The Director shall be under the direct supervision of the Council for Mission, which shall be responsible for the overall program, and be concerned with the general welfare of the Director.

4) Duties. The Director shall:

- a) together with the Council for Mission, prayerfully seek God's guidance for the purpose and vision of the ministry;
- b) provide ongoing assistance to pastors, lay workers and congregations as they develop innovative and creative mission initiatives that are appropriate in their context;
- c) publicise and promote mission in the district and all its departments;
- d) visit congregations to assist them with planning and initiating mission projects;
- e) engage in continuing study and research of all areas relating to missiology, in conjunction with the Council for Mission and other LCA Mission Directors;
- f) network with mission personnel in other denominations and para-church groups;
- g) attend meetings of the Council for Mission, and other committees as may from time to time be determined by the Council for Mission or Church Council; and
- h) submit reports as required by the Council for Mission and Church Council.

Replacement Rules:

B. (1) TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR FULL-TIME EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT ASSISTANT BISHOP FOR MISSION

1) Appointment and Call:

- a) The Call Committee shall comprise the Bishop, the 1st and 2nd Assistant Bishops and 2 representatives from the Council for Mission.
- b) District pastors shall be invited to submit names of any pastor on the Roll of Pastors for consideration by the Call Committee. Expressions of interest may also be sought from pastors across all LCA Districts.
- c) The Call Committee will short list suitable candidates and invite them to undertake an interview.
- d) The Call Committee shall submit the names of recommended candidates to the DCC for endorsement and submission to District Pastors for an e-vote.
- e) The candidate endorsed by District Pastors shall be forwarded to Synod for election by e-vote, whereupon a Call will be extended to the pastor.
- f) The Called pastor shall have the usual period of 4 weeks to consider the Call.

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g) The Assistant Bishop for Mission shall be elected by synod to serve for an initial term of four (4) years and be eligible for further Calls for additional terms of four (4) years.

2) Relationship to the District Bishop:

The Assistant Bishop for Mission shall work in close consultation and co-operation with and under the oversight of the District Bishop.

3) Relationship to the Council for Mission:

The Assistant Bishop for Mission shall work collaboratively with the Council for Mission and have oversight of that Council.

4) Duties:

The duties of the Assistant Bishop for Mission are listed in the Job Description as determined by District Church Council.

REVISED WORKING STRUCTURE OF THE SA-NT DISTRICT

BE IT RESOLVED: That District Church Council be authorised to implement the new working structure submitted to Synod in 2018 to provide more effective leadership, governance and use of resources; and

- That District Church Council be delegated the responsibility to structure and staff the
 ministries that will come under the direct oversight of the Assistant Bishop for Mission as
 opportunity and need arise in the future; and
- That District Church Council report back to Synod in 2020 on the results of the revised working structure and submit proposals for changes to the Constitution and By-Laws of the District to that Synod.

REASONS FOR PROPOSAL

- The proposal responds to issues and opportunities identified by District Church Council,
 Directors of Departments and Chairs of Council during strategic conversations in early 2017.
 These issues and opportunities are outlined in the background document. The May 2017
 Synod was made aware of the need and resolved that District Church Council should
 present a revised working structure to the 2018 Synod. The proposal is supported by District
 Church Council, departments and directors, including those most affected.
- 2. The proposal enables District Church Council to more efficiently and effectively oversee and carry out the ministry determined by Synod and provides needed flexibility and adaptability.
- 3. The proposal is in line with the LCA's Strategic Direction concerning the better use of human resources to enable the "growing and going" of God's people.
- 4. The proposal aligns with the new LCA structure, but is not identical to it.

DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED: That the District Church Council membership be reduced by two pastor members.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL:

- 1. The proposal corresponds with the LCA Strategic Direction to reduce the size of boards and councils to better use our resources.
- 2. The proposal corresponds with good governance and business recommendations that boards have approximately nine members as a maximum to allow efficiency and productivity.
- 3. The proposal allows two pastors to be returned to their roles within their local communities and for them to better serve their congregations.
- 4. The reduced size of District Church Council will allow DCC to remain well connected to our congregations through the three parish pastors and the six lay members.

4. ZINNBAUER FUND

BE IT RESOLVED: That for the next two years interest from the Zinnbauer Fund be used to support and sustain chaplaincy ministry in the SA-NT District up to the amount budgeted annually for this work, and that the current process for allocation of interest from the Fund be discontinued.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL:

- 1. At the 2017 Synod day it was RESOLVED THAT: "District Church Council be asked to review the funds held by the LCA SA-NT District Inc and bring proposals for any change to their use to the 2018 District Convention of Synod." This proposal is an early result of this ongoing review.
- 2. Over the years less applications for use of the Zinnbauer Fund have been received from within the District. There is currently accumulated interest in the account. (See appendices for background and current rules of the Fund.)
- 3. The District needs to find ways to sustain core work, such as hospital and prison chaplaincy, into the future. This is one avenue that could assist in shoring up this ministry.
- 4. Pastor Zinnbauer was well known for ministry to those in hospital, prison and other institutions.
- 5. Existing allocations would still be honoured.

Further Background Information:

- 6. Current balance of the Zinnbauer Fund is \$2,562,786, including the value of the residence that was purchased by the Zinnbauer Fund.
- 7. Expected annual interest income is approximately \$55,000 per annum.
- 8. Expected annual rental income is approximately \$17,000 per annum.
- 9. Recent Grant Information:

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Recipient	Initial Year of Funding	Amount	Term of Grant Funding
St Pauls Lutheran Church Ferryden Park	2016	\$30,000	3 years
Renmark/Paringa Lutheran Parish	2015	\$24,000	3 years
Maitland Lutheran Primary School	2014	\$75,000	3 years
Finke River Mission	2014	\$75,000	3 years
St Petri, Nuriootpa Lutheran Church	2012	\$60,000	3 years
Pasadena Lutheran Church	2012	\$75,000	3 years
St Stephens Adelaide	2013	\$50,000	2 years
Lutheran Disability Services	2012	\$25,000	1 year

MEETING OF DISTRICT SYNOD

BE IT RESOLVED: That the LCA SA-NT District host an annual one day Synod on a Saturday, instead of a biennial Synod over two days.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL:

As an incorporated association the LCA SA-NT District is required to hold an annual general meeting under Rule 39 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1985.

It is proposed that the one day format should be focused on worship, consultation, financial reporting and discussion regarding specific structural and constitutional reforms.

Departmental and other District Reports are reported through the Book of Reports and, rather than multiple presentations, District Church Council could nominate a presentation of choice for the department, mission or project that needs the most support from the wider church for that year.

Questions on notice regarding reports could be allowed to encourage greater congregational engagement.

In this format the Synod will achieve three outcomes:

- 1) Deliver effective engagement between District Church Council and congregations.
- 2) Reduce time and cost for both the District and congregations.
- 3) Meet the LCA SA-NT District's legal obligation to meet annually under state legislation as an incorporated body.

Proposal from Bethlehem Lutheran Church Flinders St, Adelaide Inc

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Nominations and Voting

NOMINATIONS AND VOTING INFORMATION

NOTES

- 1. Nominations for the position of Bishop, First Assistant Bishop and Second Assistant Bishop are made by the Pastors' Conference. Convention may add a candidate or candidates for these positions in which case "each proposed additional nomination shall separately require the majority approval of the District delegates present, the vote being taken by a show of hands.
- 2. All other positions, unless otherwise indicated, are elected on the nomination of the Nominations Committee, or delegates at Convention through the Nominations Committee.

Information about nominees is as follows:

Name Congregation Occupation

- 1. LCA (National) Service
- 2. District Service
- 3. Parish/congregation service
- 4. Other qualifications
- 5. Information included as provided by the nominee.

BISHOP

FIRST ASSISTANT BISHOP

SECOND ASSISTANT BISHOP

DISTRICT FINANCE CONSULTANT

Recommended by District Church Council

KROKER, Stephen Glenelg St Pauls Retired

- 1. Lutheran Education Australia Business Manager 2012 to current, Finance Secretary LCA International Mission 2013-2017
- 2. Lutheran Schools Association SA, NT & WA Finance Analyst 2013-2017
- 3. Glenelg 2005 to current, Treasurer at Glenelg
- 4. Chartered Accountant, involvement with Lutheran School finances for 30 years as a Board Member, Business Manager, LSA Finance Committee member and LSA Council Member

SA-NT DISTRICT LAY MEMBER ON GENERAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Recommended by District Church Council

ZERNER, Melvin Blackwood St Peters Chartered Accountant

- General Church Council 2009 to current, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee 2013 to current
- Finance Council member and Chair 1993-1998, District Finance Consultant 1999-2008, District Church Council – 1998-2018, Communications Coordinator Support Group – 2004-2008, Ecumenical Endeavours Pty Ltd Lutheran Director – 2000-current.
- 3. Unley Resourcing and Discipleship group, Blackwood Teller and Choir Member
- 4. BA(Accountancy), Chartered Accountant, Registered Company Auditor, Director of Messenger Zerner Pty Ltd Chartered Accountants

DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

12 members:

Includes the Bishop, two Assistant Bishops and the District Finance Consultant

Convention needs to elect 3 pastors and 5 lay members

NOMINEES

Pastors

MULLER, Joshua HAVELBERG, Geoffrey VANDERWAL, Andrew

Lay Members

FITZGERALD, Marie HALL, Craig JAENSCH, Judith MARTUL, Helen 1 Vacancy

Pastor

MULLER, Joshua Eudunda St Johns Pastor

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- 2. SA-NT District Church Council July 2015 to current
- 3. Eudunda Lutheran Parish 2014-2016, Eudunda Robertstown Parish 2016 to current
- 4. Bachelor of Information Technology, Bachelor of Micro-Electronic Engineering, IT Contractor, BTh, BMin

Pastor

HAVELBERG, Geoffrey Gawler Congregation Pastor

- 1. Nil
- 2. SA/NT District Church Council 2014-current, Chaplaincy Services Committee 2002-2007
- 3. Gawler Zion, Wangaratta/Benalla, Geraldton/Morawa (Mid West Parish)

Pastor

VANDERWAL, Andrew Victor Harbor Pastor

- LCA Convention of Synod Pastor Delegate 2015, LCA Convention of Synod Pastor Delegate - 2018
- 2. District Church Council Member 2016 to current
- 3. Hallett Cove 2001-2006, Tatachilla College 2006-2012, Toowoomba Emmanuel 2012-2015, Victor Harbor 2015 to current
- 4. BTh, GradDipMin

Member

FITZGERALD, Marie Unley St Johns Sales Executive

- 1. Nil
- 2. District Church Council 2016 to current, Co-Director for RENEW 2016 to current
- 3. Church Council Member, Worship Team Leader, Young Adults Coordinator, Previous Youth Leader and Sanctuary helper
- 4. Adelaide Oval Corporate Facilities Catering Coordinator, SANFL Finance Assistant

Member

HALL, Craig Fullarton St Peters Retired

- 1. Board for Lutheran Aged Care
- 2. District Church Council 2012 to current
- 3. Fullarton Secretary 2011 to current
- 4. Bachelor of Accounting, Graduate Diploma of Health Administration

Member

JAENSCH, Judith Adelaide Bethlehem Paediatrician

- 1. General Synod Delegate 2015-2018, Ambassadors of Reconciliation training
- 2. District Church Council 1992 to current
- 3. Bethlehem Adelaide Pastoral assistant, Choir member
- 4. Consultant Paediatrician

MARTUL, Helen Glenelg St Pauls Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. SA-NT District Church Council 2016 to current
- 3. Glenelg 1988 to current, Adelaide Bethlehem, Oak Flats/Warilla, Gunnedah, Keith, Ceduna
- 4. Registered Nurse, Nurse Manager, Software consultant, Project Manager, Account Manager

DEPARTMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION

Constitutions Committee

7 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 5 members

NOMINEES

Pastor

Peter Miller

Members

COLLINS, Roger LUTZ, Neil MATERNE, Gilbert SCHERER, George

Member

MILLER, Peter SA-NT District Pastor

- 1. Nil
- 2. Constitutions Committee 2015 to current, Nominations Committee 2015 to current
- Gawler 1985-1990, Para Vista 1991-1994, Immanuel College Adelaide 1995-2002, Assistant Principal at St Andrew's College Tallebudgera – 2002-2005, Founding Principal at Lakeside College Pakenham Lakeside – 2005-2013, Director SA-NT Chaplaincy
- BTh, GradDipEd, MEdSt, Electronic and Aeronautical Communication Systems Technical Officer – 1974-1976, Computer Systems Engineer – 1976-1978, Pastor (Parish Mission Developer), School Chaplain, School Principal, SA-NT Director of Chaplaincy Ministries
- 5. Former member of FRM Board 1988-2002, Salaries Commission 1990-2002, SA-NT Church Development Committee 1992-1998, District Church Council Member 1998-2000, SA-NT District Tertiary and Young Adult Chaplain 2013-2014, Chaplaincy Services South Australia Executive Member 2015-2018

Member

COLLINS, Roger Pasadena Trinity Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. Constitutions Committee 2012 to current
- 3. Treasurer Trinity Church Pasadena 1993 to current, Assistant Treasurer Holy Cross Murray Bridge 1984-1988, Concordia Kindergarten Committee at Holy Cross Murray Bridge for 4 years in 1970s
- 4. PMG/Australia Post for 38 years, Certificate in Administration, Casual Maintenance Worker at Trinity Place Retirement Village for 6 years
- 5. Life member Murray Bridge football club, Foundation and Life member Apex Club Murray Bridge, Member of Pasadena Tennis Team

LUTZ, Neil Unley St Johns Volunteer

- 1. Nil
- 2. Constitutions Committee 2015 to current, Concordia College Council 1992-2015, Previously Employed by LESNW (LSA)
- 3. Unley 1988 to current, Chairperson 2016 to current
- 4. BSc, BE(Hons), BA Accountancy, CPEng(Retired), Previously employed by PMG, Telecom Australia, Telstra and Network Design and Construction 1973-2000, Lutheran Schools Association SA/NT/WA for 13 years

Member

MATERNE, Gilbert Adelaide Bethlehem Retired

- 1. Standing Committee on Constitutions 2010 to current
- 2. Constitutions Committee 2005 to current
- 3. Adelaide Bethlehem Archives Committee 2001 to current
- 4. Former Lawyer, including many years' practice as a commercial lawyer
- 5. District Church Council representative to the South Australian Council of Churches

Member

SCHERER, George Magill Pilgrim Retired Lawyer

- 1. Nil
- 2. Constitutions Committee 2002 to current
- 3. Pilarim Maaill Secretary 2014 to current, General Synod delegate 2009
- 4. BA(Hons), LLB, AdvDipEd, GDLP, Employed as SA Government Lawyer 1986-2016

DEPARTMENT FOR AGED CARE

Aged Care Council

6 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 3 Members

Church Council will appoint 2 Members

NOMINEES

Pastor

KOWALD, Tim

Members

AURICHT, Philip BRITT, Megan JOHNS, Matthew SCHILLER, Delton

Pastor

KOWALD, Tim Fullarton St Peters Pastor/Aged Care Chaplain

- LCA Commission on Social and Bioethical Questions 1997 to current, Reformed Lutheran Dialogue – 1996-1999
- 2. Aged Care Council 2009 to current, SA Council of Churches District Representative 1998-2000
- 3. Forbes-Parkes Parish 1983-1987, Natimuk Parish 1988-1993, Semaphore Parish 1996-2007, Fullarton St Peters/Aged Care Chaplain 2007 to current
- 4. BTh 1975-1982, MTh (Bioethics) 1994-1995

Member

AURICHT, Philiip Aberfoyle Park General Manger
Assets LHI

- 1. Nil
- 2. Aged Care Council 2010 to current
- 3. Aberfoyle Park member for 30 years
- 4. Diploma of Management, 35 years working in Aged Care industry

Member

BRITT, Megan General Manager
Resident Services

- 1. Ni
- 2. Aged Care Council 2015 to current
- 3. Nil
- 4. Registered Nurse with Postgraduate Gerontology qualifications, Masters in Business Administration, 10 years of experience as a Senior Manager at LHI

JOHNS, Matthew

Hahndorf St Michaels

- **CEO**
- 5. Committee for Ministry with the Ageing 2011 to current, Dialogue Committee LCA Governance Aged Care Review 2017 to current
- 6. Aged Care Council 2009 to current, Hahndorf St Michaels church council 2012 to current
- 7. Hahndorf St Michaels
- 8. MBA, GAICD, Fullarton Lutheran Homes 1997-2002, Pasadena Trinity Place 2012 to current

Member

SCHILLER, Delton

Murray Bridge Christ Church CEO

- 1. Nil
- 2. Aged Care Council 2010 to current
- 3. Former Chair Murray Bridge Christ Church for 8 years, Admin and Leadership roles, former and current congregational synod delegate
- 4. CEO of Murray Bridge Lutheran Homes 2009 to current, Diploma of Automotive Management, Previously worked in the motor trade

Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Committee, Loxton

7 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 6 members

NOMINEES

Pastor

KOHRT, Darrin

Members

BATTAMS, Anne FIELKE, Mark FIELKE, Robert GRAETZ, Gregory KAESLER, Theodore TATT, Yvonne ZEPPEL, Michael

Pastor

KOHRT, Darrin Loxton Concordia Pastor

- 1. Nil
- 2. Riverview Lutheran Rest Home Board 2010 to current
- 3. Gloria Christi Lutheran Church, Colorado USA 1996-2005, Loxton Concordia and outlying congregations 2006 to current

BATTAMS, Anne Loxton Anglican Businees Owner

- 1. Nil
- Riverview Rest Home Board 2011 to current, Riverview Rest Home Vice Chair – 2014 to current, Riverview Rest Home Building Committee Chair – 2014 to current
- 3. Previous Treasurer of Loxton Anglican Parish, Previous Treasurer for Riverland Anglican District
- 4. Owner of Ausnat Fruits, Partner in Horticultural Business, Public Officer and Secretary of Loxton Traders Cooperative
- 5. Volunteer for Riverview Fundraising, weekly music player for entertainment of residents of Riverview

Member

FIELKE, Mark Loxton, St Peters General Manager

- 1. LCA Loan Management Committee
- 2. Previously LHI Retirement Services Board Member, Riverview Rest Home Board Member 2016 to current
- 3. Nil
- Diploma of Frontline Management, Diploma of Financial Planning, Diploma of Finance and Mortgage Broking Management, Experience in the Finance Industry – 1985 to current

Member

FIELKE, Robert Bookpurnong Retired Farmer

- 1. Nil
- 2. Riverview Rest Home Committee 2016 to current
- 3. Bookpurnong Congregation, Loxton Parish
- 4. Retired Farmer
- 5. Current Board Director of Auspork Australia

Member

GRAETZ, Gregory Loxton St Peters Business Owner

- 1. Nil
- 2. Riverview Rest Home Board Member 2011 to current
- 3. Morphett Vale Calvary 1964-1985, Loxton Concordia 1985-1988, Loxton St Peters – 1988-2018
- 4. Owner of Flight Motors Pty Ltd 1990 to current, Lifestyle Assistance Acc Service Board Member – 2008 to current, South Australian Cricket Association Committee Member

Member

KAESLER, Theodore Loxton St Peters Farmer

- 1. Nil
- 2. Riverview Rest Home Board Member 2015 to current
- 3. Loxton Parish Chair, Loxton Parish Treasurer
- 4. Managed Farm for 40 years

TATT, Yvonne Loxton St Peters Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. Riverview Rest Home Board 2015 to current
- 3. Nil
- 4. District Care Attendant

Member

ZEPPEL, Michael Loxton St Peters Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. Riverview Rest Home Board 2012 to current, Riverview Rest Home Chair 2015 to current
- 3. Alawoona 1947-1959, Loxton Concordia 1959-1972, Loxton St Peters Church – 1972 to current
- 4. Retired Self Employed Manufacturing Engineer, Loxton/Waikerie Councillor

Tanunda Lutheran Home Inc.

10 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and up to 9 members

NOMINEES

Pastor

STOLLZNOW, Max

Members

BARTSCH, James DUTSCHKE, Karen GRIEGER, Stephen JOHNSON, Elaine McDONALD, Judy McGREGOR, Elizabeth PFEIFFER, Christopher SCHILLING, Andrew

Pastor

STOLLZNOW, Max Bethlehem Adelaide Retired Pastor

- 1. Board of Archives 2016 to current
- 2. Tanunda Lutheran Home Board 2009 to current
- 3. Finke River Mission for 17 years, Carlsruhe Saddleworth for 10 years, Faith Lutheran College Chaplain for 10 years, Marton NZ for 3 years

BARTSCH, James Tanunda Tabor Builder

- 1. Nil
- 2. Tanunda Lutheran Home Board Member 2010 to current
- 3. Lifetime member Tanunda Tabor
- 4. Building Industry 1971 to current, Managing Director Bartsch Builders 2008 to current

Member

DUTSCHKE, Karen Tanunda St Pauls Enrolled Nurse

- 1. Mission work in PNG at WAY KLS 1981-1982
- Secretary for LYSA 1976-1980, Music Leader at Yalata 1983-1984, Music Leader and Sunday School Teacher at Naracoorte and Tanunda St Pauls, Tanunda Lutheran Home Board member – 2012 to current
- 3. Pastoral Assistant Tanunda St Pauls
- 4. Diploma of Nursing, Enrolled Nurse 1997 to current, Music leader Naracoorte & Tanunda churches, Sunday School and Youth leader

Member

GRIEGER, Stephen Angaston Zion Business Manager

- 1. Nil
- 2. Nil
- 3. Lay Assistant, Pastor Call Committee Chairperson
- 4. Bachelor of Arts in Accountancy, Certified Practicing Accountant, Tip Top Bakeries Adelaide for 26 years including 12 years as the State Financial Controller, Business Manager at Rostrevor College for 3 years, Business Manager at Trinity Lutheran College Mildura for 8 years, Business Manager at Faith Lutheran College for 7 years

Member

JOHNSON, Elaine	Nuriootpa St Petri	Manager Finance and
		Administration Flinders
		University

- 1. Nil
- 2. Nil
- 3. St Petri Nuriootpa, Ministry Board Member, Chairperson of Care for Kids, Projector Coordinator at Schaedel Cottage Bookshop, Finance Officer
- 4. Master of Management, Fellow of Governor's Leadership Foundation, Graduate of Flinders University New Venture Institute Program, Workplace Training and Assessment Certificate, Manager of Finance and Admin at Flinders University Rural Health South Australia, General Manager at Abbeyfield Society Residential Aged Care/Retirement Village, Manager of Volunteer Program at Tanunda Lutheran Home, Volunteer Resource Centre Coordinator at The Barossa Council
- 5. Interest in Aged Care Research, Previously held elected position of the Barossa & Districts Health Advisory Council

McDONALD, Judy Angaston Zion Medical Practitioner

- 1. Nil
- 2. Nil
- 3. Nil
- 4. BS, MBBS, FACRRM, Medical Practitioner

Member

McGREGOR, Elizabeth Tanunda Langmeil Retired Police Officer

- 1. Nil
- 2. Tanunda Lutheran Home Board 2014 to current
- 3. Langmeil
- 4. Police Officer for 35 years, Police Welfare Officer for 2 years, Chair SAPOL Disability Focus Group, Former member of Barossa and Districts Health Advisory Council, Former member of Kidney Health Australia's SA Consumer Committee, Committee of Management of the Police Association of SA for 6 years

Member

PFEIFFER, Christopher Bethany Herberge Christi Retired

- 1. Board for Lay Ministry Chair 2000-2013, Finke River Mission Board Member 2013 to current
- 2. Tanunda Lutheran Home Board Member 2008 to current
- 3. Marananga Church Council Chair 2008-2017, Bethany 2017 to current
- 4. Openbook Publishers 1969-2006, Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors

Member

SCHILLING, Andrew Bethany Herberge Christi Computer Engineer

- 1. Nil
- 2. Tanunda Lutheran Home Board Member 2014 to current
- 3. Nil
- 4. Staff Management, Process Improvement, Engineering

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Council for Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults (CFYYAM)

9 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 6 members

Church Council will appoint 2 members

NOMINEES

Pastor

MINGE, Eugene

Members

BOWDEN, Andrea ECKERT, Timothy JACOBSON, Barbara JOHNSTON, Kelly PIETSCH, Daniel RIDLEY, Adam TRAEGER, Johanna

Pastor

MINGE, Eugene Tea Tree Gully St Johns Pastor

- 1. Board of Support for Pastoral Ministry 2016 to current
- 2. District Church Council 2012-2016, Council for Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults 2016-current
- 3. Morley 1997-1999, Noosa 2000-2004, Concordia College Highgate 2005-2008, Blair Athol 2008-2015, Tea Tree Gully 2015-current

Member

BOWDEN, Andrea Para Vista Good Shepherd Teacher

- 1. Nil
- 2. CFYYAM Council 2000 to current
- 3. Para Vista Worship Team 2013 to current, Lobethal Worship Team 2008-2012
- 4. Bed (Sec), BA (Music), Lutheran ED Vocational Cert, Mawson Lakes Endeavour College Secondary Teacher 2000-2012, TRT 2015, 2017
- 5. Mother to three young children

Member

ECKERT, Timothy Glynde Zion Tour Guide

- 1. Board for Youth and Family Ministry 2010
- 2. CFYYAM Council 2009 to current (Chair 2010-2016)
- 3. Glynde board for ministry 2011 to current

JACOBSON, Barbara

Aberfoyle Park Our Saviour

Child & Youth Coordinator/Teacher

- 1. Nil
- 2. CFYYAM Council 2011 to current
- 3. Aberfoyle Park
- 4. Qualified Primary School Teacher, Accredited Layworker

Member

JOHNSTON, Kelly

Woodside St Johns

Teacher

- 1. Nil
- 2. CYFM Council 2011 to current
- 3. Sunday School Teacher, Children's Ministry Team
- 4. Teacher, Bachelor or Education

Member

PIETSCH, Daniel

Bethany Herberge Christi

ICT Manager

- 1. Nil
- 2. Council for Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults 2015 to current, Blueprint Ministries Fundraising Team 2017 to current
- 3. Nil
- 4. Degree in Information Technology, Advanced diploma in Network Security, Godly Play Core Training, 15 years working in Schools, Director, Chaplain, Cook, Leader and Participant in 25 CLWs, Past President of LYSA

Member

RIDLEY, Adam

Nuriootpa St Petri

PhD Candidate

- 1. Nil
- 2. CFYYAM Council 2015 to current
- 3. Nuriootpa St Petri music ministry team, Barossa Zone Christian Life Week,
- PhD Candidate 2015 to current, Sessional Teacher at Flinders University 2015 to current, Blueprint Ministries Ministry Support – 2012-2015, Accounts Clerk – 2012-2014

Member

TRAEGER, Johanna

Mount Barker St Marks

Pastoral Care Worker

- 1. LCA Synod Delegate for Nuriootpa Parish 2009
- 2. SA-NT District Church Council Member 2012-2015, Council for Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults Secretary 2016 to current
- 3. Mount Barker, Sunday School Teacher 2017, SP3 Coordinator 2018
- 4. Bachelor of Behavioural Science (Psychology), Bachelor of Law and Legal Practice, Graduate Diploma in Theology
- 5. Camping Ministry in CLWs (Hills, Metro, Riverland, Barossa and Light zones), Novo and Spin

DEPARTMENT FOR LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

Lutheran Community Care Council

8 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 3 members

Church council will appoint 4 members.

NOMINEES

Pastor

MANN, Christopher

Members

GOODHART, Julie MCINTOSH, Lisa POWER, Barbara REID, Shona RODGER, Simon SCHMIDTKE, Melanie WALLENT, Kym

Pastor

MANN, Christopher Mawson Lakes Pastor

- 1. Nil
- 2. CFYYAM Council 2001-2011, Blueprint Ministries Camps and Events, Pastor
- 3. Lobethal 2007-2008, Elizabeth 2008-2013, Mawson Lakes 2015 to current
- 4. BTh 2002-2006, BMin 2002-2006, Cert IV TAE 2014, Certification in Professional Coaching, Speaking and Training 2014, Sales Rep 2014-2015

GOODHART, Julie

Director

- 1. Nil
- 2. Nil
- 3. Nil
- 4. Mitcham Preschool Governing Council Secretary 2016-2017, Board member on various boards 2009 to current, Consultant in Health Sector 2017, Director and Start-up Partner 2015-2017, Workshop presenter 2014, Contractor 2014, Manager Development in PNG Sustainable Development program 2008-2011, Research Assistant 2008, Tsunami Relief Officer (Sri Lanka) 2005, Project Manager 2004-2005, Product Manager and Project Analyst 2000-2003, Australian Youth Ambassador for Development 1999-2000, Bachelor of International Business 1997, Masters of International Development (Social Sciences) 2008, Governors Leadership Foundation (GLF) 2012, Certificate in the Foundations of NeuroLeadership 2015, Brain Based Coaching Certificate 2016, Organisational and Leadership Coaching 2017 to current
- 5. Experience in not-for-profit, financial services, university, international development and consulting sectors

Member

MCINTOSH, Lisa

Warradale Faith

Journalist

- 1. Nil
- 2. Lutheran Community Care SA-NT
- 3. Community Meal Committee 2014 to current, Cornerstone Housing Faith and Life Services Secretary 2010-2016, Warradale Ministry Committee 2013-2017
- 4. Editor of *The Lutheran* 2015 to current, Electorate Officer, Speech Writer, Publications Officer for State MPs and Federal Senator 2007-2015, Regional Editor of Messenger Newspapers 2004-2007, Journalist for Sunday Mail 1995-2004, BA (Journalism), Justice of the Peace

Member

POWER, Barbara

Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. Lutheran Community Care SA-NT Board 2014-2018
- 3. Nil
- 4. Masters in Primary Health Care, Retired from Public Service 2014

REID, Shona

Ferryden Park St Pauls

Executive Research
Officer, SA Legislative
Council

- 1. Nil
- 2. AbMinSA Council 2012 to current, Lutheran Community Care Council 2016 to current
- 3. Ferryden Park Treasurer
- 4. Bachelor Behavioural Science, Child Protection and Foster Care, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Parliamentary 2017 to current
- 5. Indigenous woman (Eastern Arrernte)

Member

RODGER, Simon Blackwood St Peters CEO

- 1. Nil
- 2. LCC board member 2012 to current, LCC Chair 2014 to current
- 3. Blackwood St Peters auditor 2010 to current
- 4. Bachelor of Economics, Senior Manager KPMG, Management Team SANTOS, CEO Johnston Grocke
- 5. Former Commissioner SANFL 2014-2016, former member Unley Council Audit Committee

Member

SCHMIDTKE, Melanie Unley St Johns Health Services
Manager

- 1. Nil
- 2. Nil
- 3. Unley, Bordertown, Glynde
- 4. Master of Health Science Health Service Management, Bachelor of Applied Science Speech Pathology, Prince2T Project Management, Community Aged Care 2007 to current

Member

WALLENT, Kym

Adelaide St Stephens

- 1. Chair of Board for Lay Ministry 2013 to 2016
- 2. Immanuel College Council 1999 to current, Lutheran Community Care Board – 2014 to current, Lutheran Disability Services Board – 2017 to current
- 3. Adelaide St Stephens Council 2014 to current
- 4. Bachelor of Engineering (Hons), Master of Infrastructure Management, Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors
- 5. Board Member (and past Chair) of Association of Independent Schools of SA

DEPARTMENT FOR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Immanuel College Council

6-10 members:

Convention needs to elect 1-2 pastor(s), 3 members

Church Council will appoint 2 members

NOMINEES

Pastor

OBST, Dennis

Members

FIELD, David THOMAS, David ZWECK, David

Pastor

OBST, Dennis Adelaide St Stephens Pastor

- 1. Nil
- 2. Immanuel College Council 2016 to current
- 3. Cooma 1964-1969, Hobart 1969-1975, Nunawading 1975-1980, Nuriootpa St Petri – 1980-1990, SA District Mission Director – 1991-2007

Member

FIELD, David Maitland St Pauls Principal

- 1. Executive Member of Lutheran Principals Australia
- 2. Immanuel College Council 2013 to current
- 3. Maitland St Pauls Elder 2000 to current
- 4. Bachelor of Education, Graduate Diploma of Theology, Maitland School Principal 1997 to current

Member

THOMAS, David Albert Park Good News Paediatrician

- 1. Nil
- 2. Immanuel College Council
- 3. Albert Park Elder
- 4. MBBS, FRACP, MC, MEd, General Paediatric Medicine Women's & Children's Hospital, Previous Director of Paediatric Physician Training

ZWECK, David

Adelaide St Stephens

Accountant

- 1. Loans Management Committee 2001-2012, GCC Nominee
- 2. Immanuel College Council 2010 to current
- 3. Nil
- 4. Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Advisor 1991 to current

Concordia College Council

4 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 1 member

Church Council will appoint 2 Members

NOMINEES

Pastor

OTTO, Neville

Members

KAHL, Barry LOMBARD, Sulette OTTENS, Graham

Pastor

OTTO, Neville

Ferryden Park St Paul

Pastor

- LCA Secretary 2015 to current, LCA Mission Director/Secretary 2008-2014,
 LCA Student Fund Committee 2015 to current, LCA General Church Council 2009 to current, LCA College of Bishops 2009 to current
- 2. Concordia College Board 2016 to current
- 3. Alice Springs 1996-1999, Epping 2000-2005, NSW District President 2005-2009
- 4. BTh 2001-2005, GradDipMin 2001-2005, National Australia Bank Manager 1979-1990

Kahl, Barry Blair Athol St Paul Consultant

- Acting Executive Director of Lutheran Education Australia 2010-2011, Consultant for Lutheran Education Australia – 2011
- Director of LESNW 1993-2011, LSA Council 1993-2011, South Australian Leadership Team – 1993-2011, Concordia College Board – 2013-2016, Concordia College Education Committee Chair – 2012 to current
- Carlsruhe 1943-1964, Lyndoch 1964-1968, Hahndorf St Michaels 1969-1976, Toowoomba St Pauls – 1977-1979, Lobethal – 1980-1983, Blair Athol – 1984 to current
- 4. TC, GradDipThEd, GradDipEdAdmin, Med[HRS], FACEL, Principal of 5 Lutheran Schools 1964-1992, Chair of Independent Schools Black Grant Authority, Vice Chair of the Education Standards Board of South Australia
- 5. Overseen the amalgamation of two schools in the Norther Territory as well as Faith Lutheran College and Tanunda Lutheran School as a consultant, Invloved with the St Johns-Concordia merger and have worked with other schools, Guest presenter to LVENT, SA schools and 175th Anniversary of Lutheran Ed in SA

Member

LOMBARD, Sulette Adelaide Bethlehem Lecturer

- 6. Nil
- 7. Concordia College Board 2016 to current
- 8. Adelaide Bethlehem
- 9. BLC, LLB, LLM, LLD (Doctorate in Law, specialising in corporate law), Lecturer in Law (Specifically Corporate Law and Insolvency Law) 1997 to current

Member

OTTENS, Graham Adelaide St Stephens Retired

- 1. Ni
- 2. Concordia College Council 2010 to current, Zinnbauer Mission Fund Committee 2010 to current
- 3. Adelaide St Stephens 2006 to current
- 4. BSc, DipEd, DipT, Secondary Teacher with SA Education Department and in Lutheran Colleges
- 5. Chair of Concordia College Board Spiritual Life Committee, Founding Coordinator OWLS/SA, voluntary seasonal assistance at ALC

DEPARTMENT FOR MISSION

Council for Mission

8 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 3 members

Church Council will appoint 4 members

NOMINEES

Pastor

PRICE, Anthony WOOD, Kevin

Member

CANUTE, Dennis OATEY, Robyn

Pastor

PRICE, Anthony Gawler Pastor

- LCA Representative for Lutheran World Fellowship 2018, LCA Scholarship Studies Master of Arts in Spiritual Direction – 2012
- 2. Council for Mission 2013 to current
- 3. Concordia College Highgate 2004-20015, Tanunda St Pauls Parish 2005-2012, Gawler 2013-2016
- 4. BTh, GradDipMin, MASD

Pastor

WOOD, Kevin Blackwood St Peters Pastor

- 1. LCA Finke River Mission Board 2003-2011
- 2. Council for CYFM 2004-2010, Zone Pastor/Counsellor Fleurieu Zone 2014-, Council for Mission 2010-
- 3. Port Augusta, Golden Grove, Hallett Cove, Blackwood
- 4. BTh, GradDipMin, Prison Chaplain, LWSA Chaplain

Member

CANUTE, Dennis Bethany Tanunda Retired

- 1. Board of Lay Ministry 2009-2013, Board for Local Mission 2013-2016
- 2. Council for Mission 1997 to current
- 3. Bethany Tanunda Chairperson 2001 to current
- 4. DipT (Sec), BED (Theology), Secondary School Teacher, Vigneron

Member

OATEY, Robyn

Para Vista Good Shepherd

Public Servant

- 1. Board for Local Mission 2017 to present
- 2. Council for Mission 2009 to current
- 3. Para Vista, Golden Grove Chairperson
- 4. Bachelor of Applied Science, Experience in Pharmaceuticals, Quality Assurance, Inspecting and Auditing in both public and private sector

Aboriginal Ministry South Australia

10 members:

Convention needs to elect 1 pastor and 5 members

Church Council will appoint up to 4 members

NOMINEES

Pastor

KUSS, David

Members

CHRISTIAN, Ivan NOACK, Everard REID, Shona ROBERTS, Jeff WILLCOCKS, Malcolm

Pastor

KUSS, David

Birdwood Holy Cross

Pastor

- 1. Spiritual Adviser of Lutheran Men of Australia 2011 to current
- 2. Vice President WA District 2004-2007, Spiritual Advisor Lutheran Men of South Australia 2011 to current, ABMinSA Board Member 2015 to current, Public Officer/Chair of Hill View Lutheran Services to the Disabled 2015 to current
- 3. Mid-West Parish WA, Alice Springs/Tenant Creek, Finke River Mission, Birdwood
- 4. BTh, GradDipMin
- 5. Interest in Aboriginal Ministry and Linguistics

Member

CHRISTIAN, Ivan

Adelaide St Stephens

Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. AbMinSA 2012 to current
- 3. Adelaide St Stephens
- BA, DipEd, GradDipTh (Luth Ed), Teacher at Herrmannsburg and Alice Springs Parish Worker – 1980-1993, Teacher at Immanuel College – 1971-76 an 1993-2014
- 5. Worked for Finke River Mission 1977-1993

Member

NOACK, Everard Unley St Johns Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. AbMinSA 2016 to current
- 3. Unley St Johns
- 4. Manual Training, Secondary Teaching at Hermannsburg school

Member

REID, Shona

Ferryden Park St Pauls

Executive Research

Officer, SA Legislative

Council

- 1. Nil
- AbMinSA Council 2012 to current, Lutheran Community Care Council 2016 to current
- 3. Ferryden Park Treasurer
- 4. Bachelor Behavioural Science, Child Protection and Foster Care, Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Parliamentary 2017 to current
- 5. Indigenous woman (Eastern Arrernte)

Member

ROBERTS, Jeff Tea Tree Gully St Johns Retired

- 1. Nil
- 2. AbMinSA 2001 to current, TACL rep

Member

WILLCOCKS, Malcolm Tea Tree Gully St Johns FRM Store Manager

- 1. Acting Manager of Finke River Mission Store, Hermannsburg 2016, 2018
- AbMinSA Layworker Far West Coast 2010-2013, Interim Pastoral Support Worker – Ceduna Parish – 2013, AbMinSA committee – 2014 to current, AbMinSA Chair – 2015-2017, Interim Pastoral Support Worker at Glynde Zion – 2016-2017
- 3. Tea Tree Gully 2003-2011, Ceduna Parish 2011-2013, Tea Tree Gully 2014-2018, Hermannsburg 2018 to current
- 4. Accredited Layworker of the LCA

PASTORS NEW TO CONGREGATIONS/ PARISHES IN THE SA-NT DISTRICT

Luke Spilsbury

Onkaparinga Parish on 19 June 2016

Harry Pickett

Mid Murray Parish on 24 July 2016

Paul Hage

Kadina Congregation on 4 November 2016

Lee Kroehn

Waikerie Parish on 6 November 2016

Detlev Vosgerau

Greenock Parish on 20 November 2016

Michael Dutschke

Bridgewater Congregation on

23 October 2016

Hahndorf St Michaels on 11 December 2016

Peter Traeger

Swan Reach Parish on 8 January 2017

Tim Ebbs

Glenelg Congregation on 22 January 2017

Reid Matthias

Para Vista Congregation on 22 January 2017

Andrew Brook

Unley Congregation on 29 January 2017

Tom Pietsch Ferryden Park Congregation on 5 February 2017

Michael Prenzler

Magill and Adelaide Deaf Community Congregations on

5 February 2017

Peter Klemm

Cummins Parish on 19 February 2017

Ian Lutze

Tanunda Lutheran Home Chapel Congregation on 26 March 2017

Keith McNicol

Cleve Parish on 4 June 2017

Greg Bensted

Elizabeth Congregation on 2 July 2017

Ben Pfeiffer

Mount Barker Congregation on 30 July 2017

Neville Doecke

Specific Ministry Pastor at Hermannsburg on

27 August 2017
Valdis Andersons

Lyndoch Parish on 10 December 2017

Andrew Bettison

Hope Valley Congregation on

17 December 2017

Kevin Wood

Blackwood Congregation on

21 January 2018

Joe Kummerow

Lobethal Congregation 21 January 2018

Nigel Rosenzweig

Unley Congregation and Grow Ministries on

28 January 2018

Dale Gosden

Concordia College on 30 January 2018

Stephen Schultz

SA-NT District on 4 February 2018

Matthew Huckel

Pasadena Congregation on

11 February 2018

Peter Heintze

Coonalpyn Parish on 18 February 2018

Rodney Witmitz

Hallett Cove Congregation on

18 March 2018

Noel Due

LCA Pastor for New and Renewing

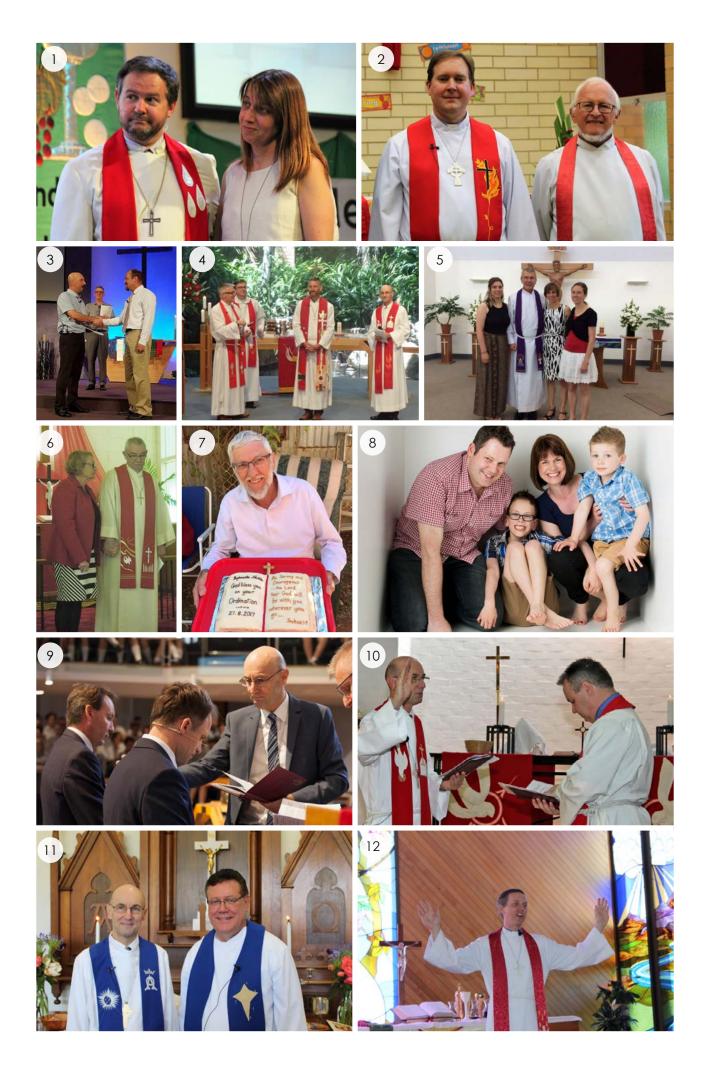
Churches on 15 April 2018

Tim Castle-Schmidt

McLaren Vale Congregation May 2018

- 1. Pastor Stephen Schultz with his wife Jenny
- Pastor Michael Prenzler (left)
 with his predecessor Pastor John
 Hoopmann
- 3. Pastor Reid Matthias (right)
- 4. Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig (centre)
- 5. Pastor Ian Lutze with his family
- 6. Pastor Keith McNicol with his wife Trudy
- 7. Pastor Neville Doecke
- 8. Pastor Tim Ebbs with his family
- 9. Pastor Dale Gosden (centre)
- 10. Pastor Joe Kummerow (right)
- 11. Pastor Valdis Andersons (right)
- 12. Pastor Matthew Hucke





Reports

SA-NT BISHOP REPORT





'HEARTS BURNING...'

We walk together with Jesus on the road, as our Synod text reminds us.

My prayer as Bishop or overseer is that your hearts will always burn with faith, hope and love, inspired by the Holy Spirit through the means that God comes to us with his grace in Jesus Christ. I also pray that through the ministry that you are a part of, God will warm the hearts of people around you to the gospel and draw them into his church.

PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS

My observation is that it isn't getting any easier out there in congregations for all sorts of reasons. It is imperative that we stay 'on task' and 'on message'. Life in the church dare not become about our survival as congregations, but the eternal life of people who need Jesus Christ, whether they know or admit it or not. In this vulnerable time for the church, our strength lies in the message of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. Everything else is secondary. If we are to 'hang on' to anything, it is Christ himself. Thinking creatively and with flexibility is encouraged, while being responsible as parts of the whole body and the Synod.

Many thanks to those who have helped shape new futures in the Barossa and Mallee in recent years. No easy path, but the best work is done and outcomes have been arrived at with strong, collaborative local leadership. This year, we will be looking at the western side of Adelaide, among many other areas that need re-imagining and re-shaping, to sustain the ministry of the gospel in parts of our District.

This being a General Synod year is once again going to test us all. Whatever your biblical conviction is on the ordination of both men and women, I pray that we might conduct ourselves and relate to each other in ways that honour God and give witness to the world about how Christians love each other, despite deeply held but differing convictions. Please pray for the College of Bishops in our care for the Church and for the pastorate as they meet in Hahndorf in July.

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THE TERRITORY

Late last year, Bishop John Henderson and I agreed the time was right to examine how we might better coordinate, support and sustain God's work and mission in Central Australia. The Secretary of the Church, Neville Otto, was sent to work from there for eight weeks early this year and emeritus pastor Brian Schwarz was sent for three one-month visits. This was to specifically discern the best form of pastoral oversight, to build teamwork among Finke River Mission and congregational pastors, and to assist the Alice Springs congregation's planning for the future. Their reports will be in hand about the time of this Synod and we anticipate some helpful changes ahead, in collaboration with local people. The needs are great but so are the opportunities.

THE PASTORATE

A popular version of the ALITE report commissioned by the College of Bishops into the Pastoral Ministry in the LCA has been available for some time now. The Bishops are working through its many recommendations, which are challenging. Pastors have opportunity to explore the report at the pre-synod conference. Our Assistant Bishop for Mission is focussing on the pastor school principal mission relationship as an early response in our District.

You should also be made aware that 33 pastors currently serving in our District alone will be 66 years of age or over within five years. Six are due to retire before the end of this year and that will be the average in the years to come. Inevitably, this will put pressure on parishes (and Bishops!). While this issue is a LCA-wide matter, we as a District of the LCA need to prepare for what is coming our way, and soon. While I urge you to encourage suitable candidates for the pastoral ministry to consider whether God might be calling them, I also encourage you to think about and discuss how the wider church can resource and train lay people in ways that enable congregations to not only survive, but thrive. Even in long-term vacancies, or if the day comes when no resident fully trained pastor can be provided. I also encourage you and your pastors to think creatively about how your wider region can be ministered to. Can we be more flexible in how pastors serve in a region and less 'possessive' of our trained pastor? Could pastors be working more collaboratively in your region, using their gifts and time more effectively? I would appreciate hearing your reflections.

Pastor Noel Due has been serving the District ministering to a small group of second and third year parish pastors and also trialling intentional supervision of another group individually. The need for pastoral supervision was a recommendation of the Royal Commission and it is likely we will need to find ways of providing it in the future, which is a challenge to all denominations.

ASSISTANT BISHOP FOR MISSION

Late last year, we farewelled Mission Director Steen Olsen, who entered well-earned retirement. We welcomed and installed Stephen Schulz into the re-worked role that Synod approved last May. Stephen has hit the ground running, covering lots of territory, is entering some new spaces and bringing insights fresh from the coal-face of parish ministry. My view, even at this early stage, is that designating the role an Assistant Bishop for Mission was a good move by Synod for various reasons.

Bishop Report

GOVERNANCE REVIEWS

Lutheran schools, aged care, Lutheran Community Care and Lutheran Disability Services boards have all been willing participants of LCA-wide governance reviews. The aged care and community service reviews are further advanced and the final recommendations pose challenges and opportunities to us as a District if we are to be responsible and accountable for the vulnerable people entrusted to our care. These arms of the church all have different histories that have shaped their various legal and governance structures. We as a District need to 'own' the fact that they all function in the name of the church and its witness, and hence we need to ensure the best possible governance. Governance means more than accountability, but opportunity to shape, direct and flavour our facilities so that they are truly mission arms of the church in every respect. Many good things have come from these well-facilitated conversations so far, but there is much work to be done. District Church Council has provided some funding to explore potential joint governance of LCC and LDS.

RESTRUCTURE

Since the 2017 one-day Synod meeting, considerable time has been spent on how we might best oversee, manage and carry out the various ministries of the District, especially those that are 'on-budget'. The fruit of our collective thinking over the past 12 months is before you at this Synod.

A SAFE CHURCH

An encouragement to work with us in making the church a safe place for everyone. Meeting with leaders across denominations in the wake of the Royal Commission has been a sobering reminder that we dare not take our responsibilities lightly, but carry them out willingly for the sake of Christian love and witness.

PEOPLE AND THANKS

I want to acknowledge the service that Mel Zerner has given the District for over 20 years and Mark Schwarz for the past 10 years, both of them on DCC and as Finance Consultants in their time. The have made huge sacrifices of time and income to offer us the gift they have which we greatly appreciate.

Helen Lockwood has decided to stand down as Director of LCC in August. Synod will acknowledge her appropriately and say thank you on a job well done with a compassionate, servant heart for vulnerable people in the name of Christ. In the office we farewelled Chelsea just prior to Synod and thank her for her enthusiastic commitment to ministry among young people. I am grateful for the support of our small, but pro-active office team, also for Tim Klein, Andrew Ruddell and Stephen Schultz as Assistant Bishops. I also thank the District for allowing me to serve in my role once again in the past term. It is a privilege. And yes, some R&R last year was rejuvenating.

SA-NT Bishop David Altus



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DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT







The District Church Council is composed of a diverse group of multi-talented, passionate and caring people. They meet monthly for a full afternoon. It's a concentrated afternoon of significant conversation and decisions on behalf of the LCA South Australia-Northern Territory District. Our chief function is governance - to develop and promote an ongoing vision for our District, to plan the pathways for the vision to unfold and to ensure that our finances, safety and other structures that enable us to function are resourced and robust.

Serving Members of DCC are Judy Jaensch, Helen Martul, Marie Fitzgerald, Mel Zerner, Craig Hall and Mark Schwarz (Finance Consultant). Pastor members are Geoff Havelberg, Joshua Muller and Andrew Vanderwal. Angela Rogers acts as Minute Secretary. Bishop David Altus and first and second Assistant Bishops Tim Klein and Andrew Ruddell also attend. Assistant Bishop for Mission Pastor Stephen Schultz consults as required.

Together they bring a diversity of gifting, interest, experience and active church participation to our council. I am very thankful to the Lord for each one and invite us all to acknowledge with thanks the work of all District councillors and minute secretaries who have served during this term.

RETIRING DCC MEMBERS

We acknowledge Mel Zerner and Mark Schwarz, who have both served on DCC over many years with great wisdom and expertise. Both Mel and Mark are practising accountants who love the Lord. Their service has been both gracious and generous. Thank you Mel and Mark.

DISTRICT PERSONNEL

Angela Rogers, our District Administrator, blesses us all with her interest, support and oversight of the administrative structure of our District. In this last synodical term we have reviewed, recommended and renewed Angela's contract for a further three years.

Fiona Weckert continues to oversee Blueprint Ministries (CFYYAM), leading an active team involved in camping ministry and other initiatives that support our ministry with families, children, youth and young adults. Her office tells the story of a very diverse and engaged ministry.

Peter Miller oversees Chaplaincy. He regularly visits hospital patients – especially country people in city hospitals. He is working with CFYYAM, city pastors and congregations to care for young adults and university students. A regular Bible study is now provided on city university campuses.

Michelle Storie, our Bishop's Executive Assistant and 'front desk guru' continues to provide all sorts of excellent planning and administrative support.

Dave Biar, our District Professional Standard Officer, has transferred to LCA staff, in line with the roles of other Professional Standard Officers in the other districts. They are all national office employees, but based in their own districts.

Amelia Dawkins, our Communications Coordinator, continues to provide our District with excellent communication channels through our Facebook page, Together magazine and Online Together e-News.

Holly Koning is new in the front office, sitting alongside Michelle. Holly began in mid-2016 and has become the national expert on SP3 and SMO (this is the new name for ChildSafe).

Chelsea Schiller (formerly Arnold) changed roles in 2016 and moved from full-time administration, with an additional part-time role with CYFM, to a part-time role only with CFYYAM. In 2017, Chelsea increased her part-time role within CFYYAM.

A new face in the office is David Bryant. David has begun in 2018 as book keeper in a part-time capacity.

We also acknowledge the years of mission leadership provided by Steen. He has certainly blessed us. Steen has also been actively involved in LCA Mission initiatives. We pray his life in retirement is blessed. You may well ask, "where's Steen now?" The picture over the page tells the story. Steen is missed.

I have intentionally listed these people because, without them, the work of DCC is toothless. These are people who put bite into the vision and life of the church. They are on the ground and serving us all.

Please acknowledge them with me and give thanks to the Lord for them.

SYNOD 2016 RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions of 2016 Synod and the 2017 Synodical event have been taken up by DCC. Other relevant outcomes will be reported during this Synod.

ASSISTANT BISHOP FOR MISSION

Pastor Stephen Schultz took up the office early this year. This has enabled a smooth transition from the former role of Mission Director. We are particularly blessed with the establishment of this office.

TERTIARY MINISTRY

Tertiary Ministry has remained on our agenda. We have been collaborating with three Adelaide congregations (Unley, Adelaide Bethlehem & Adelaide St Stephens), inviting a supportive presence on campus. We are pleased to acknowledge that weekly city university Bible studies have begun.

EXECUTIVE

The DCC executive is formed by Bishop David Atlus and Assistant Bishops Tim, Andrew and Stephen. The executive meet between meetings as needed and provide support for our Bishop.

KEY CHALLENGE

Perhaps the single issue that has been regularly discussed and reviewed has been that of restructuring. This is not happening simply for the sake of change, but to adapt to the changing circumstances of our church and culture. It is still ongoing. All changes remain subject to review. We thank you, the members of LCA SA-NT for your patience and support as we travel this road together.

Please continue to remember DCC in your prayers, as together we seek to discern the Lord's purposes in our service to the SA-NT District of the Lord's church; all for the sake of the Kingdom of God!

Tim Klein

Pastor and DCC Chairperson

DEPARTMENT FOR MISSION















At the time of writing this report, I had been in this new role for two months. In that time, I have endeavoured to get around the SA-NT District as much as I can. The montage of photos accompanying this article presents a picture of some of the places I have visited in these first two months.

The breadth and diversity in our District is amazing – not just in terms of infrastructure, but more so in terms of our best resource – the people.

The people of the District are God's living stones and we are a truly gifted people. I am greatly encouraged by the grace I have seen evident in you all as I have moved from place to place – that is, God's grace at work in you.

MY ROLE

In order to clarify in my own mind what my role entails, I turned to the mission statement of the District, in particular the part that reads 'the Lutheran Church of Australia, South Australia - Northern Territory District, exists to **resource**, **encourage** and **focus** its communities to grow in Christ and make him known to all people'.

The words in bold are my emphasis and that summarises why my position exists. I am here to help resource, encourage and focus you, as you engage in God's mission in your part of the world. As a parish pastor for 21 years, I am well aware of the challenges of ministry and of the need for being resourced, encouraged and focused. As I listen to what is happening around the District I am learning how best to do that for those that I am called to serve.

RE-ALIGNMENT

The question of re-alignment is one facing an increasing number of congregations, mainly as a result of diminishing numbers and/or income. This can be a discouraging time for many as they recall the way things used to be and as they harbour fears about the future.

The word 're-alignment' has negative connotations – as though we are just keeping the wolves at bay for a little longer by shuffling the pieces around. I don't believe that is what I am called to do in my role, nor how we are called to live as church.

Yes we need to be realistic and pragmatic. But, surely, as a people who follow the risen Lord Jesus, we also need to be optimistic and hopeful.

So the starting point is to consider whether you believe God still has a calling for you to serve as his church in your area. If the answer is 'yes' (and so far that is what I am hearing) then the next step is to prayerfully consider the nature of that calling and how you are going to resource it.

You won't find me trying to shut any of you down, because I believe in a God who consistently opens up opportunities for us to engage in his ministry and mission. If you need any help with that, then I am one resource you can utilise.

CONGREGATION-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

Stuart Traeger from Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA (LESNW) and I have visited a number of school communities at the start of the year to have a conversation with the many new principal/pastor relationships. I have been impressed with the desire of these leaders to work together for the furthering of God's kingdom.

One stumbling block in a number of places is where the congregations have disengaged from their partnership with the school. There are many reasons why this has happened and we are in the process of exploring what they are so we can address them. This is not an easy conversation to have, but it is a necessary one. There are many opportunities that are going begging and you can expect some more robust discussion around this issue in the days ahead.

The same can be said of our congregation partnerships with aged care, community care and other ministries in our church. Some wonderful things are happening, but we need to be more intentional about capitalising on the opportunities we have right on our doorstep. My role is to help facilitate these conversations.

CORE BUSINESS

The church is not a business, but if it was, its core business would be to proclaim the Gospel – the good news of Jesus. Imagine a business where only 14 per cent of its employees were committed to the mission of that business. I don't imagine it would be flourishing.

According to recent statistics, only 14 per cent of our members feel comfortable talking about their faith and look for opportunities to do so (and that data comes from those most regular in worship attendance). People come to faith because they hear the good news about Jesus and the Holy Spirit convicts them of the truth.

If we aren't sharing our faith, then it is no surprise that we aren't seeing too many people coming to faith. It's not rocket science!

The 'new and renewing churches' initiative is not just about planting new churches and faith communities. It is about recapturing our calling as the people of God in mission – sharing the love and good news of Jesus in all the communities we find ourselves in. You can also expect some robust discussion around this issue too.

CONCLUSION

Thank you for issuing me with the call to serve as Assistant Bishop for Mission. I will endeavour to serve you to the best of my abilities and, more importantly, by the grace of God. His grace is sufficient for us and his power is made perfect even in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9).

We don't lack anything as a church at this point in time to engage in God's mission (1 Corinthians 1:7). Historically with God all things have been possible (even a resurrection), so we have every reason to be confident in the days ahead!

Yours in Jesus Christ

Stephen Schultz

Assistant Bishop for Mission



The 2016 Synodical Convention adopted two resolutions directly related to the role of Chaplaincy Ministries.

REPORT OF PROGRESS ON THE FIRST RESOLUTION

This resolution encouraged congregations to commit to additional ministry and mission within their local communities and regions through:

- Supporting the mission of chaplains and pastoral visitors in hospitals, prisons, tertiary institutions and within the wider church ministry with post-secondary young adults.
- Encouraging and supporting pastors and congregations in building relationships and connections in their local communities, including the development of local community chaplaincy as a means of connecting into faith communities, those who would not normally experience Christian community and care.
- Utilising the skills, resources and experience of the Department for Chaplaincy Ministries by contacting the Director for Chaplaincy Ministries to initiate local community pastoral care.

HOSPITAL AND SPECIAL MINISTRY CHAPLAINCY

This area of ministry continues to present numerous opportunities for support of members of our church and of other denominations, as well as people with no affiliation with any faith community. All our chaplains are well received in their respective hospital settings, independent nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities. All of us feel truly blessed to have the privilege of 'being with' people and their families in such times. We all have some wonderful stories to tell as a result of our privileged role in journeying with people and their families in times of hospitalisation.

In this past year, we have unfortunately had to say farewell to a number of our chaplains, all of whom have served faithfully and generously over many years. We thank Christiaan Hersevoort (Lyell McEwen), Paulene Dayman (Modbury) and Marlene Plueckhahn (Women's and Children's). To a person, they would whole-heartedly agree that through such ministry, they have been richly blessed.

It is with sadness that we especially acknowledge the many years of faithful and caring chaplaincy of Colin Zschech, ably supported by his wife Yvonne. Colin served at the Strathmont Centre and coordinated and led multi denominational 'Shout for Joy' worship services at Brooklyn Park and Ingle Farm for people with disabilities. Colin carried out this ministry for many decades. At the end of 2017, Colin was diagnosed with a serious illness and was called home by our Lord early this year.

Our current chaplains in the public hospitals are pastors Howard Schilling, Jack Shepherd, Robert Thiele and myself. Our pastoral visitors are Jacqui Nicholls (Queen Elizabeth Hospital) and Rosalie Polkinghorne (Royal Adelaide Hospital). Jack and Robert are in their eighties and Howard is in his seventies.

In light of the above, it is evident that we urgently need more people to volunteer as chaplains or pastoral visitors in our public hospitals and other facilities. Please let me know if you are interested in considering this very rewarding ministry. Training and ongoing support is cheerfully provided. I continue to be a member of the Chaplaincy Services SA Board.

PRISON MINISTRY

Several of us are actively engaged in prison ministry. Clive Wundersitz has been faithfully taking weekly Bible study at Mobilong for many years and is highly regarded by inmates for his genuine care and faithful sharing of the gospel through the word of God. Moira Ganner, after many years of service at Cadell, particularly with respect to participating in organising regular worship, retired from her role at the end of 2017. Thank-you Moira for your faithful service. Pastor Rob Schubert conducts a valuable and well-received ministry as a chaplain at the Port Lincoln prison, for which our District can be very grateful.

Under the umbrella of the Christian organisation Second Chances SA, I spend at least one day per week in the Adelaide Remand Centre. The opportunity, as a 'normal bloke', to personally relate to these men in such a way as to assure them that they are 'valued', no matter what their circumstance, is a gospel privilege. People would be surprised at how grateful they are for being reassured of their worth. As with hospital chaplaincy, there is always a need for volunteers in this ministry. Please speak to me if you are interested in knowing more about this fulfilling and rewarding ministry.

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS IN BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

I have had the privilege of numerous preaching engagements, with opportunities to promote and run congregational workshops on 'How to engage with people on an everyday basis with the long term aim of inviting them into a community of faith'. Currently workshops are being negotiated with two congregations. Further to this, I have had opportunities to speak about chaplaincy ministry at various congregational and District fellowship groups.

DISASTER RECOVERY MINISTRY

Several pastors, including myself, along with a number of our lay people, are trained as disaster recovery chaplains. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact and be of service to people in times of disaster. May I encourage our people to volunteer for this community building opportunity. The two-day training workshop is excellent. Fortunately, over summer, there has been little call for such ministry. I spent one day in Murray Bridge being available to talk to employees affected by the abattoir fire. I am also a member of the State Executive of Disaster Recovery Ministries.

REPORT OF PROGRESS ON THE SECOND RESOLUTION

The 2016 Convention resolved that the Department for Chaplaincy Ministries and the Department for Children, Youth and Family Ministry collaborate for the sake of effective tertiary and young adult ministry.

TERTIARY CAMPUS MINISTRY

As a District, our tertiary and young adult ministry needs much work. Young adults do not congregate at universities in the way they used to in past years, with the result that we have to find new opportunities for ministry with them. Lutheran Student Fellowship has struggled to attract more than a handful of students for a number of years, and as a result, has ceased to exist since early 2017. Pastors from Bethlehem Adelaide, St Stephen's Adelaide and St John's Unley are seeking to undertake new initiatives and are currently offering a Bible study opportunity at Adelaide University.

POSITIVE YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY IN CONGREGATIONS

It is most heartening to see some very positive developments in a number of congregations. In the metropolitan area, there is good progress being made by a number of pastors and congregations collaborating in providing worship, fellowship, education and service opportunities across their congregations. Young adults ministry requires a critical mass of participants in order for meaningful ministry to be sustainable.

A question that needs to be addressed is: 'how well are we looking after the needs of young adults in our regional and rural congregations?'

COMMUNICATION WITH PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS

Over the past four years, I have made numerous attempts to connect with young adults through congregations and Lutheran secondary colleges, but with little success. As a District, we need to encourage our Lutheran young adults in our congregations and colleges, as well as those who have no particular faith community, to continue their faith journeys after secondary school. As churches and schools, we need to develop more collaborative relationships with each other, in order that our congregations may build on our schools' excellent work of Christian education and practice. This must be done in such a way that post-school young adults feel welcome and become engaged in a Christian community, which is relevant to their culture and speaks to their spiritual and personal situations. As congregations, we have much wisdom and knowledge on which to draw from our schools in such matters.

CHAPLAINCY AT AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE

I continue to have the privilege of being the chaplain to the tertiary student residents, have meals with them on a regular basis and make myself available to provide pastoral care and counsel when requested.

COLLABORATION WITH CHILD, FAMILY, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

In practice, the intention of the Synod's resolution that there be closer collaboration between Chaplaincy Ministries and CFYYAM has seen little advancement. Whilst it was hoped that I would be engaged in intentional regular theological education opportunities for leaders of Christian Life Week camps and other young adults associated with Blueprint Ministries, this has not eventuated. Similarly with respect to training young adult leaders in aspects of pastoral care and counselling. As in previous years, I continue to appreciate having opportunities to run electives at RENEW and EMERGE gatherings. As a District, there is an urgent need for us to seriously address the shortcomings in our ministry with youth and young adults. While some congregations do it well, and while the CFYYAM camping ministry is well supported, there are many young people in our District for whom we do not have in place the practices and resources for effective and sustainable ministry of the Gospel in their context.

CESSATION OF COUNCIL FOR CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

In August 2017, the Council for Chaplaincy Ministries came to a decision to cease its role. The council was of the view that there was no need for a governance structure to oversee a fully operational 'hands on' director. The chair, the committee and the director are of one accord with respect to the proposed District re-structure; wherein more effective ministry would be achieved if the director was accountable to and supported by the Assistant Bishop for Mission, and possibly some specific short-term consultancy groups or task forces as the need arises. In other words, less writing of reports and convening meetings for the purpose of 'keeping minutes and wasting hours'. My thanks to Paul Ridley (Chair), Daryl Behn (Secretary), Danny Perkins, Cathy Bensted and Tanya Newhouse for their support and service.

Peter Miller
Director

CHILD, FAMILY, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY









REPORT FROM COUNCIL CHAIR

The council praises God for the commitment, passion and dedication of our Director Fiona Weckert. Her strong desire to see the first third supported and nurtured in their faith is a true blessing in our District. Fiona collaborates and works alongside Chelsea Schiller (nee Arnold), who is our Resource, Support and Event Coordinator. The council is so thankful for the work that Chelsea provides to Blueprint Ministries. Her skills and talents have meant that our volunteers are highly supported and our events are professional and well managed. After six years, we farewell Chelsea as she takes on a new role at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and School, Para Vista.

The council continues to provide financial assistance through the Tatachilla Fund. These funds support a range of areas, including training young leaders, resourcing camps, providing subsidies for attendance on camps and providing funds for new initiatives.

To the Council - I thank God for your dedication, focus, drive and passion for ministry to the first third and the wider church. As we begin, reflecting on what Blueprint has been doing and then look to the future as we rethink our vision, I praise God for the group of people entrusted by this department. Your love and passion for the first third and the need to bring the gospel message to this group is at the heart of our conversations, meetings, vision and planning.

In conclusion, we ask you all to continue to support, nurture and value children, families, youth and young adults. Please pray for our staff, council, lay workers and volunteers as we minister to the first third in the District.

Kelly Johnson

Chairperson, Council for Child, Family, Youth & Young Adult Ministry

REPORT FROM DIRECTOR

It is a privilege to serve the people of the LCA SA-NT District through my role as Director of Child, Family, Youth & Young Adult Ministry. I'm fortunate to have been an intern for LYSA under the 'directorship' of Peter Eckermann and thankful for the guidance he and other leaders provided to me. It seriously makes my heart sing to now be a part of that bigger picture, as Blueprint Ministries, which enables me to see young adults embark on their own journey of faith and service to the Lord.

I'm very thankful to the amazing talented and faithful people who have served on the Blueprint Ministries Council over the years. There aren't enough words to convey how much I have valued their support. We often refer to the area of ministry in our charge as the 'first third'. The first third are those that fall into the first third of life – approximately 0 to 30. In reality, our work encompasses parents, grandparents, leaders, cooks, directors, pastors and mentors, all older than 30, and they are all part of the 'village that raises the child'. But 30 seems to be about the end point of young adulthood.

So what are we doing in this District to serve the 'first third'? If the primary objective of the Christian parent is to nurture the faith of the child, what are we doing to enable that to happen? We often get asked what the difference is between what we do and what Grow Ministries (LCA CFYM) does. Perhaps Grow Ministries are the hands and we are the feet. They curate the resources available, create their own and put them into our hands through regular publications, and more recently, through their coaching program.

We run a state-wide ecumenical conference for parents and child and family workers and volunteers every year called Invigor8, where we bring some of the best child and family speakers from around the state (often also from interstate and sometimes from overseas). In the last two years, we've focused on the balance of the workshops being for both parents and ministry workers. This year we introduced a half day option to make the material more accessible to as many people as possible in a way that suits them. When people get together to talk about their journey as a parent, or a better way to minister to single parent families in their congregation (as an example), that is where the learning and growth happens. This year, we are introducing facilitated Invigor8 network gatherings in several areas across the state, so that these conversations can keep happening throughout the year.

Another activity in the child and family portion of our calendar is the Spin camp. This camp is for young people in upper primary school and is modelled on a Christian Life Week camp. Filled with catchy songs, memory verses and Bible-based activities, this is camp that keeps on giving! Campers return home singing the songs and teaching the actions to their families. It's also a camp that provides us with the opportunity to mentor some very special young people, who have identified a desire to serve God through youth ministry in the junior leader aspect of our program. We've loved seeing these young people continue to serve in other ministries in subsequent years.

A big area of service for young adults in the Lutheran Church is in camping ministry. It is here that they learn about working with different personality types, running a small group, leading an activity, planning and managing events and sharing their faith. Camps remain a large focus of our work. In the office we manage budgets, approve risk assessments, ensure training is up to date, provide registration assistance, store and source items, and oversee, coach and encourage. I might be underselling it a bit, but the point is there are hundreds of young adults in your congregations who are capable and passionate and are able to lead in ministry. Are you utilising them? Are you encouraging them? Are you walking with them? We continue to provide training for these young adults through Emerge Conference and opportunities for them to connect through Renew Camp. They continue to serve as small group leaders, cooks, directors, pastoral assistants, musicians, worship leaders, first aiders, activity coordinators and administrators.

We have been working with the Chaplaincy Department to provide teaching opportunities for young adults in this district and promoting the events of congregations with young adult ministries. We really enjoy attending congregational events and are happy to be a speaker or have an information table (please invite us!).

Our passion is to invest in the lives of our young people and camping ministry is a significant event where this occurs in a concentrated period of time. What we would love to see is the congregation investing time through mentoring and discipling young people over a longer period of time and investing time in a relationship that helps them belong to the church. We welcome conversations about this with you.

Finally, we give thanks to God for the service of Chelsea Schiller over the past six years! We are so fortunate to have had a number of talented young adults in the District Office over the past seven and a half years that I have been a Department Director. At the end of her service with us, Chelsea was the third longest serving staff person in the office after Bishop Altus and myself, which speaks to her dedication and faithfulness to her calling. She is following that calling into congregational ministry and we will miss her very much.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry to the first third through donations of time or money, by attending our appeal dinner, or holding a cake stall for us, but especially through your ongoing prayer. We appreciate your commitment, and your congregation's commitment, to faithfully supporting what we are doing in the District Office to resource you.

Fiona Weckert

Director of Child, Family, Youth and Young Adult Ministry

'It's in Christ that we find out who we are and what we are living for. Long before we first heard of Christ and got our hopes up, he had his eye on us, had designs on us for glorious living, part of the overall purpose he is working out in everything and everyone.' Ephesians 1:11-12

DEPARTMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION



The Administration Team has had and made a number of significant changes during the past synodical term. We have welcomed Holly Koning as Professional Standards/ Administration Assistant and David Bryant as Book Keeper. At the end of 2017, we celebrated with Pastor Steen Olsen as he began his retirement. Steen has been a blessing to our District and the District Office. We pray for Steen and Ruth as they begin their adventures in retirement.

All District Office staff have attended training courses, conferences or retreats, which have provided them with new skills in their area of expertise. It has been exciting to see them come back and share their knowledge with other staff and their increased personal confidence.

The District Office continues to serve as a point of contact for all congregations and parishes and other agencies of the District. It is a joy to assist members with a wide range of enquiries, including payroll, youth camp registrations, chaplaincy requests, requests for mission assistance, arranging a visit from the Bishop, assistance with constitutions, property enquiries, arranging a PSD workshop and where to find a church. We feel blessed to speak with all our members and to serve them in a professional and efficient manner. Holly has now become the national expert on SP3, which many of you will know as ChildSafe.

During 2017, all payroll services were transferred to HRS through the national office. This is a service that has also been extended to congregations and parishes. One of the main

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reasons for this was to ensure compliance with all employment and taxation regulations relating to payroll and primarily to reduce the load on our congregational treasurers.

The past synodical term has been a financially challenging time for the District Office, as we aim to do more to assist all the departments of the District on fewer funds. Administratively we have reduced our costs through reviewing suppliers and making conscious decisions about how we do things. A major purchase has been a new photocopier which has over halved our printing expenses. Another has been the transfer from LCC to LCA for our IT requirements, which has reduced our costs and increased our reliability and security.

We have streamlined many processes over the past year and introduced a new chart of accounts, which has resulted in better financial tracking for all departments. At the beginning of 2018, the District transferred all its financial reporting to MYOB. We thank the LLL for providing many years of dedicated service to the District. MYOB will allow us to streamline our processes further and develop comprehensive reporting for District Church Council and other departments of the District Office.

We sincerely thank all congregations and parishes for their continued financial support of the District. Over the past two years, the District has been blessed by some members of the wider church, who have contributed to the District through REG and direct giving. We thank God for your generous heart and we also thank you for your confidence in us and the work we are doing in the District. We also acknowledge and praise God for the generous benefactors who have made bequests to the District and to those people who make donations to the work of the District – thank you.

The Together magazine has had a change of format and is now produced in full colour and on better quality paper. This is at a reduced design and printing cost. It is a blessing to be able to share stories about the events that are occurring throughout the District. This is your magazine about the happenings within our church and District, so please send in your contributions and ideas.

The SA-NT District Facebook page continues to attract a great number of followers. It is just amazing to read some of the comments that people make on our various posts, whether it be recognising a friend or family member in a photo, or telling us of their memories of a church. We also have lots of people and congregations sharing our posts and so they are reaching more people than we will ever know about. We are also utilising Facebook to advertise your special events to the general public and this is especially so at Christmas and Easter. Lots of people will go to Facebook to find out information and this is our way of sharing and connecting with them.

Another exciting development in the past two years has been the introduction of our free monthly e-news called 'Online Together', which features up to date information about what is happening in the District. We encourage you to subscribe to this, even if you read the Together magazine, as the stories may not always be the same. Please subscribe to our e-news at www.sant.lca.org.au/news/enews.

The District Office has assisted many congregations through the process of calling a new pastor and contributed to the review of this process. Unfortunately there are congregations and parishes that have amalgamated, closed or are looking at closing. The District Office is assisting in this process as they begin to refocus on the direction that God is taking them. The office will assist with all facets of the process. Please contact us for assistance as soon as it is discussed, even before the final decision is made. Many

Administration

country congregations have a cemetery attached to their church and work is being done on assisting congregations with ongoing management of them, particularly if their church is facing possible closure.

A review of the Professional Standards Model has been undertaken. This has changed the way workshops and webinars are coordinated and organised. We have introduced a more 'zonal' approach to workshops and are encouraging members of various congregations to all join together for one workshop. This develops the community feel and provides a greater opportunity to share resources. Our District is now working very closely with the national Professional Standards Department to streamline all processes to provide better customer service for our members.

Personally, I have contributed to policy development at a national level and am working with the other District Administrators and National Managers through many issues which the church is currently facing, including property issues associated with manses, governance of all departments, branding and identity, and growth of the church. I have also been heavily involved in the Aged Care and Community Services Governance Review, and it has been a blessing to see our services cooperate and begin to share resources and knowledge, especially between our chair people and CEOs.

Last year, the District Office invited all congregational and parish leaders to attend our Church Chat Day, where we provided lots of administrative information that they need to know to make their jobs as easy as possible. It was also an opportunity for them to speak with and ask questions of the District Office staff. This program has been shared with the other Districts of the Church. We also hosted a day for graduate pastors and those pastors who are new to the District, where we let them know about all the services that the District Office can provide them. We will host another of these events in the near future. The District Office also provided support to the National Pastors Conference held in Hahndorf and is assisting with this again in 2018.

As I get out of the office to visit our aged care facilities and congregations, it is wonderful to meet some of God's people who he has called to serve him, to be able to support and encourage them in their work and to learn more about our church. I have had many lovely cups of coffee sharing with people about the journey that God is taking their congregation on and it is a blessing to be able to share with you, to encourage people as they share the gospel and to be able to provide resources to our congregations.

I have been well supported by Bishop David and the District Church Council. And to the team of people at the District Office, thank you! We are a cohesive, inclusive, encouraging and fun filled team, who are all working to support God's people and his work. Your dedication and commitment is amazing. I ask everyone to pray for our District Team.

The Lutheran Church of Australia, SA-NT District, is blessed to have so many people who make significant contributions to the life of our church. The District Office is here to support all of that work. We pray that God will continue to bless his people as they bring his love to life.

Angela Rogers

District Administrator

FINANCE REPORT

Financial statements for the SA-NT District and the Holding company are included in the Book of Reports appendix.

Income	2015 Actual	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget
Contributions from Congregations	1,485,384	1,544,126	1,475,000	1,378,358	1,400,000
Bank Interest	172,443	161,145	80,000	151,129	80,000
Ministry Support Contributions	49,455	58,225	40,000	80,820	40,000
Rental Income	10,497	46,741	47,000	56,357	48,160
Sundry Income	34,320	57,126		1,392	
	1,752,099	1,867,363	1,642,000	1,668,056	1,568,160
Expenditure					
District Ministry	887,535	890,395	862,487	822,141	910,958
Contribution to LCA Ministry	775,000	762,682	737,500	737,496	700,000
	1,662,535	1,653,077	1,599,987	1,599,637	1,610,985
Surplus (Deficit) prior to reserve tfrs	89,564	214,286	42,013	108,419	(42,798)
Transfer from(to) Reserves	(76,697)	(69,460)	(37,680)	(77,389)	(37,680)
Surplus (Deficit) for the year	12,867	144,826	4,333	31,030	(80,478)

For the 2017 year, we had budgeted a small surplus of \$4,333, so to have an actual surplus of \$31,030 was a good result.

Our main source of funds is contributions from congregations. The trend is that these will continue to decline as our congregations' merge and our numbers decrease. Each year, we have set an ambitious income budget, which we have failed to meet except in 2016 when a special appeal was made.

The ministry support contributions, which in the main are contributions from generous individuals, continue to exceed our expectations. These are a blessing to the District.

Our costs are mostly driven by wages and property holding costs, such as rates and taxes, and these are continuing to rise.

One of the major tasks we have done this year is to move our accounting system from the LLL to a MYOB based system. This has gone live from January 1, with a lot of detailed planning undertaken in the last quarter of the 2017 year. This should provide benefits over the coming years, as information can now be processed on a daily basis instead of using monthly batch processing. The LLL provides electronic bank data feeds for MYOB. We also hope that this system will enable us to prepare year-end financial statements directly from the software.

Our accounting system is made quite complicated by the number of reserves that we have set aside for specific purposes. To simplify this, and with the blessing of the auditors, we have been working to reduce the number of reserves and try to have a separate bank account for each significant reserve. With the new accounting package we have brought all of these bank accounts into our balance sheet.

We have also taken the opportunity to bring our annual leave provision in as a liability. We have not previously shown this.

You will notice that although we have cash of around \$6.5 million, about \$6.3 million of this is tied up in reserves, leaving our day-to-day working capital at about \$200,000.

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The Holding Company has also been set up with its own MYOB ledger and a lot of thought has been put into how to record relevant information about each of the properties it holds, so that it is readily accessible.

The Holding Company holds the land on trust for the entity that uses it. Over the next year, we expect to be formalising this arrangement with each entity with a legal document that sets out the rights of the user.

We also made the decision during the year to move any reserves that related to future maintenance of a property to the holding company where that property is held.

BUDGET

Department	Income Collected Directly	Expenses	Net department cost
Administration	197,650	437,520	239,870
AbMinSA	49,580	123,690	74,110
Bishop		130,367	130,367
Chaplaincy	2,000	149,942	147,942
CFYYA	25,000	167,902	142,902
Mission	12,000	141,657	129,657
Professional Standards	26,582	31,192	4,610
Deaf	20,000	44,000	24,000
Alice Springs		7,500	7,500
LCC		10,000	10,000
Total	332,812	1,243,770	910,958

The budget being presented is basically a status quo budget. Aboriginal ministry is down slightly because we no longer have a field working in Yalata. PSD is now fully paid for by the national office, except a portion of Holly Koning's time. The decrease in giving to the LCA reflects the decrease in budgeted receipts from congregations.

It has been a pleasure to serve over the last 10 years. I expect that the next decade will be a challenging one for our District. I also believe that we need think about making more effective use of the assets that God has provided to us.

Mark Schwarz

Finance Consultant

Finance Report

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT (PSD)



Early in 2017, a new nationally consistent approach to Professional Standards training was launched in the LCA and LCNZ. It began with every congregation across our church receiving supply of the Standards of Ethical Behaviour (SEB) brochure and an accompanying 12-minute video presentation. Congregations were requested to show this to all members as the first part of increasing awareness of the expected attitudes and behaviours of people within every part of our church.

Please remember to show the video again on an annual basis. It can be shown as a whole, or each of the five sections can be shown separately. It can be accessed at any time from the LCA website – www.lca.org.au/seb.

The SEB are now the foundation of a complete congregational training model, which supersedes all other Safe Place and ChildSafe training. This model includes delivery via face-to-face workshops, live interactive webinars and online validation tasks. It includes Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for other Child Protection training. The diagram at the end of this report is included in a document with detailed notes on who needs to participate in what part of the training. This is also available to download from www.lca. org.au/seb.

WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS HOSTED IN THE SA-NT DISTRICT IN 2017:	SEB Workshops	Safeguarding Children webinars	SP3 Team Leader webinars	SP3 Coordinator webinars
Number of Workshops/Webinars	35	29	4	4
Participants	942	144	44	32

A range of good data and associated feedback has been gathered from participants in all Districts. This has been progressively used to refine and develop the training model. We are listening and responding. The LCA/NZ General Church Council has endorsed this model. The National Council of Churches in Australia has also provided an independent review of the program and confirmed it meets the standards required under the Safe Church Training Agreement. Our National Training Coordinator Marilyn Wall should be congratulated for her immense efforts to implement and finalise the training model.

Utilising webinars for parts of the training has added considerable convenience and flexibility for participants. It means that they can participate from their own homes, and based on feedback, this has largely been a good experience, even for those who do not have a high level of computer competency. Part of the flexibility of this mode of delivery is that it is also possible for groups of people to gather in a central location and participate together with others across Australia and New Zealand.

Another major change relating to Professional Standards training is a change of terminology. To reduce confusion with a range of other child safe programs, we now refer to the ChildSafe Safety Management System by its SP3 acronym. SP3 stands for Safe People, Safe Programs and Safe Places. The SP3 logo and name is distinctive. And as the name suggests, it is not just about children, but about keeping all people safe in whatever church activity or place they may be.

Over the 10 years that ChildSafe (now SP3) has been implemented in our church, there have been many changes and developments. These are covered in the current training and were also covered in the National Coordinator Networking Day, which was presented

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in North Adelaide and live streamed. It was a productive time of bonding and information sharing, with over 120 registrants from around Australia and New Zealand. Someone in England even attended!

In December, the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse released its final report. Spanning 17 volumes, the contents are sobering and challenging. The Royal Commission has found there has been gross and sustained misconduct in churches. As a result, there has been an erosion of public trust in churches. The Lutheran Church is, by no means, immune from such trust issues.

Child sexual abuse is not a historical problem. It is still happening. Churches remain particularly susceptible, as culture will not change overnight. Sadly, there are still trends of scepticism towards complainants, and of rallying around accused persons. And we also see a disproportionate focus on proven offenders, together with insufficient consideration regarding the feelings of abuse survivors and potential victims.

Relevantly, there has recently been an independent review of the LCA's Prevention of Risk of Harm from a Known Sex Offender Policy. During 2018, we are implementing the findings and recommendations set out in this review. Crucially, there are risks associated not just with known sex offenders, but also with unknown offenders. The PSD is trying to build a healthy level of awareness about persistent child molesters, who can be incredibly patient and cunning. Let's be vigilant – not alarmed, but alert!

Thank you to all who work with the PSD to develop and implement good, strong systems and procedures. Thank you for your support for the current training model – building both awareness and capacity in our congregations, creating safe and inclusive environments for all who interact with the church – particularly those who are in vulnerable circumstances.

Dave Biar

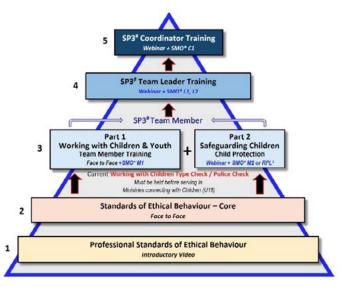
Professional Standards Officer, SA-NT District

Holly Koning

SA-NT District Professional Standards Assistant

Tim Ross

Manager, Professional Standards Department



LCA/NZ Professional Standards Training Model

Professional Standards Department



Hearts Burning for Children in the Centre





Our hearts burn with hope, faith and expectation as Lutheran Community Care works with the people of Central Australia to restore the Kwatja Etatha supported playgroup in Alice Springs.

For 10 years, families have met with workers in the safety of the Alice Springs church yard on the 'Mission Block.' Playgroup has given children a positive start in life.

Just prior to last Christmas, government funding was withdrawn from the playgroup and eight Aboriginal staff were made redundant.

The people of Alice Springs, the congregation, Finke River Mission and LCC are determined that this ministry should continue.

LCC has launched a one-off Appeal to raise \$200,000. We ask that you join your hearts with ours and give generously.



Reports

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE







Like the disciples on the Emmaus Road, the work of Lutheran Community Care is inspired by the great love that God has for us, which we want to pass on to others through acts of love.

Just as Jesus was made known to the disciples in the context of hospitality, we see much of our work as an invitation to come to a safe place, to be able to share the pain and the difficulties that life brings, and to have someone walk alongside you while you learn to walk confidently again.

This work of building strength and resilience with individuals, families and communities happens in many ways at Lutheran Community Care. Our 140 staff and 550 volunteers represent your church by:

- Strengthening families so they can survive tough times;
- Responding to those in financial, personal and family crisis;
- Recruiting and supporting foster carers;
- Working with homeless families to find shelter and ongoing support;
- Supporting new arrival families and individuals in South Australia and beginning to heal the traumas of life as refugees;
- Travelling to remote communities in NT to work with financial literacy;
- Working with communities in Central Australia to prevent removal of children and strengthen families;
- Recruiting and supporting volunteers as they:
 - visit those who have no families in aged care facilities;
 - provide mobile crèches so that parents can attend parenting or English classes;
 - visit struggling families in their homes to provide social support;
 - assist with supported playgroups;
 - provide breakfasts at Ingle Farm school;
 - interview those in need of emergency relief;
 - work in community gardens to build community for those who are socially isolated;
 - fix and sort donated goods and maintain the sites;
 - serve in op shops.

More details of programs, financials and statistics can be found in our annual report at www.lccare.org.au. This report also contains many stories from those we serve, and from volunteers and staff. They illustrate the care and love shown through staff and volunteers.

IMPORTANT EVENTS 2016–2018

We celebrated 25 years of the Community Visitors' Scheme. Volunteers visit those who are socially isolated in aged care facilities at least once a fortnight. At the time of the celebrations, four visitors had been visiting for all of the 25 years. A great achievement.

The Afghan Youth of South Australia are supported through LCC's New Neighbours Program. In 2017, they won the Governor's Multicultural Award for their promotion of multiculturalism, diversity and harmony. An example of their creative and challenging work is the production of the film 'Nowhere', which explores the themes of family loyalty, gender roles, secret relationships and forced marriage for Afghan new arrivals in Australia. It can be viewed on YouTube.

We introduced a new training in Aboriginal Culture and Respect to our South Australian teams.

Our volunteers gave over 38,000 hours, which is calculated to be worth at least \$1.6 million.

The sudden death of our staff member Rodney Sands, who featured in our Synod video in 2016, brought great sadness and also showed the great comfort that comes from the strong community bonds that have been built at Peachey Place in Davoren Park.

ACCREDITATION, PARTNERSHIPS AND SUSTAINABILITY

In July 2016, LCC was awarded both Certificate and Award Levels of Australian Service Excellence Standards through the Department of Communities and Social Inclusion. This accreditation audits all aspects of the organisation and ensures that our service delivery, leadership and governance systems meet the standards and provide a culture of continuous improvement. This accreditation, together with regular board, management and staff appraisals, ensure a quality service to the community.

We are grateful for the many partnerships, which ensure that LCC works effectively and in a holistic way. We thank the many donors who support our work through regular

giving to our appeals and through donated goods and time. We work in partnership with congregations, especially in places where we are able to share office space and meet regularly for devotions and share celebrations. We are excited that there are stronger links forming with schools, as young people pick up the challenge of how we address injustice and poverty in Australia. The focus for working more closely as church in Central Australia continues to open up opportunities.

We work with over 50 other agencies in providing joint service delivery or joint advocacy work. Much of our work relies on government funding, both federal and state. In the current climate, this funding is short term, often inadequate for the presenting needs and can be politicised and withdrawn suddenly. While we have worked well with governments in the past and have an excellent reputation for high quality service, if we are to really be 'God's Church in Action' and be sustainable, we need to have diverse funding streams and independence. This will enable us to respond more adequately to need, to have the resources to partner more strongly with the people of God in equipping all to serve wherever they are, and to do the caring work, which requires the employment of professional staff.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

This will be my last report to District Convention of Synod as Director of Lutheran Community Care. When LCC formed in 1969, the foundation volunteers said they worked hard and served God because they had the 'same coloured' hearts. Ever since that time, thousands of people have experienced the love of God through volunteer and professional support. During my time in the organisation, I have witnessed the selfless service of staff, volunteers and supporters, and the way in which that service changes lives and enables people to have a new start. My prayer for the future is that the people of God will keep those coloured hearts burning in service to the many neighbours in need in our community, here in SA and NT.

Helen Lockwood

LCC Executive Director

FROM THE LCC BOARD CHAIR

Although the focus of Lutheran Community Care is on helping others, and our staff and volunteers work as truly effective teams without seeking individual recognition, it is appropriate to recognise the enormous contribution Helen Lockwood has made to LCC over 25 years of service.

After many years involved at an operational and management level, Helen assumed the leadership of LCC in 2009, and since that time, LCC has grown enormously. Growth simply for growth's sake is not our goal, but when measured by the number of people in the communities we serve who have benefited from this growth, there is no doubt that Helen's contribution has positively impacted the lives of tens of thousands of individuals and families in SA and NT.

Whether it has been leading by example in the field, navigating the corridors of politicians and government bureaucracy, actively contributing to the broader SA-NT District and LCA, or working closely with many congregations, Helen has done so with an incredible motivation inspired by God's love – a true example of the 'Church in Action'.

On behalf of the LCC Board, I'd like to thank Helen for her enormous contribution and wish her, Peter and their family all the very best, and ask her to visit regularly!

Simon Rodger

LCC Board

Lutheran Community Care is Your Church in Action.

LUTHERAN EDUCATION SA, NT & WA









Over the past two years, a myriad of challenges and opportunities were presented to Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA (formerly Lutheran Schools Association), the wider secretariat and across our learning communities. Some situations significantly impacted individual learning communities and LESNW, and there were others that provided overwhelming joy and optimism. Regardless, every circumstance provided an opportunity to reflect the nature of Christ, displaying love, humility, hope, forgiveness, service, compassion, courage, justice and appreciation. In compiling this report, the hand of God is abundantly evident in the direction and shaping of LESNW and its member communities.

LSA/LESNW STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2018

Projects and initiatives to drive the delivery of strategic goals across four focus areas shaped the work of the LESNW office and secretariat. These focus areas were identity, education, leadership development & governance, and finance & risk management.

While there is a degree of uncertainty about the future due to the GCC/BLEA Governance Review, there is collective commitment to improving the way initiatives are generated,

prioritised and implemented. There is increasing alignment with the Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) strategic plan through the engagement of the LEA National Leadership Team (NLT) in strategizing key national projects. From a regional perspective, we have placed much significance on the outcomes of the national projects and are committed to their implementation.

ENROLMENT DATA - LSA LEARNING COMMUNITIES 2016-2017 - A COMPARISON

State	Aug 2017 Students	Aug 2016 Students	Difference	% Difference
SA	12,472	12,444	28	0.23
NT	1,831	1,826	5	0.27
WA	985	1,134	(149)	-13.14
Total	15,282	15,404	(116)	-0.75

The February 2018 enrolment data indicates that total enrolments across LESNW have remained static, despite variances at individual learning community sites and the impact of the closure of Ocean Forest Lutheran College, Spring Head Lutheran School and Living Waters Lutheran College, Halls Head Campus.

LEADERSHIP CHANGES IN LESNW – 2016-2017

LESNW acknowledges the outstanding contributions of leaders who have finished their time of service to Lutheran education in LESNW and wish them God's abundant blessings in the next phase of their lives.

RETIREMENTS

Lester Saegenschnitter, Principal of Concordia College, Concordia Campus, 31/12/17 **Terry Sawade**, Principal of Loxton Lutheran School, 31/12/17 **Neville Grieger**, Principal of Navigator College, Port Lincoln, 31/12/17

LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Of those in senior leadership positions in LESNW learning communities, 47.5 per cent are female. The national average is 48.5 per cent. Thirty-seven per cent of learning community principals are female, compared to national average of 38 per cent. Actual numbers - 23 male: 13 female.

AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOLS

Over the past two years, there has been strategic amalgamation of learning communities to leverage the collective strengths of the respective schools to better student learning outcomes and overall governance. On 1 January 2017, Concordia College and St John's Lutheran School, Highgate, joined together as one school, catering for around 1275 students from Early Learning Centre to year 12. On 1 January 2018, Faith Lutheran College and Tanunda Lutheran School joined together as one school, catering for around 800 students from ELC to year 12.

SPECIFIC GRANT PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY THE LLL AND A BENEFACTOR: EARTHCARE GRANTS

The Lutheran Laypeople's League, a long-term major supporter of the LCA and Lutheran education, made available \$105,000 for LLL Earthcare grants for Lutheran schools. These grants were made in conjunction with the release of the Lutheran education Earthcare

Charter at the Australian Conference on Lutheran Education in July 2017. The LLL took into account the number of learning communities per region. Twenty-three LESNW learning communities received grants totalling \$45,000.

LEGACY TO SUPPORT MISSION INITIATIVES IN LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA has received a generous legacy from a member of the Lutheran Church. The donor asked that the funds be used for mission work in Lutheran learning communities. LESNW invited applications from its learning communities for grants of up to \$20,000. To date, approximately half of the legacy fund money has been distributed to approved projects/initiatives. Phase two of the application process is presently underway.

MANAGING FINANCIAL RISKS ACROSS LESNW

Over the past few years, increasing financial hardship has been experienced by a number of learning communities for a variety of reasons, which has resulted in LESNW providing direct financial support to these schools from its redistribution fund. The extreme financial predicament of Ocean Forest Lutheran College, Bunbury WA, Living Waters Lutheran College, Halls Head Campus WA, and Spring Head Lutheran School SA, brought about their respective closures at the end of 2017. The decisions are not made lightly, as the implications of closure impact on many people, students and families, staff, governing councils, supporting congregations, LESNW and the immediate and wider community.

The sale of Living Waters Halls Head campus to Fredrick Irwin Anglican School mitigated the financial burden of this site on Living Waters Lutheran College. The debt incurred by Ocean Forest and Spring Head has and will continue to be met by LESNW. At the time of writing this report, the process of securing the sale of the Ocean Forest campus to another Christian education provider is underway. Expressions of interest for the repurposing of the Spring Head School site are being sought. Ideally, it would be wonderful to have this site continue to be used for Lutheran education and other training and retreat purposes.

Please uphold both the Ocean Forest Lutheran Fellowship and the Sprina Head Lutheran Congregation as they respectively work through the implications of the closures of the school communities with which they have had very close association. For the Spring Head congregation, this was for 142 years of the operation of the school.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

There is a season for everything and it is recognised that in recent times some of our learning communities have experienced very challenging circumstances as the education landscape has become more competitive and driven by consumerism. Conversely, some learning communities have been thriving and experiencing a period of resurgence and growth.

Significant investment and work has gone into feasibility studies for new school development opportunities at Two Wells and East Mount Barker (Aston Hills). The opportunity to expand the mission of the church through Christian education through these two potential developments is exciting. Pragmatically, however, the capacity to establish new learning communities is reliant on direct financial sponsorship of existing financially secure schools/colleges or the LESNW system support. This a real challenge.

There is reason for hope and optimism as God's hand has been very evident, even in the trials and challenges that have been faced in the past few years. It is the resolve of the LESNW secretariat to continue to focus on the development of quality Christian education, robust governance and transformative system leadership to ensure the viability and sustainability of our learning communities into the future.

Respectfully submitted John Proeve

LUTHERAN AGED CARE COUNCIL



The Aged Care Council seeks to promote, support and encourage both congregations and aged care organisations in their ministry to the aged. It also provides District Church Council with advice and assistance on aged care matters.

While Lutheran aged care providers in South Australia – both residential care and retirement villages – continue to be well respected within the aged care sector, they continue to come under ever-increasing pressure.

There have been even higher levels of auditing and compliance in our residential care organisations following the State Government's Oakden challenges.

The new Retirement Villages Act commenced on 1 January 2018, which is the most significant change to the industry in 30 years. Whilst the impact on Lutheran villages is perhaps not as great as some others, it has meant significant changes to residence contracts and policies. All Lutheran villages have introduced, or are well on the way to introducing, their new documentation.

Following receipt of a very kind bequest, the council engaged Kate Costello of Governance Matters to provide governance training for all SA aged care boards. The aim was to:

- educate and improve the knowledge of each board and board member about their role and what effective boards are doing, generally, and in the aged care sector, to improve governance;
- allow each board to develop a personalised governance action plan for implementation over the ensuing six to 12 months;
- enthuse the boards to commit to ongoing development on governance related topics.

These good governance sessions helped to meet the LCA Strategic Direction priority three: 'we are at all levels well governed, run with effective structures and processes, financially sustainable, and professional and accountable'.

A national LCA Aged Care Governance review commenced in January 2017, with the final report recently released. All SA aged care organisations engaged in the review, which has been a significant and very thorough body of work. For the first time, Lutheran aged care organisations across Australia met to discuss their relationship with each other and the LCA. Information, including the final report, can be found at www.lca.org.au/projects-events/aged-care-dialogue/. Discussion will be required on the future role of the Aged Care Council, as it may be that the council's role is covered at a national level.

Various Lutheran groups continue to meet regularly, including CEOs of residential care and village managers, as well as chaplains. There is an open sharing of information, challenges and opportunities.

A number of senior staff have departured over the period – most notably the retirement of Mr Tim Gray after many years of faithful services at LHI. Tim was a leader in the aged care sector, most recently as a member of the LCA committee for Ministry with the Ageing and as the SA representative of the LCA on the National Aged Care Alliance. Tim will be missed for his wealth of knowledge and approachable nature.

Please continue to pray for our aged care organisations and congregations' ministry with seniors.

Respectfully submitted

Matt Johns Chairperson

> Lutheran Aged Care Council

COUNCIL FOR MISSION





Change is constant and that has certainly been true for the Council for Mission in recent times. Since the 2016 District Convention we have:

- farewelled a Mission Director, Rev Dr Steen Olsen, on 30 January 2018. Sincere thanks for Steen's wonderful service in what has been some challenging and demanding times, especially in late 2017, when Bishop David was on three months R&R leave. This was not exactly slowing down in readiness for retirement!
- welcomed an Assistant Bishop for Mission, Pastor Stephen Schultz, on 5 February 2018. Pastor Stephen has certainly hit the ground running.
- had a change of committee chairperson from Dennis Canute to Robyn Oatey in 2017. Thanks go to Dennis for his many, many years of service on the council. He has now worked alongside two directors and one Assistant Bishop for Mission.

We have spent a large part of our committee meeting time discussing and planning for the change in mission leadership and the proposed change in the District structure. We have been appreciative of the level of consultation given by DCC and Bishop David in both instances. These changes have meant that we have not completed our strategic planning for the council. However, we have worked to continue to support the Mission Director/Assistant Bishop for Mission.

Changes to the national structure have also had an impact. The interim Board for Local Mission has transitioned to the Committee for New and Renewing Churches as part of the Local Mission Executive Office. A new Board for Local Mission was formed in early 2017 and Robyn Oatey is a member of this board, providing an important conduit between district and national functions.

Some other items to report:

- Pastor Noel Due continues as Ministry & Mission Support Pastor, mentoring pastors
 within the District, in addition to his acceptance of the position of Pastor of New &
 Renewing Churches church-wide.
- There is a new 'church musicians' grant of up to \$500 available. Please see the District website for details.
- The District sponsored all congregations to participate in the 2016 National Church Life Survey (NCLS).

Thanks go to all council members for their time, wisdom, gifts and talents. All are passionate about 'Bringing Jesus' to those in our communities.

Please pray that God will continue to bless us as we seek to grow a missional culture in our church.

Respectfully submitted

Robyn Oatey

Chairperson

ABORIGINAL MINISTRY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (AbMinSA)



AbMinSA continues to 'walk together' with Lutheran congregations and Aboriginal communities in providing ministry with and for the people of Port Lincoln, the Far West Coast of SA and the Greater Adelaide Metropolitan Area (GAMA).

Our current field workers are Pastor Rob Schubert (Port Lincoln) and St Paul's Lutheran Church, Ferryden Park (GAMA, see below). Both Ceduna/Koonibba and Yalata/Oak Valley are vacant.

Over the past few years, AbMinSA has been adapting our service delivery model by forging closer partnerships with congregations and other like-minded organisations within our ministry areas. We have also been investing time to discern how the LCA SA-NT District can better connect with, support and walk together with Aboriginal brothers and sisters in building faith and communities of hope.

PORT LINCOLN

Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Port Lincoln and AbMinSA jointly fund the employment of a pastor. Pastor Rob Schubert has been faithfully serving the Port Lincoln congregation and the Aboriginal community of the area since January 2016. Rob has forged strong relationships with the wider community through his role as chaplain at the Mallee Park Football Club and is now accredited to visit the jail. Casual conversations can often result in requests for baptism, confirmation or Bible study.

CEDUNA/KOONIBBA

AbMinSA is also a ministry partner with the Ceduna Parish. Pastor Allan Wain served in the Far West Coast region from June 2014 until his retirement in December 2017. His ministry locations included Smoky Bay, St Paul's Ceduna, Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna Town Camp, Denial Bay and the Aboriginal communities of Koonibba and Scotdesco. Pastor Allan also visited Yalata Aboriginal Community regularly to provide encouragement to the church leaders there and pastoral care to AbMinSA's support worker, Robyn Kuchel. Allan and Dawn will be sorely missed by many people in the Far West Coast region. Ceduna Parish is currently in the process of calling a new pastor. We eagerly await the time when a suitable person accepts the call to serve in this important area of ministry.

YALATA/OAK VALLEY

Local person Pastor Russell Bryant continues to minister to the Good Shepherd congregation, ably assisted by Evangelist Lindsay Thomas. Lindsay was installed as an evangelist in May 2016 and has a great desire to become a pastor. He has been working faithfully towards that goal, through attendance at Finke River Mission bush courses, Australian Lutheran College SMP courses, time with ALC lecturers and time spent working with parish pastors such as Rob Schubert, Malcolm Pech and David Kuss. We pray that ordination within the next 12 months is a possibility and that Lindsay's theological education can continue beyond his ordination.

In July 2014, Robyn Kuchel took up the position as the Far West Coast Field Worker, supporting the leadership and ministry of the congregations in Yalata and Oak Valley. Robyn was also partly employed by the Schools Ministry Group as the school chaplain in the Yalata Anangu School. Despite many adversities during her time in Yalata, including the 2017 mid-year loss of her free housing in Yalata due to a local council decision, Robyn displayed an unwavering dedication and faithfulness to her calling. However, the lack of alternative accommodation in Yalata led to a move to Nundroo (some 50km away). Sadly, the extra cost of accommodation and travel from Nundroo to Yalata daily meant

that Robyn's employment at Yalata became unviable. Her farewell service was held at Yalata on 10 December 2017.

At the time of Robyn's farewell, members of AbMinSA and representatives of Lutheran Community Care and the LCA RAP team spent time listening to people at Yalata, Koonibba and Ceduna. They asked members of the community and congregation to share their fears, hopes and dreams, and the role they wish AbMinSA and the LCA to play in supporting appropriate ministry in the future. We are planning another visit to the Far West Coast soon to listen again to the wishes of the people.

GREATER ADELAIDE METROPOLITAN AREA

Pastor Edmund Bilney had served in this field since 2009 and had made many contacts in the GAMA area and was known and respected by other Aboriginal Christian leaders and people. He had been developing his music ministry and remained a keen advisor and contributor to cross-denominational Aboriginal ministry, such as TACL (Training Aboriginal Christian Leaders). We were all saddened by Edmund's sudden death on 30 August 2016.

FERRYDEN PARK

Since February 2016, St Paul's Lutheran Church and AbMinSA have jointly funded the ministry of Pastor Malcolm Pech to the congregation at Ferryden Park. Since 2017, the congregation has also benefitted from the part-time support of ALC lecturer Pastor Thomas Pietsch. The congregation has a long history and strong feeling of connection with Aboriginal people. AbMinSA aims to work closely with St Paul's to encourage and sustain this valuable ministry to a diverse community.

TRAINING ABORIGINAL CHRISTIAN LEADERS

TACL is a SA Christian ecumenical association of members from the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Uniting, Salvation Army & Baptist Churches, but also including other churches & Christian organisations. Jeff Roberts represents AbMinSA at TACL meetings. TACL aims to provide biblical & theological education for Aboriginal people in the church in a way that is sensitive to their learning needs and styles. It also seeks to provide leadership training in the fields of community development, recreation, home management and other general education fields as necessary, as well as conducting community consultation and research relating to Aboriginal Christian leadership training.

We thank Synod for their valued support of Aboriginal Ministry in SA and look forward to Synod's continued support in this ministry.

I would like to thank our dedicated and hard-working committee: Malcolm Willcocks, Jeff Roberts, Shona Reid, Everard Noack and Pastor Dave Kuss. Thanks also to the valued contribution of our consultants: Pastor Andrew Pfeiffer, Judy Jaensch, Pastor Steen Olsen (until Jan 2018) and Pastor Stephen Schultz.

Ivan Christian

Acting Chairperson

Aboriginal Ministry of Sov Australia



INTRODUCTION

The committee has continued to meet regularly over the past two years to examine constitutional matters to assist congregations and parishes. The members of the committee are Roger Collins, Neil Lutz (Chairperson) Gilbert Materne, Peter Miller, Angela Rogers and George Scherer. Bruce Evans decided not to continue with the committee and we thank him for his valued contribution.

DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

Work on the revision to the District Constitution has not progressed as expected.

CONGREGATIONS AND PARISHES NEED TO CONSIDER UPDATING THEIR CONSTITUTIONS

Congregations and parishes should give some priority to reviewing their constitutions. New model constitutions for both congregation and parish have been prepared. Revised constitutions are required to consider changing legislation, such as the Commonwealth Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012. The new model reflects the ACNC compliance by addressing the question of appropriate rules for Audit or Review, Not-for- profit Status and Dissolution.

The committee wants to be as helpful as possible and to reduce the burden on individual congregations and parishes by committee members doing most of the work for you. Therefore, before doing anything, such as modifying the model, please contact District Administrator Angela Rogers, who will assign a member of the committee to assist you with the preparation of a draft for your consideration. You are then able to feedback any changes you wish to the draft for the committee person to adjust and obtain committee approval if required,

PROGRESS TO DATE

Congregations and parishes continue to seek committee help to update their constitutions. There are still a lot of congregations and parishes that have not done so for some time. The table below gives an estimate of the distribution of the ages of current constitutions.

More than 50 years	12
More than 40 years but less than 50 years	19
More than 30 years but less than 40 years	28
More than 20 years but less than 30 years s	18
More than 10 years but less than 20 years	53
More than 5 years but less than 10 years	24

AMALGAMATION OR WINDING UP (DISSOLUTIONS)

The committee advises that amalgamations are a good deal easier to achieve than winding up. Please contact the District Administrator for advice on how to proceed.

N K Lutz

Chairperson

STATISTICS REPORT

This report gives a summary of the statistics submitted to the LAMP website from congregations in the SA-NT District. In 2017, 165 out of approximately 180 congregations (depending on how a congregation is defined) submitted returns, which is one of the higher response rates in recent years.

Firstly, the steady decline in membership and attendance in recent years continued in 2017. Average weekly attendance declined 2.7 per cent from 2016 to 2017, dropping to 11,211 attendees per week. Similarly membership declined 4.2 per cent from 2016 to 2017, dropping to 22,659 members.

In this report, I was asked by the District to focus in particular on the relationship between income and membership, and how they have changed in relation to each other over time. For this I used the submitted income from offerings since 2002 in South Australia only, as this is the dataset that is most complete. The first step was a careful curation of the data to remove erroneous figures.

In 2002, the estimated total income from offerings in SA was \$9.82 million, which increased to \$12.81 million in 2017, an increase of 13 per cent. Inflation in Australia over this period was approximately 44 per cent, so adjusting for inflation, the income from offerings decreased in real terms. Note that this doesn't include income from other sources.

However, the picture when comparing offering income to membership and attendance is more interesting. The average offering per attendee per week was \$11.60 in 2002, which almost doubled to \$22.77 in 2017, which is much higher than inflation. Similarly, the average offering per member, per week, increased from \$5.78 in 2002 to \$11.53 in 2017. The increase in both was consistent over this 15 year period.

Possible reasons for this include:

- 1. Changing demographics less young members today, who have lower income
- 2. Members feel they need to give more to make up for those who no longer attend (e.g to meet budgets)
- 3. The average churchgoer today is more involved with the church than the average churchgoer in 2002

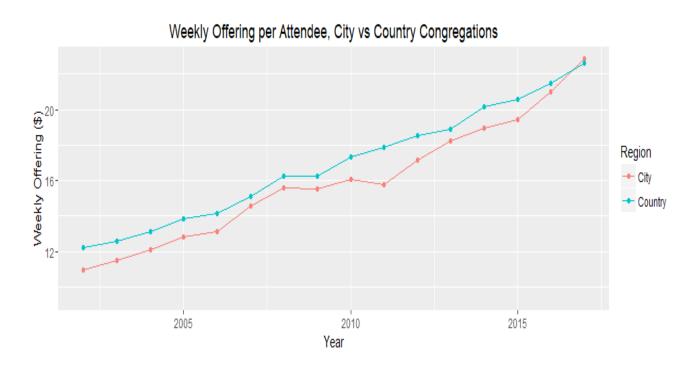
The two graphs compare the weekly offerings per attendee and member for city and country congregations. Both regions show similar increases, with the rate of increase being slightly faster in city congregations. Weekly offerings per attendee are higher in country congregations (until 2017), while weekly offerings per member are higher in city congregations. This is related to city congregations having a higher attendance to member ratio, due to more non-members attending city services.

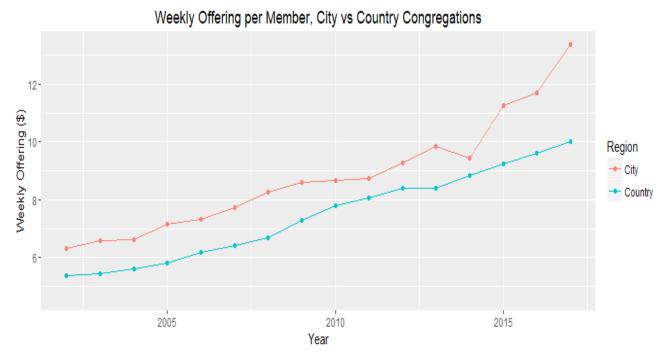
The weekly offerings per attendee for individual congregations (averaged over 2002-2017) ranged from \$4.81 to \$35.98. The lowest offerings per attendee are mainly at nursing home congregations (as expected), while the highest tend to be small inland country congregations. 19 of the 20 congregations who gave the most per attendee had average weekly attendances under 50 and were all in the country.

It is important to keep in mind, however, that this is just one narrow measure of the health of a congregation. Voluntary work and other church activities can be much more beneficial to God's work than financial contributions.

Paul Eckermann

District Statistician





Statistics Report







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Reports

RIVERVIEW LUTHERAN REST HOME, LOXTON







The last two years have seen significant growth for Riverview. The opening of our brand new purpose built 20-bed Memory Support Unit and 13 serviced apartments has seen us grow from a 40-bed facility with 12 independent living cottages, to a 60-bed aged care facility with 25 independent living options, employing just over 100 staff.

We currently have a full house in aged care, with all 60 beds occupied, and a waiting list for Traeger, our fully secured Memory Support Unit.

Our board, with the input of staff, have completed a new Strategic Plan. Our vision is to be a vibrant, innovative leader and the best partner to support people to live well. Our Christian values of care, respect, kindness, compassion, quality, love, patience and integrity aim to be embedded in everything we do and reflected in the everyday life of Riverview.

We believe in investing in our people. We need the best people and we need to train and support them well in order to deliver excellence in Christian care. As such, staff have undertaken training in a wide variety of areas to best support our residents.

We have been striving to improve efficiency and effectiveness, through the introduction of electronic point of care medication management and updated resident care software, so that staff have more time to care for our residents and spend less time doing paperwork. Our staff now proudly wear colour-coded Riverview uniforms with name embroidery, so that residents and visitors can easily identify the appropriate staff member.

We are spending time looking at the future of aged care in the context of the wider community and how we can best meet their needs going forward. The introduction of home care packages by the Federal Government has significantly changed the aged care space, with people now staying at home much longer and entering aged care at much higher levels of acuity than ever before. This means their time with us is much shorter and their needs are much greater. The challenge is to respond accordingly in a timely manner with appropriate staffing to handle the increased level of admissions and assessments, whilst having the right equipment and trained staff to deal with increasing resident acuity levels, and the increased need for specialised palliative care. Palliative Care training will be a focus for our facility in the coming months.

We are currently in the planning stage of incorporating a new chapel building into our facility that will accommodate our increased number of high acuity immobile residents, by creating much more room for bed chairs (also known as princess chairs). The renovation will also offer a small private lounge area for residents and their families. We will be calling on support to seek funding for our new chapel and would appreciate your prayers in assisting us to obtain the resources required to fund this much-needed addition to our facility.

We are currently blessed with sharing a pastor with the Barmera Parish, but will be looking for a replacement early next year upon his retirement. We would appreciate your prayers in assisting us to find a suitable replacement. The pastoral care role at Riverview is of utmost importance and very much appreciated by our residents.

Our serviced apartments have provided us with the opportunity to meet a gap in the local retirement living market with our new rental option. Most other retirement villages in the area require payment of a licence fee on entry. Our rental option gives those that have always rented and do not have the finances to secure a licence fee access to a supported community retirement living option. Apartment residents are welcome to join in with lifestyle activities in our aged care facility. Many have lunch with us daily and also partake regularly in outings.

We are blessed with a wonderful lifestyle team who have a focus on ensuring our residents are still integrated with the community. The team regularly take residents on outings and attend events such as Rose Week exploring local open gardens, local school book week parades, Melbourne Cup, walks and bus rides around the Riverland. A local playgroup is held at Riverview each week where residents are able to interact with the children.

We also have a wonderful relationship with Loxton Lutheran Primary School, which is located just across the road. Thanks to the assistance of our lifestyle team and local volunteers, our residents were able to attend the Reformation service held at the Lutheran school. They also attend school chapel services throughout the year and recently attended a service where year threes were presented with Bibles donated by Riverview. Students also regularly visit Riverview and engage with residents via singing, book reading and various other activities. Our residents are very blessed to be located in such close proximity and have the wonderful relationship that exists with the school.

We continue to strive for excellence in Christian care and thank the Lord for the blessings he continues to provide us.

Nicolle Jachmann

Chief Executive Officer

Riverview Luthera Rest Home Loxton



We are dedicated to making every day the best it can be by providing spiritual and physical care in our loving Christian community. As such, our staff are required to engage with the following values, so those who choose to reside in our facility are provided with the best of care. All staff are employed under these values, enabling them to live full and meaningful lives while employed at Tanunda Lutheran Home.

VALUES:

PHILANTHROPY

We are proud of our genuine acts of kindness, compassion and generosity.

COLLABORATION

We value team cohesion through willing participation and honest communication.

PROTECTION

We protect everyone's safety by actively advocating and reporting. We are committed to our duty.

CHOICE

We respect all people's right to choose through our actioned awareness of human diversity and dignity.

PROFESSIONALISM

We represent our organisation through our presentation, competence and commitment to our professional development.

CUSTOMERS

We value our customers experience and journey by dedicating ourselves to the provision of exemplary service to them and their loved ones.

POSITIVITY

We take pride in our organisation and our culture. We nurture our culture through acknowledgment, gratitude and happiness.

PRACTICAL OUTCOMES 2016/17/18

Care is based on the 'person centred care' concept, where our 117 residents are placed first at all times. Rather than having processes, such as meals and showering at set times of the day, residents may choose the times when they engage in activities. This takes the institutionalism away and offers a more personal service.

Christianity/spirituality has become a priority for the home under the leadership of Chaplain Ian Lutze. Both the home and the government recognise the need for spiritual care, which is now placed alongside physical and mental care. Pastor Lutze and the management team encourage all staff to recognise this and to become sensitive to this aspect of caring for people.

Retirement living care continues to grow. There are currently 98 homes providing care for 113 people in Tanunda, with around three hectares of land purchased for 50 homes in Nuriootpa and further land for 18 homes at Angaston. The Governor of South Australia, the Honourable Hieu Van Le, attended the ground-breaking ceremonies at both Nuriootpa and Langmeil Road, Tanunda, where an additional 18 homes will be constructed in the near future.

The thirty-year plan for Bridge Street, Tanunda, has been developed to enable the home to provide the care people will expect into the future. Designed to be built over ten stages, it will replace existing buildings as they age and provide for the needs of the

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Barossa community. The plan looks to include numerous types of accommodation, a wellness centre and a therapy pool, as well as numerous other facilities. The grounds will be designed to provide a beautiful space for residents, their families and the community.

Lutherans in aged care have been taken to a new level as all of the Lutheran homes around the country begin to look at ways to work together to provide consistent processes for the care of aging people. This new initiative will also see the development of Lutheran resources for the use of chaplains, staff, residents and their families.

Lee Martin

CEO Tanunda Lutheran Home









IMMANUEL COLLEGE Manuel College

Immanuel College Council is pleased to report that 2017 was again a significant and rewarding year, as the college continued its mission of educating and developing its young people. A broad education program, multiple personal development opportunities and a dedicated pastoral care environment, all delivered from a Christian perspective, remained core to the college's operations.

The council is certain that delivery of successful outcomes during 2017 has been due in large part to the high quality and dedication of college staff. The leadership of our Principal Kevin Richardson and his executive team has been outstanding, the knowledge, skills and commitment of teachers and specialist student support staff amazing, and the support environment created by finance, development and property staff leading edge.

Council continued to focus on its role of governing the college. It met eight times, including six reporting meetings and two strategic planning sessions. Council's work was enhanced using committees including Finance and Risk, Facilities, Mission and Ministry, and Marketing and Development. For 2017, council members were Kym Wallent, David Zweck, Julie Bonnici, Tony Cambareri, Dennis Obst, David Thomas, David Field and Kerry Rowlands.

From a council perspective, 2017 highlights included:

- Successful results achieved by the 2017 year 12 cohort in the South Australian
 Certificate of Education (SACE) Stage 2. Overall, 33 per cent of the students achieved
 an ATAR of 90 or more, placing them in the top 10 per cent of the state. Sixty-five per
 cent of the eligible cohort were in the top 30 per cent of the state and there were 30
 A+ merits.
- Assurance that the academic, care and Christian education programs are well
 developed and delivered. Council received a series of excellent briefings by teaching
 and learning leaders in this regard. Of particular note was the excellent presentation
 by Chaplain Paul Fielke on ministry at Immanuel, which assured council that the
 college has in place comprehensive activities and study programs to deliver our
 ministry aims (nobody leaves Immanuel without having heard the Gospel; people in
 the Immanuel community have a positive attitude towards Christianity; students and
 staff are challenged to think about the value of spirituality in their lives).
- The continued sound financial performance and position of the college, built on stable enrolment numbers across each of the market segments local 901 and international 61. There were 169 boarding students. Operating income for the year was \$28 million.
- Further development of council's strategic intentions to 2020 under the vision 'Aspiring
 to be Extraordinary'. Key themes are individual student wellbeing, excellence in
 academics and support and growth opportunities. Strategies that commenced during
 2017 include feedback-driven improvements to our pastoral care model and the
 pursuit of innovative learning opportunities.

Continued focus on ensuring the appropriateness and sustainability of college facilities. Projects started in 2017 included phase one of an upgrade of the middle school and major redevelopment of the main oval.

Kym Wallent

Chairman, Immanuel College Council

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CONCORDIA COLLEGE oncorida College







2017 was another positive and productive year for Concordia College, with strong student enrolments and healthy waiting lists across many year levels.

It was also the 90th anniversary of co-education at Concordia College and the second year post-amalgamation. It is pleasing to see strong collaboration, trust and respect between leaders and staff across both campuses, with increasing number of whole college ideas and initiatives emerging.

The spiritual life committee continued to provide spiritual governance advice to the college board and support the college's spiritual life programs. Pastor Andrew Brook from St John's Unley congregation has been a valuable addition, visiting and occasionally leading chapel at St John's Campus. Pastor Peter Bean retired after nine years as college pastor and after an extensive call process Pastor Dale Gosden accepted the call and started in 2018. Thank you to Lutheran Education SA, NT & WA for allowing Spiritual Development Leader Stuart Traeger to assist us during the pastoral vacancy in term 3.

Chapel continues to be an important part of student life at both campuses, necessitating the construction of an additional balcony in the Concordia Chapel to accommodate the increasing number of students. Staff, teachers, students are involved in services, with student leaders from Concordia Campus also visiting St John's Campus to lead chapel.

Ongoing discussions regarding ministry at Concordia and exploration of the opportunities presented by the close link with St John's Unley congregation have resulted in the decision to review and update the MOU to enable closer collaboration.

Focus on support for Indigenous students and culture at Concordia has led to the development of a 'Reconciliation Action Plan' and associated activities to better support and engage Indigenous students. This was launched at a whole school assembly on the oval in March 2017. A highlight of the commemoration of Concordia's link with Indigenous students was a painting done by an Indigenous artist from the West Coast, who has a long connection to our college. This is displayed in the board room.

The Vetamorphus Cert III VET program in Christian Ministry and Theology run by Student Welfare Worker Jason Kupke had its highest number of Concordia College students to ever participate, with 12 doing Cert III and one doing a modified Cert II.

The college celebrated the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a special chapel service and guest appearance from Robin Mann, who performed a song he composed for the 'ALWS Walk My Way' initiative, in which 20 College staff participated in July 2017.

Throughout the year, the education committee assisted with the development of a school improvement plan, as well as a response to intervention model and associated action plan, considering the learning needs of the full range of learners, from gifted students

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to those with disabilities. Consideration was given to the changing face of educational practices and what this means to our future curriculum and delivery.

For the first time, in an effort to meet changing student needs, two year 12 students undertook school based apprenticeships where they were not based on campus, but had access to the facilities and advice.

Though the audit of finances has not yet been completed, a financial surplus is predicted for 2017, most of which will be used to reduce loans held with the LLL.

The college completed stage two of its building master plan, with the most significant completion of Concordia Campus being the new science building, the Nautilus Centre, with state of the art facilities for science, technology, engineering, arts and maths. This was supported by the college foundation through its major capital campaign and donations from individuals and organisations.

At St John's Campus, the Early Learning Centre outdoor garden was redeveloped to provide an inviting play area for our youngest students. They have the ability to explore and learn in natural settings through the integration of nature play elements, flexible learning spaces and improved connections from the internal classroom to the outdoor garden. Entry to the ELC has also been improved with new access paths, gates and seating.

Significant improvements were made to the St John's Campus entry and Balmoral Street signage to provide a streamlined look and feel for the whole College.

A number of smaller projects were also undertaken, such as addition of an extra year 8 classroom in the Murtoa building, a new car park on Winchester Street, a covered outdoor extension to the design and technology building, earthquake bracing of some of the older buildings at Concordia Campus to meet current building codes and installation of projectors and big screen TVs in St John's Campus classrooms to enhance learning across the campus.

In 2017, the Concordia Foundation continued to promote fundraising campaigns and voluntary donations to the building fund, as well as organised business networking breakfasts and thank you events for donors. Highgate Lodge, situated next to the college and owned by the foundation, offers accommodation for tertiary students from overseas and continues to operate at near capacity. During 2017, work was done on the building to ensure it meets current fire regulations.

A new foundation investment strategy paper has been developed in conjunction with the board to provide guidelines for the best way to ensure financial stability for the college in the longer term, particularly given the uncertainty of government funding.

The board approved new constitutions for the Concordia Foundation and Concordia Old Collegians Association (COCA), both of which align with the recommendations of LESNW.

COCA continued to grow in reaching and connecting with Concordia College's many old collegians through a number of events and reunions. The COCA Cricket Club, Big Band, Flute Quartet and Pedal Prix teams continue to keep past students connected.

The most significant event of the year was the retirement of Mr Lester Saegenschnitter, Principal of Concordia Campus for the last 12 years. Our community has been richly blessed through Lester's humble service as a leader and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

In 2018, we welcomed Mr Paul Weinert into our community as Principal of Concordia Campus and look forward to him working with Michael Paech, Principal of St John's Campus, to lead our college into the future.

Thank you to all the volunteers on the board and many committees who generously give of their time to work in the best interests of our college.

We thank God for his many blessings throughout the year and for his ongoing guidance into the future.

Sylvia AndersonsConcordia College

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LUTHERAN DISABILITY SERVICES







I am very pleased to lodge my Synod report for the year 2018 having had another highly successful year. We continue to operate in a time of tremendous uncertainty and change, gearing up for the rollout of the much-anticipated National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The NDIS is the single largest social change that this nation has ever experienced, bringing with it significant opportunity for the organisation, balanced with increased risk. Despite the major changes that are occurring and will continue to occur, I am confident that people living with a disability will be supported to live a better life, with many new opportunities and choices made available to them.

The NDIS is such a huge reform to the way that disability services are delivered, moving from state-based grant funding arrangements to a federated, individualised model of funding, providing significant choice and control to each participant in the scheme. The NDIS has been implemented in haste with very pressured roll out schedules, with many and significant changes being made as the scheme rolls out.

LDS has concentrated on ensuring that we are ready to embrace the new world of the NDIS and have spent most of the previous year intensively planning for the changes that are required. To date, only a handful of the people who we support have an approved NDIS plan, but we are anticipating a frantic rush to finish all the planning process by July 2018. This is a highly ambitious timeframe for our organisation and is placing all of our staff under enormous pressure.

LDS continues to provide outstanding services to the people who we serve, with a very high satisfaction rating from clients and their families. The organisation is very well regarded in the industry and is positioned well with potential to not only retain current clients, but to also attract many new clients seeking the quality supports that LDS provides. The staff team is also very stable, with few leaving the organisation, and we have continued to attract new staff as required, despite a very well reported shortage of support staff in the industry.

Lutheran Disability Services has experienced continued growth over the past two years, now supporting 70 clients, employing approximately 100 staff and an annual budget of \$6m. With transition to the NDIS and additional expected growth, we are anticipating a doubling of service delivery in the next 12 months. We are also expanding our services into the Barossa Valley and have received an encouraging response so far to our outreach.

While there are significant opportunities for LDS to expand our services and new opportunities for ministry, there are some significant risks and challenges to the organisation which we need to remain mindful of. Moving from a not-for-profit organisation to a for-purpose organisation that has a strong business imperative, it would be very easy to lose sight of our mission and purpose, and forget the people who we have been called to serve. Our board and leadership team are all very mindful of this challenge and continue to actively monitor it.

We are also challenged with the need for a growing workforce that actively embrace our mission and values, and for quality housing to meet the accommodation needs of new clients. Operational challenges include complex customer facing issues, new business processes and practices, efficiency to uphold our business requirements and technology to support our work.

This is a vital time for the future of Lutheran Disability Services to secure a position in the new marketplace of supported accommodation services under the NDIS. We are very keen to ensure that LDS not only survives the transition to the NDIS, but that it thrives in the new marketplace, offering a niche service to those seeking to be supported in a Christian environment. We would value your support and prayers, as we navigate this challenging and rewarding time of transition.

Janine Lenigas

Chief Executive Officer

DEAF MINISTRY earl Ministry







The past year has seen a number of significant changes in the Deaf Ministry. At the end of 2016, the Adelaide Deaf Community Church (ADCC) called me as pastor to serve in a shared ministry with Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Magill. To support the partnership, the ADCC decided to relocate to Magill and both congregations agreed to adjust service times to accommodate two services on a Sunday morning; 9am hearing in English, 11am deaf in Auslan (Australian Sign Language). The transition has gone smoothly and I thank God for the willingness of all members, deaf and hearing, to make the new arrangements work.

In October 2017, we formally celebrated the retirement of Pastor John Hoopmann after 26 years of service to the Deaf Ministry. We thank God for everything John, his wife Sandra and daughter Amber have done over the years to bring God's word to the deaf community in Auslan and pray that God will bless John and Sandra's retirement.

In addition to the services at Magill, I am continuing the practice started by John of 'away services' (about eight times per year). These services involve the ADCC conducting worship in Auslan at a hearing host congregation. The main purpose of the away services is to give the host congregation an appreciation for deaf worship and to raise awareness for the Deaf Ministry. An interpreter is provided to ensure the hearing people can follow along, but it can still be an eye-opener for them (e.g. when they realise it is possible to 'sing' without music). It is very rewarding when people come to realise we can still worship together, despite large language and cultural differences. If your congregation would like to host a deaf service, please feel free to contact me.

In January of last year, prior to my installation, the ADCC was paid a visit from John Reinke, a Lutheran pastor for the deaf in the United States. While I was not able to attend John's teaching, he generously gave me a copy of his materials to use. These include the Small Catechism and introductions to the Old and New Testaments in a deaf-friendly English format. These have proven very popular with the deaf and we hold regular Bible studies after Sunday worship.

CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

While John Reinke's resources are a great gift, they also highlight one of the biggest challenges for the deaf – a lack of resources in their native language. While many deaf can read English, it is not their first/heart language, so more resources in Auslan are needed.

Thanks to a grant from the 50/500 'Have a Go' Fund, the ADCC will soon be able to start producing their own resources. We are in the process of setting up a video studio at Magill, which will enable the deaf to make their own high-quality videos in Auslan. Initially we plan to focus on gospel readings from the Lectionary; gradually building up a library of scripture for use in worship and Bible study, and to distribute online.

Eventually we would also like to make devotions, sermons and other teaching material available in Auslan. With our own studio, progress will only be limited by the human resources available. Aside from recording the Lectionary, my greatest wish would be to make the Deaf Catechism available in Auslan. I see this as an invaluable resource to both catechise deaf Christians and enable them to share their faith with their non-Christian friends and family.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Like many LCA congregations, the ADCC is an aging one. Please pray that God may draw more deaf to accept his son Jesus as their Lord. Please also pray for our current members that they may be given the opportunities to share their faith with other deaf.

Finally, please pray that the work we are currently doing with the video studio may bear fruit and that we may find more volunteers who are willing and able to assist in the preparation of resources.

In His service,

Pastor Michael Prenzler

Deaf Ministr



Chaplains and Pastoral Visitors provide a source of hope through listening, caring, and reminding people that God continues to love them irrespective of their circumstances.

Each week in our District, hundreds of people in the wider community experience face to face Pastoral Care from Lutheran Chaplains and Pastoral Visitors in Hospitals, Prisons, Aged Care Communities, TAFEs, Universities and other community organisations.

Do you have a heart for being part of a growing number of fellow Christians for whom reaching out to people in their local communities and institutions is a fulfilling way of engaging in practical compassionate Christian service?

You can bring fresh hope to your community by becoming a Chaplain or Pastoral Visitor

Imagine new opportunities for chaplaincy and pastoral caring in your local council, community organisations, sporting cubs, seniors groups, youth & young adult organisations, child care centres and pre-schools, men's sheds, vet clinics, work places.

WHY NOT PRAYERFULLY ASK YOURSELF...

"Do I have a heart for being part of a growing number of fellow Christians for whom reaching out to people in my local community and institutions is a fulfilling way of engaging in practical compassionate Christian service?"

LIKE TO TALK IT OVER WITH SOMEONE?

Chat with your pastor or someone whom you know is already in a chaplaincy or pastoral visiting role.

OR

Contact Pastor Peter Miller, *Director of Chaplaincy* Ministries, who will be delighted to meet with you to discuss what is involved in this valuable and rewarding ministry, including the collegial and professional training & support provided.

Pastor Peter Miller

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ST PAUL BLAIR ATHOL MISSION STIMULUS GRANT REPORTMULUS Grant Report





As the School Ministry Worker at St Paul Lutheran School, Blair Athol, I am blessed with the opportunity to work within the school environment and alongside staff, students and families. Being a new role for St Paul Lutheran Church in 2017, we knew the main aim was to nurture the relationship between the school and congregation and we focused on getting involved and contributing to the general life of the school.

We have really been overwhelmed by the way the school has welcomed and supported our goal. Building relationships is key. We organise and run special events in the school and also invite school families to our worship services, events and voluntary ministry programs.

Our initial event of the year in the school is Shrove Tuesday. As a congregation, we serve pancakes to the school community - the staff for breakfast and the students during recess time. This year, we served over 400 pancakes and it was very much the celebration of congregation coming together to serve our school community in the school space.

Last year, we held an Easter Holy Trail in the hall and chapel for all year levels to attend and experience the Easter story in a hands-on way. Members of our congregation were actively involved in this special ministry experience, giving them the chance to journey alongside students to teach, guide and enable them to engage in the true story of Easter.

A significant part of my role is to contribute to the planning and coordination of St Paul Community Sundays (SPCS) held once each term. St Paul Community Sundays are relaxed and informal worship services at St Paul Lutheran Church, involving children from our school, followed by an interactive, hands-on experience event in the hall. Our church and school families are encouraged to share together after the service in these events, each one having a theme to explore, such as Holy Week, Growing, Prayer, Water or Serving.

A key aspect for me has been to encourage students and staff from our school to participate in these community services. They get involved with dramatised Bible readings, short skits and prayers. Part of this involves rehearsal time with students at lunchtimes. As a congregational ministry team we hold creative workshops in classrooms, working alongside teaching staff to explore specific Christian studies topics or to create student artwork to display in the chapel for our SPCS services.

There are many ways the school can contribute to our services. We have been blessed to have the St Paul school choirs participate in our services and each year the congregation gifts My First Storybook Bibles to every reception student. In doing so, it encourages all new school families to join us in our worship service.

I am honoured to be a part of the preparation for baptism at St Paul. Last year in term four, we were incredibly blessed to have two children baptised, a brother and sister, at our SPCS service, which was a real celebration and highlight for me personally in the year. The school celebrated with the children and their parents and it was noted at school chapel also. We arranged a class party for each child to give them the opportunity to celebrate with their classmates, teachers, parents and congregation members. As I write this, I am preparing three young people who will be baptised on Palm Sunday at our first St Paul Community Sunday service for the year.

Part of the School Ministry Worker role includes having a regular relational presence in the school, facilitating and providing pastoral care for students and staff. I have been able to get to know students and staff as an active member on school camps, excursions, sports day and facilitating chapel. I thoroughly enjoy being a support to the general life of the school in a practical way.

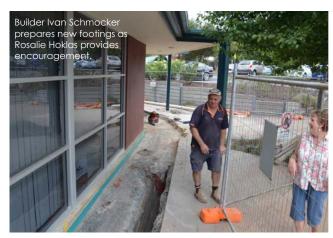
It is an incredible honour to be the School Ministry Worker at St Paul and I thank my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for the blessing and opportunity that it is. I also am grateful for the support received from the team at St Paul, both school and church. We still have much to look forward to in 2018!

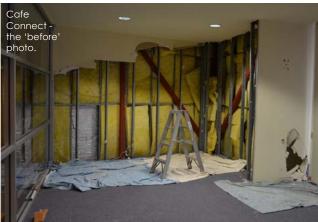
Yours in Christ,

Louise Venning

School Ministry Worker, St Paul Lutheran Church

GOLDEN GROVE MISSION STIMULUS GRANT REPORT Limulus Grant Report





Golden Grove Lutheran Church (GGLC) was privileged to receive the Mission Stimulus Grant in 2017, for which we extend our thanks to the LLL and SA-NT District. We understand that other worthy projects were submitted. To have ours chosen is a blessing both in the monetary support that it provides and the extra momentum that the external endorsement brings to the project.

Records show that our vision to have a café space at GGLC goes back at least to 2001. It took until 2017 to make it happen, when like seed falling on fertile soil after the rain, God provided the right conditions.

Firstly, the need became more apparent at several levels.

Having shared 30 years of history with Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School (GGLPS), in recent years many of the founders of the school and foundational students were no longer with the congregation. So what was previously a natural bond now requires intentional effort to maintain a strong relationship. Providing a café area where school parents can meet and connect with the pastor and members of the church after school drop-off is seen as a way to create strong and meaningful connections between the congregation and school families.

Another result of our relationship with GGLPS is that we value our children's ministries and have placed emphasis on playgroup, CCs (activities targeted at primary school age children), youth and young adults. The café space will host the carers who come to playgroup once the formal play is over. It will also host those who come to CCs while their children are engaged in activities and provide a space for the youth and young adults to relax and share together in a church environment. Providing a church connection outside of school for children, as they grow to youth and young adults, is a second foundation stone to fulfil our mission.

Further, our church building as it is does not facilitate a connection to people. Morning tea facilities are in the opposite direction to the exit, making it difficult to initiate the first steps toward pastoral care. The pastor's office is located in the school administration area, so the church building remains closed for the best part of six days out of seven. On a twice daily basis, approximately 200 families walk past the closed front door of the church and there is no means to show people on the outside what happens on the inside. Whilst the Holy Spirit may move a person to step over that threshold and into the church, it is part of our mission to make sure that every barrier to the step is removed.

Secondly, at the beginning of 2017, a significant loan for our church building was paid off.

And thirdly, it was time to renovate. Carpets and chairs are showing their age and members too. It could be said that with the average age of members increasing, so does the urgency to have internal male and female amenities. And indeed, one cannot offer a café space without the necessary facilities.

So for this conjunction of reasons, GGLC have launched into a renovations program with the café space an integral component, supported by a move of offices, a highly visible deck and play space adjacent to the café, new amenities, a new front door arrangement that opens the church to the outside and signage that keeps passers by informed. Together these create a hub of activity at the front of the church and give people many good reasons to come inside and be part of the community.

Some of these renovations affect shared spaces and GGLPS has been supportive of the project, both for its concept and in contributing their share of the cost. Building is expensive, however, and with all funding sources accounted for, we may not have been able to proceed with the café space without the \$25,000 Mission Stimulus Grant.

As of March 2018, the building work is well under way and anticipation of the new facilities is growing in the church and school community. The community also became actively involved in choosing the name for the new café. With more than 60 submissions, it was a grueling evaluation process, but we are pleased to share that the name of the new café will be Café Connect.

Jon Schutz GGLC Chairperson

> Golden Grove Mission Stimulus Grant Report

Appendix 1: Task Force Report and Proposals for District Convention 2005

USE OF PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE LUTHERAN EMERGENCY FAMILY SHELTER AT COLLEGE PARK.

May 2005

Introduction:

Zinnbauer Ministry

In April 1940 Pastor Alfred Zinnbauer and his wife arrived in South Australia, via England, fleeing Nazi oppression in Europe. But, in an extreme irony, within three months, he was interned for almost 4 years!

Following his release, he was appointed as fulltime City Missioner in Adelaide to care for Lutherans in hospitals, old folks homes, gaols and asylums, most of whom came from rural parishes.

It did not take long before Pastor Zinnbauer's ministry expanded to include many people with diverse needs, and he was in contact with secular, denominational and government agencies.

In 1952 the Church purchased a large residence in College Park as a manse for the Zinnbauers. At this time migrants from war torn Europe began arriving in large numbers and Pastor Zinnbauer immersed himself in ministry to these people. His ministry included Word and Sacraments and in 1950/51 he had 15 preaching places around Adelaide, many included Sunday Schools!

In time the College Park property was expanded to provide emergency accommodation for individuals and families in crisis. Many are familiar with the more recent history of this ministry. For a variety of reasons this ministry in College Park closed in 2003. The former manse/hostel has been sold and is again a private residence.

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District Convention 2003 resolved:

"That the Lutheran Emergency Family Shelter at College Park be sold. That the proceeds of the sale be held in trust until the District Church Council can make recommendations regarding its use to synod"

The proceeds of the sale of the College Park property totaling \$2,503,379.87 are held in trust at the Lutheran Laypeople's League.

An amount of \$100,000 of the proceeds is residual Crisis Accommodation Program funding provided by the Department of Human Services for maintenance of the Lutheran Emergency Family Shelter. Consideration must be given by the Special Grants Allocation Team to this amount of the capital being allocated to housing type projects in partnership with the State Government.

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TASK FORCE

The District Church Council appointed a Task Force to investigate how the proceeds of the sale of the College Park property should be used. The Task Force was provided with an extensive Terms of Reference and were required to keep the Council apprised of progress and to make recommendations to Council and ultimately Synod on the use of the funds.

The Task Force appointed consisted of Judy Jaensch and Stephen Schultz (Church Councillors), Jayne Wardrop as Secretary and Dennis Obst as Chairperson, plus a representative from each of the following: Lutheran Community Care (Graham Brown, followed by Greg Were) Lutheran Community Housing Support Unit (Graham Ross), former Lutheran Emergency Family Shelter Committee (Paul Ridley).

The Task Force met on 9 occasions, the first meeting being on May 26th 2004.

ITEMS, ISSUES AND REPORTS CONSIDERED BY THE GROUP:

History

The group gathered and researched the beginnings, the mission and the ministry of the late Pastor Alfred Zinnbauer.

The committee also received reports on and considered the accommodation ministry which took place after Pastor Zinnbauer's retirement in 1975.

Accommodation currently provided within the SA/NT District

An examination of the accommodation ministries currently being carried out under the auspices of Lutheran Community Care through the Calvary Lutheran Family Support Services was completed. This service currently consists of 6 two bedroom units where families can stay for up to 3 months plus 14 houses for medium term tenancy. The service provides an ability to network and advocate for families and provide strong links with local Churches, their programs and where possible with Christians within health and welfare organisations.

The accommodation ministries currently being provided under the auspices of the Lutheran Community Housing Support Unit were examined. This unit provides 270 homes through the Lutheran Church spread across South Australia. In this discussion the possibility of congregations providing housing through partnerships with LCHSU was explored. This model provides a community base for residents and current costing indicates a congregation could provide a house for roughly \$3,500 per year. The task group considered the benefit of this model is that it enables people to be in and part of a community rather than being housed in an institution.

Lutheran Community Care and the Lutheran Community Housing Support Unit work together providing support for the homeless and others in necessitous circumstances.

A New Facility

The Lutheran Emergency Family Shelter was reliant upon government funding for its existence. The cost of building a new facility would be greater than the available funds. Any new model comprising government funding would be placed in a tenuous situation and it is considered that this would present a high risk to the Church on any investment in a facility.

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Consultation

An article and request for submissions, published in TOGETHER drew only one written response which was considered by the Task Force but did not fall within the criteria provided in the Terms of Reference.

Conclusion

Following consideration of these items over a period of months, the Task Force concluded that proceeds from the sale of College Park would serve our communities better by way of the following proposal.

Proposal for the use of the proceeds from the sale of 20 Marlborough Street, College Park.

1.1. Use of proceeds from the sale of the Lutheran Emergency Family Shelter PROPOSAL

THAT the proceeds from the sale of 20 Marlborough Street, College Park be invested.

THAT allocations from the interest primarily be made to congregations embarking on community focused ministry initiatives.

THAT a Special Grants Allocation Team be appointed bi-ennially by the District Church Council on recommendations from the Council for Mission. The Team will assess applications and receive reports on the progress of projects.

Ministry Initiatives

Ministry initiatives will ultimately be directed toward the transformation of people's lives in Christ.

In general the majority of the income from the fund is to be used for serving the lost and low-income families and individuals.

Allocations made for equipping people, will be for the laity, either employed or volunteer.

In line with the principle of multiplication a "train the trainer" component will be highly desirable.

Allocations will not normally be made for recurrent costs of regular existing ministries.

Applicants will present a strategy for the self continuation of the project when the grant has been expended.

Allocation of a single grant will not exceed 25% of the funds available in that calendar year.

No guarantee that the amount applied for will be granted.

The Fund could well attract additional capital through legacies.

GUIDELINES

Grant applicants will be asked to consider and provide the following:

- 1. A detailed description of the proposed ministry initiative.
- 2. The ministry's relation to specific community needs.
- Where the community needs are identified, the supporting community profiles/research will be included.
- 4. The impact of this project on similar services in the community.
- 5. Details of all the resources required for the ministry including those:
 - available locally
 - available elsewhere
 - still required
- 6. How people in the congregation and community members will participate in and be involved in the ministry.
- 7. Where staffing is required, anticipated availability of personnel. (paid & volunteers)
- 8. The ways in which the gospel will be communicated.
- 9. Linkages with the worship life of the congregation.
- 10. Anticipated impact on the congregation's other ministries.
- 11. A description of anticipated outcomes.
- 12. How and when the ministry will be evaluated both qualitatively and quantitatively.
- 13. Any other details that help support the application.

Where needed, congregations will be given assistance in developing their application, including their community research /profiling by the appropriate department or group of the District.

Departments and groups in the District, such as Mission, Children Youth and Family Ministry, Lutheran Community Care, Lutheran Community Housing Support Unit are encouraged to instigate the use of the fund with congregations.

Applications close on September 30 of each year.

Annual disbursements will be made from the fund in November.

There will be no use of capital for the first two years of the fund. A review of the fund will be undertaken in 2008 and recommendation presented to District Church Council by June 2008.

The following list provides examples of how this fund may be used; it is not an exhaustive list but is provided to give some ideas of the types of projects that may be considered for grants:

- Housing projects in conjunction with LCHSU
- Migrant English classes
- Soup kitchen
- Support groups for people with specific needs
- Respite for carers
- Mobile crèche
- Sport groups
- Mentoring by way of practical projects eg mechanical/cooking
- Sponsorships of various kinds
- Programs for life transition stages
- 'Seasons for Growth'
- Planting a church
- Hiring of facilities
- Sponsorship of refugee families in relocation to Australia

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SPECIAL GRANTS ALLOCATION TEAM

The Special Grants Allocation Team will assess applications and receive reports on the progress of projects.

The Special Grants Allocation Team will be appointed bi-ennially by the District Church Council on recommendations from the Council for Mission.

Personnel for the team to include:

A member of District Church Council

The Director for Mission

The Director for Lutheran Community Care

Other appointments may include:

A person experienced in community research/profiling

A person experienced in financial management

A mix of people who represent the profile of the District.

Where a department applies for a grant and a conflict of interest may occur, the department will not participate in the decision on the allocation of their particular application.

Recommendations from the Special Grants Allocation Team will be made to District Church Council for approval.

Criteria for Assessment of Grant Applications

- Applicants to be congregations and departments of SA/NT District
- Ways in which the ministry proposed would be directed towards the transformation of people's lives in Christ
- Whether the proposal matches the guidelines for the application.
- The extent to which the project will impact on lives of people in some way disadvantaged in the community
- To what extent the proposal will serve lost families & individuals
- Ways in which laity will be released and equipped for ministry
- Where training is involved that there is a train the trainer emphasis
- To what extent the proposal will assist in developing new ministries in the community.
- The application of the principle of multiplication
- The evaluation and reporting process put in place by the applicant
- A strategy for longer term viability and sustainability for the continuation of the project when the grant has been expended.
- The integrity of the project as a bona fide ministry of the Church.
- Any requirement for recurrent funding
- Principles for use of the money
- The amount of the allocation
- · Overview of projects on an annual basis
- Keeping it simple

The Special Grants Allocation Team will give consideration to approximately \$100,000 from the amount being allocated to housing type projects in partnership with the State Government. The \$100,000 is residual Crisis Accommodation Program funding from the Department of Human Services.

Reporting

There will be a requirement for the applicant to report to the Special Grants Allocation Team at the end of the first quarter and at the end of the first year of funding.

District Church Council

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT INCORPORATED A.B.N. 84 490 129 361

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2017

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT INCORPORATED

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT INCORPORATED

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

STATEMENT BY THE CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the members of the Church Council of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated:

- (a) The accompanying Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and Notes to the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated as at 31 December 2017 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
- (b) At the date of this statement there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.
- (c) No officer or no firm of which an officer is a member or no corporation in which an officer has a substantial financial interest has received or become entitled to receive a benefit as a result of a contract between the officer, firm or corporation and the Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated.
- (d) No officer has received directly or indirectly any payment or other benefit of a pecuniary value other than regular remuneration payments to employees.
- (e) the financial statements and notes satisfy the requirements of the Australian Charities and Notfor-profits Commission Act 2012.

This report is made and signed in accordance with a resolution of the Church Council and subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Dated this 2) day of More 2018

Signed by....

Position held on Board of Management - Bishop

Signed by Ana Alway

Position held on Board of Management - Council Member

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT INCORPORATED

Opinion

I have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated, which comprises the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, and the income and expenditure statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the statement by the church council.

In my opinion the financial report of the Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- giving a true and fair view of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Church Council for the Financial Report

The Church Council are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act. The members' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Church Council are responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Church Council either intend to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT INCORPORATED

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the members' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Church Council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

MRL GROUP PTY LTD

Chartered Accountants

Director

Adelaide

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SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
Contributions from congregations Interest and investment income	1 (b)	1,378,358 151,129	1,544,126 161,145
Ministry support	1(0)	80,820	58,225
Net rental income		56,357	46,741
Sundry income		1,392	57,126
Aboriginal Ministry		(92,462)	(115,303)
Administrative support costs		(168,039)	(184,047)
Children, Youth and Family Ministry		(121,703)	(147,204)
Mission		(135,746)	(129,918)
FRM Alice Springs Town Camp Ministry		(7,500)	(10,000)
Deaf Ministry		(8,293)	(29,396)
Office of the Bishop		(123,891)	(127,374)
Chaplaincy Ministry		(147,134)	(137,153)
Lutheran Community Care		(10,000)	(10,000)
Contribution to LCA Ministry Loss on disposal of fixed assets		(737,496) (7,373)	(762,682) 0
Operating Surplus prior to property sales, reserve transactions and transfers		108,419	214,286
Transfers to Reserves	1(b)		
Aboriginal Ministry SA		(6,986)	(8,453)
Albert Geisler Fund		(2,339)	0
Bequests and Legacies Fund		(14,446)	0
Sale of Church Properties Fund		(5,280)	0
Special Purpose Gift Fund Taperoo Fund		(7,228)	0
Tatachilla property Reserve		(4,258) (8,444)	(19,615)
Tertiary Ministry fund		0	(670)
Zinnbauer		(28,408)	(40,722)
Total transfers to reserves		(77,389)	(69,460)
Operating Surplus		31,030	_144,826

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS		¥	Ψ
Cash assets Trade and other receivables	2 3	6,445,355 662,971	6,497,783 482,314
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		7,108,326	6,980,097
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets Property, plant and equipment	4 5	695,937 153,443	695,937 153,572
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		849,380	849,509
TOTAL ASSETS		7,957,706	7,829,606
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables Provisions	6 7	415,182 153,501	85,498 0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		568,683	85,498
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Provisions	7	27,761	20,187
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		27,761	20,187
TOTAL LIABILITIES		596,444	105,685
NET ASSETS		<u>7,361,262</u>	<u>7,723,921</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds Reserves	8	370,271 6,990,991	540,310 7,183,611
TOTAL EQUITY		7.361.262	7,723,921

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT IN CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Accumulated Funds \$	Reserves \$	Total Funds \$
Balance as at 31 December 2015	395,484	7,540,921	7,936,405
Surplus prior to reserve transfer	214,286	0	214,286
Interest reallocation adjustment	(69,460)	69,460	0
Asset revaluation reserve increment	0	148,757	148,757
Net direct contributions and transfers	0	633,584	633,584
Transfer to District Holdings Pty Ltd	0	(1,209,111)	(1,209,111)
Balance as at 31 December 2016	540,310	7,183,611	7,723,921
Surplus prior to reserve transfer	108,419	0	108,419
Interest reallocation adjustment	(77,389)	77,389	0
Recognition of off balance sheet items	(143,375)	0	(143,375)
Transfer to District Holdings Pty Ltd	0	(418,043)	(418,043)
Net direct contributions and transfers	(57,694)	148,034	90,340
Balance as at 31 December 2017	370,271	6,990,991	7,361,262

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITY	MES		
Receipts from ordinary activities Investment income received Other income Payments to suppliers and employees		1,564,794 227,060 80,820 (1,575,737)	2,194,831 207,886 58,225 (1,974,654)
Net cash provided by operating activities	9	296,937	486,288
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIE	ES		
Payment for property, plant and equipment Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	nt	(47,938) 9,091	(29,153)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(38,847)	(29,153)
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIE	ES		
Direct net funding (withdrawn from) reserve accounted accountion of cash portion of off-balance sheet ite		(327,703) 17,185	633,584
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	es	(310,518)	633,584
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalent	s held	(52,428)	1,090,719
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		6,497,783	5,407,064
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	2	6,445,355	<u>6,497,783</u>

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the specific needs of the members of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated ('the District'). The Church Council has determined that the District is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 110 Events after the Balance Date

AASB 1031 Materiality

No other applicable Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values or, except where specially stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The significant accounting policies adopted by the District are stated in order to assist in a general understanding of the financial statements.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report.

(a) Income tax

The District is exempt from income tax under the Income Tax Assessment Act, 1936 and Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997 as amended.

(b) Reserves

Movements in reserves during the year ended 31 December 2017 are disclosed at Note 8. Reserve moneys represent funds set aside for specific purposes and to honour contributions to the net assets of the District from various sources including legacies. Some movements in the net assets of the District are recorded directly via Reserve accounts rather than through the Income and Expenditure Statement.

In some instances, reserve moneys are supported by an interest-bearing account with the Lutheran Laypeople's League of Australia Incorporated.

(c) Property, plant and equipment

Plant and equipment is carried at cost less, where applicable, any accumulated depreciation.

During the period ended 31 December 2015, the District conducted a full review over the veracity of its fixed assets and their purported value. This review resulted in an upward adjustment to asset values and an increase in net assets via retained earnings in that year.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(d) District Holding Company

The District is guarantor for Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia and Northern Territory District Holdings Limited (District Holding Company). This company is a charitable entity that holds property on behalf of the District and its constituent members.

During the year ended 31 December 2016, the District transferred property to the District Holding Company. This includes property over which the District has formal lease arrangements with local Lutheran congregations who utilise these properties as manses. The transfer of these properties resulted in a diminution of the net assets of the District of \$1.2 million and a corresponding increase in the net assets of the District Holding Company. This event should be considered when interpreting the financial position of the District.

The properties transferred to the District Holding Company during the year ended 31 December 2016 where previously recognised by the District as part of the Tatachilla property reserve and the Zinnbauer reserve. Accordingly, the transfers of property have coincided with formal recognition of reserves in the District Holding Company with these same names and purposes.

During the year ended 31 December 2017, the District transferred a further amount of \$418,043 from its reserves to District Holdings for the purpose of maintaining properties that had previously been transferred. This transfer was underpinned by a commensurate transfer of cash consistent with the nature of the reserve.

(c) Employee benefits

Provision is made for the District's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to balance date.

During the year ended 31 December 2017, the District resolved to fully provide for the value of annual leave entitlements owed to all staff. This resulted in the recognition of a liability amounting to \$153,501 as at 31 December 2017 as disclosed at Note 7. This has resulted in a reduction of net assets commensurate with this amount but off-set by the recognition of other moneys held to fund the provision. Refer also Note 1(j) below.

Employee benefits payable later than one year, such as long service leave, have not been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits as in accordance with AASB 1028. The effect is not material.

(f) Ecumenical Endeavours Pty Ltd

The District holds a beneficial interest in a private company known as Ecumenical Endeavours Pty Ltd. This company represents a mission project conducted by several interdenominational Christian Churches in South Australia at Seaford.

The investment in the company was revalued as at 31 December 2016 to \$695,937. This valuation was adopted by the District as at 31 December 2016 and the revaluation increment taken in that year to the Asset Revaluation Reserve pertaining to investments of the District (refer Notes 4 and Note 8).

The District also has two loans receivable from Ecumenical Endeavours Pty Ltd that amount to \$475,691 as at 31 December 2017 including interest outstanding.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

(g) Lutheran Schools Association

The Lutheran Schools Association is not reported as an income and expenditure item of the District. Income and expenditure reports in relation to the Lutheran Schools Association are disclosed in a separate financial report issued by the Lutheran Schools Association.

(h) Lutheran Community Care

Lutheran Community Care is the welfare ministry of the District and has an autonomous financial reporting system from the District. These financial accounts therefore contain no disclosures in relation to Lutheran Community Care.

(i) Contingent liabilities

Borrowings from the Lutheran Laypeople's League of Australia Incorporated which are approved by the District and undertaken by auxiliaries and other related bodies of the District are guaranteed primarily by those bodies and they are supported by the assets acquired with those monies. The District has guaranteed the repayment of these borrowings in the event of failure of those bodies to meet their repayment obligations.

The District is not aware of any guaranteed borrowings which would not be covered by the realisation of the secured assets and by the support of those bodies undertaking the borrowings and has therefore not established a value of the guarantees.

(j) Recognition of off-balance sheet items

During the year ended 31 December 2017, the District brought to account the economic value of some banking accounts that are held in the name of the District that were previously not recognised within the statutory financial accounts. These balances pertain to minor transactional accounts, receivables and moneys held to fund annual leave.

The net effect of bringing to account these balances together with annual leave liabilities (refer Note 1(e) above) has resulted in a net reduction of net assets amounting to \$143,375. This adjustment was recorded directly against retained earnings as disclosed within the Statement of Changes in Equity.

(k) Comparative figures

Where required, comparative figures have been adjusted to confirm with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 2 CASH ASSETS		
Cash on deposit at the LLL	6,445,355	6,497,783
Total cash assets	6,445,355	6,497,783
NOTE 3 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Interest receivable	77,389	96,963
GST receivable	11,998	8,917
Amounts receivable from:		
- Trade debtors	93,440	20,540
- Ecumenical Endeavours Pty Ltd - Lutheran Church of Australia	475,691 4,453	355,894 0
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Total trade and other receivables	<u>_662,971</u>	<u>482,314</u>
NOTE 4 FINANCIAL ASSETS		
Shares in unlisted companies	695,937	695,937
		
Total financial assets	<u>695,937</u>	<u>695,937</u>

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 5 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONT)		
Plant and equipment, at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	165,259 (94,886)	165,283 (85,440)
	70,373	79,843
Motor vehicles, at cost Less: Accumulated depreciation	116,537 (33,467)	111,797 (38,068)
	83,070	73,729
Total property, plant and equipment	153,443	153,572
NOTE 6 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES Sundry creditors Transfer Fund Income in advance Payroll liabilities	16,067 56,177 332,960 9,978	19,855 55,361 0 10,282
Total trade and other payables	<u>415,182</u>	<u>85,498</u>
NOTE 7 PROVISIONS CURRENT		
Employee benefits – annual leave	153,501	0
NON-CURRENT		
Employee benefits - long service leave	27,761	20,187
Total provisions	<u>_181,262</u>	<u>_20,187</u>

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 8 RESERVES		
Asset Revaluation Reserve - investments	695,937	695,937
Aboriginal Ministry SA	516,148	61,920
Aboriginal Ministries SA Trust	. 0	479,268
Administration fund	68,466	427,002
Aged care	86,443	127,980
Albert Geisler Deaf Ministry fund	142,533	190,950
Bequests and Legacies fund	1,091,580	969,375
Bishop's Fund	0	11,192
Chaplaincy Fund	69,313	59,643
Children, Youth & Ministry fund	57,822	44,467
CLW funds	0	45,464
Disaster relief	65,207	76,707
Graduate Pastors fund	49,046	43,234
Hillcrest property	0	(106)
LLL 40th Anniversary	533,072	174,368
Mansfield Park cottages	0	327,046
Mission fund	111,103	123,459
Music Ministry Fund	0	12,025
Provision for repairs to District properties	13,898	88,280
Sale of church properties	498,993	295,555
Taperoo fund	307,360	300,000
Tatachilla property reserve Zinnbauer	611,284	629,909
Zitinoauer	2,072,786	1,999,936
Total Reserves	<u>6,990,991</u>	<u>7,183,611</u>
NOTE 9 RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS WITH SURPLUS		
Surplus from operations	108,419	214,286
Non-cash flows		
- Depreciation	31,603	32,112
- Loss on disposal of fixed assets	7,373	0
- Recognition of non-cash portion of off-balance sheet items	(160,560)	0
Changes in assets and liabilities		
- (Increase) Decrease in trade and other receivables	(180,657)	547,823
- Decrease in prepayments	0	13,858
- (Decrease) in trade payables and accruals	(3,276)	(323,746)
- Increase in provisions	161,075	1,955
- Increase in income in advance	332,960	0
Cash-flows from operations	296,937	486,288

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your Directors present their report together with the financial statements of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Holdings Limited and the Auditors' report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

1 The names of the Directors in office at any time during or since the end of the year are:

Rev DJ Altus Mr MA Schwarz Rev TJ Klein Mrs A Rogers Rev Dr A Ruddell

- The company recorded a surplus of \$1,657 (prior year: surplus of \$1,398) during the financial year.
- 3 The principal activity and the operation of the company during the financial year was supporting and promoting the works, aims, beliefs and articles of the faith of the Lutheran Church of Australia in South Australia and the Northern Territory and elsewhere.
- 4 There were no significant changes in the nature and extent of the company's activities or in the state of affairs of the company during the year.
- 5 There are no matters or circumstances that have arisen since the end of the financial year which significantly affect or may significantly affect the operations of the company, the results of those operations or the state of affairs of the company in future financial years.
- 6 Likely developments in the operations of the company and the expected results of those operations in future financial years have not been included in this report as the inclusion of such information is likely to result in unreasonable prejudice to the company.
- 7 No dividends were paid or declared since the commencement of the financial year and the Directors do not recommend the declaration of a dividend.
- 8 No Director has received, or become entitled to receive, a benefit by reason of a contract made by the company or a related company with the Director or with a firm of which he is a member, or with a company in which he has a substantial financial interest.
- 9 No indemnities have been given or insurance premiums paid, during or since the end of the financial year, for any person who is or has been an officer or auditor of the company.
- 10 The Auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 31 December 2017 has been received.

Signed in Adelaide this 2 day of March 2018 in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

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Director

Director

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT HOLDINGS LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Holdings Limited, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies, other explanatory notes and the Directors' declaration.

In my opinion the financial report of the Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Holdings Limited is in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- giving a true and fair view of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Holdings Limited's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1; and
- complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1 and Division 60 the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 (ACNC Act) and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of the Company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the Financial Report

The Directors of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view, and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the ACNC Act. The Directors' responsibility also includes such internal control as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT HOLDINGS LIMITED

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or
 error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is
 sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material
 misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve
 collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
 are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
 effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the directors regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide the directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

Mark LeCornu

Registered Company Auditor

Adelaide

2 9" day of March 2018

INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA SOUTH AUSTRALIA & NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT HOLDINGS LIMITED

DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

The Directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

The Directors of Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Holdings Limited declare that:

- The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 7 to 18, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012:
 - (a) comply with Accounting Standards as described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the Corporations Regulations 2001; and
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 31 December 2017 and of its performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements.
- 2. In the Directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in Adelaide this 2 day of Marcu 2018 in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors and subsection 60.15(2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

Director

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 \$	2016 \$
Grants received from LCA SA & NT District Inc	13,173	9,500
Emergency Services Levy reimbursements Administration fee	98,396	27,134
Interest	4,189 163	63
Accounting and audit fees	(5,250)	(5,500)
Conveyancing fees	0	(2,665)
Emergency services levies	(98,396)	(27,134)
Repairs and maintenance	(5,173)	0
Sundry expenses	(5,445)	0
Surplus prior to reserve transactions	1,657	1,398
Incoming transfer of reserves from LCA SA & NT District Inc	418,043	0
Transfers (to) property maintenance reserves	(418,043)	0
Surplus after transfers to reserves	<u>1,657</u>	1,398

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT THE 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash assets Sundry debtors and other receivables	2 3	423,381	66,497 5,445
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		423,381	71,942
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property	4	117,361,500	117,295,500
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		117,361,500	117,295,500
TOTAL ASSETS		117,784,881	117,367,442
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Sundry creditors and other payables	5	0	68,261
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		0	68,261
TOTAL LIABILITIES		0	<u>68,261</u>
NET ASSETS		117,784,881	117,299,181
EQUITY			
Reserves Accumulated funds	6 7	17,697,041 100,087,840 	17,278,998 100,020,183
TOTAL EQUITY		117,784,881	117,299,181

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Surplus Recognition of additional property Transfers to reserves Surplus Compared at 31 December 2016 Surplus Surplus Surplus Surplus O Compared at 31 December 2016 O Compared at 31 December 3016	Park Maintenance Reserve 0 0 0 0	\$ 54,282,283 1,398 2,879,389 60,136,111 0
Revaluation increment 0	0	0
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Recognition of additional property 0	0	000'99
Transfers to reserves	346,366	418,043
Balance as at 31 December 2017 71,677	346,366	117,784,881

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Accumulated Funds	Asset Revaluation Reserve	Church Extention Fund	Zinnbauer Fund	Tatachilla Property Reserve
		69	69	(A)	₩
Balance as at 1 January 2016	41,091,785	12,433,500	756,998	0	0
Surplus	1,398	0	0	0	0
Revaluation increment	0	2,958,500	0	(98,110)	18,999
Recognition of additional property	60,136,111	0	0	0	0
Transfers to reserves	(1,209,111)	0	0	588,110	621,001
Balance as at 31 December 2016	100,020,183	15,392,000	756,998	490,000	640,000
Surplus	1,657	0	0	0	٥
Revaluation increment	0	0	Q	0	0
Recognition of additional property	000'99	0	0	0	0
Transfers to reserves	0	0	0	0	0
Balance as at 31 December 2017	160,087,840	15,392,000	756,998	490,000	646,000

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 \$	2016 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVIT	TIES		
Donations and grants received Emergency Services Levy reimbursements Administration fees Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers and employees Interest received		13,173 98,396 4,189 0 (177,080) 163	9,500 21,689 0 41,127 (8,165) 63
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities	8	(61,159)	64,214
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIE Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment Payment for property, plant and equipment	s	0 0	0 0
Net cash provided by investing activities		0	0
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIE	:S		
Financing activities Cash received from LCA SA & NT District Inc for i	ncoming reserves	0 418,043	0 0
Net cash provided by financing activities		418,043	0
Net increase in cash held		356,884	64,214
Cash at beginning of year		66,497	2,283
Cash at end of year	2	423,381	66,497

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial report preparation requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. The Directors have determined that the company is not a reporting entity.

Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Holdings Limited ('District Holdings') is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. The guarantee is provided by Lutheran Church of Australia South Australia & Northern Territory District Incorporated ('the District').

The main purpose of the company is to hold and administer property that is utilised by the District and its many constituent entities for ministry purposes. The District has systematically transferred ownership of property in its name to the District Holdings for this purpose.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 110 Events after the Balance Date

AASB 1031 Materiality

The financial statements are prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historical costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this report.

(a) Income tax

District Holdings is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act* 1997.

(b) Reserves

Movements in reserves are disclosed at Note 4 and include the revaluation reserve that is utilised to record revaluation increments upon adoption of new values. Refer Note 1(c).

A brief description of specific reserves to the company are as follows:

Church extension fund

This is a fund formerly maintained by the District that was transferred to District Holdings. The fund is used to apply resources where appropriate for expansion of church property across the District.

Zinnbauer reserve

This reserve is supported by the property held at 37 Burdekin Avenue, Hillcrest, which is a property held for specific purposes arising from the Estate of Zinnbauer. This property was transferred to the District Holding company during the year ended 31 December 2016 and a corresponding reserve created in recognition of its specific purpose. The District holds other assets as part of the Zinnbauer Fund in reserve that are not property related and are held in the District financial accounts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

NOTE 1 STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Tatachilla property reserve

This reserve is supported by the specific property held at 223 Mawson Lakes Boulevard, Mawson Lakes, which is a property held for specific purposes of the District and in accord with a District Synod Resolution. This property was transferred to the District Holding company during the year ended 31 December 2016 and a corresponding reserve created in recognition of its specific purpose.

Property maintenance reserve

This is a fund formerly maintained by the District that was transferred to District Holdings during the year ended 31 December 2017. The fund is used to maintain District property as required.

Mansfield Park maintenance reserve

This reserve represents cash funds set-aside specifically to maintain the District property held at Mansfield Park. The reserve was created in the year ended 31 December 2017 upon transfer of the cash funds formerly held by the District for this purpose.

(c) Property

Property transferred to the company from the District and other sources has been transferred to the company at its purported value at the time of last valuation.

All property held by the company was revalued as at 31 December 2016 utilising the capital value ascribed by the State Valuation Office. This valuation methodology would generally be considered to be lower than market value should property be sold on an arm's length basis.

Property valuation increments are generally taken to the revaluation reserve. In the case of property that is supported by specific reserve fund (refer note (b) above) valuation increments are taken to the specific reserve fund supporting that property.

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 2 CASH ASSETS		
Cash at bank	423,381	66,497
Total cash assets	423,381	66,497
NOTE 3 SUNDRY DEBTORS AND OTHER RECEIVABLES		
Sundry debtors	0	5,445
Total sundry debtors and other receivables	0	5,445
NOTE 4 PROPERTY		
District property held (at valuation)		
307 Prospect Road, Blair Athol 309 Prospect Road, Blair Athol 498 Churches Road, Condowie 37 Burdekin Avenue, Hillcrest (refer Note 1(b)) Sec 20 Foggos Road, Koonibba Lot 20 Foggos Road, Koonibba 21 Sturt Street, Mansfield Park 223 Mawson Lakes Boulevard, Mawson Lakes (refer Note 1(b)) 137-149 Archer Street, North Adelaide 23 Springhill Avenue, Oakden 219 Main North Road, Seston Park	285,000 650,000 8,000 490,000 125,000 187,000 740,000 640,000 1,725,000 495,000 2,000,000	285,000 650,000 8,000 490,000 125,000 187,000 740,000 640,000 1,725,000 495,000 2,000,000
	7,345,000	7,345,000

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 4 PROPERTY (Cont)	-	-
1 NOTERT 1 (Cont)		
Other property held (at valuation)		
Lot 100 Taylors Road, Aberfoyle Park	1,250,000	1,250,000
28-30 Taylors Road, Aberfoyle Park	2,750,000	2,750,000
9 Southbound Avenue, Aberfoyle Park	400,000	400,000
64 Botting Street, Albert Park	435,000	435,000
7 Neldner Avenue, Angaston	2,050,000	2,050,000
64 Valley Road, Angaston	295,000	295,000
Lot 211 Neldner Street, Angaston	1,950,000	1,950,000
30 Audrey Avenue, Blair Athol	460,000	460,000
34 Audrey Avenue, Blair Athol	620,000	620,000
42 Audrey Avenue, Blair Athol	295,000	295,000
Lot 100 Audrey Avenue, Blair Athol	1,075,000	1,075,000
Lot 7 Audrey Avenue, Blair Athol	1,125,000	1,125,000
24 Deakin Street, Blair Athol	200,000	200,000
30 Deakin Street, Blair Athol	380,000	380,000
32 Deakin Street, Blair Athol	320,000	320,000
4 Patterson Street, Bordertown	110,000	110,000
27 Smith Street, Bordertown	495,000	495,000
8461 Thiele Highway, Bower 2939 Bower Boundary Road, Bower	55,000	0
Lot 385 Govi Road, Bower	1,000	0
1 Rosenthal Road, Bridgewater	10,000	100.000
6 Rosenthal Road, Bridgewater	300,000	300,000
Lot 68 Rosenthal Road, Bridgewater	420,000	420,000
Lot 4 Ludgvan Street, Burra	480,000	480,000
Lot 3 Tregony Street, Burra	55,000 33,000	55,000 33,000
4 Smith Road, Ceduna	920,000	920,000
23 East Terrace, Ceduna	230,000	230,000
33 East Terrace, Ceduna	270,000	270,000
201 Teusner Road, Concordia	51,000	51,000
Lot 503 Cumming Street, Craigburn Farm	3,725,000	3,725,000
Lot 9 Balmoral Road, Dernancourt	900,000	900,000
521 Main North Road, Elizabeth	470,000	470,000
55 Murray Street, Ferryden Park	510,000	510,000
8 Becker Street, Freeling	365,000	365,000
9 Wellington Street, Glandore	610,000	610,000
3 Pleasant Avenue, Glandore	720,000	720,000
11 Mersey Street, Glandore	485,000	485,000
22 Avenue Road, Glynde	1,075,000	1,075,000
Lot 1 Beach Road, Goolwa Beach	118,000	118,000
Lot 2 Beach Road, Goolwa Beach	118,000	118,000
Lot 3 Beach Road, Goolwa Beach	118,000	118,000
173 Port Elliot Road, Goolwa Beach	110,000	110,000
28 Muller Road, Greenacres	850,000	850,000
19 Winchester Street, Highgate	430,000	430,000
45 Cheltenham Street, Highgate	16,725,000	16,725,000
20 Highgate Street, Highgate	2,525,000	2,525,000
1 Doradus Avenue, Hope Valley	440,000	440,000
40 Peake Street, Karoonda	12,500	12,500
Total c/f		
TOTAL WI	47,341,500	47,275,500
		47,273,300

	2017	2016 S
NOTE 4	\$	3
PROPERTY (Cont)		
Other property held (at valuation) b/f	47,341,500	47,275,500
45 Railway Terrace, Karoonda	88,000	88,000
1-3 Fourth Street, Keith	99,000	99,000
9 Cameron Street, Kingston	141,000	141,000
200 Lyndoch Valley Road, Lyndoch	500,000	500,000
208 Lyndoch Valley Road, Lyndoch	1,450,000	1,450,000
3 Margaret Street, Lyndoch	290,000	290,000
15 Marlborough Street, Malvem	1,200,000	1,200,000
West Terrace, Meningie	100,000	100,000
Lots 31 – 32 Beach Road, Morphett Vale	3,580,000	3,580,000
12-18 Exhibition Road, Mount Barker	2,725,000	2,725,000
27 Hampden Road, Mount Barker	865,000 390,000	865,000 390,000
1 Magarey Crescent, Naracoorte	560,000	560,000
11 Balmain Drive, Northgate 32 Morphett Road, Novar Gardens	20,475,000	20,475,000
50 Deborah Grove, Para Vista	395,000	395,000
388 Montague Road, Para Vista	4,500,000	4,500,000
11 Robe Road, Penola	99,000	99,000
15 Dartmouth Street, Port Augusta	225,000	225,000
17 Tottenham Road, Port Augusta	315,000	315,000
23 & 95 Flinders Highway & Oxford Terrace, Port Lincoln	695,000	695,000
12 Chinner Street, Ridgehaven	205,000	205,000
14 Chinner Street, Ridgehaven	235,000	235,000
26 Claire Street, Ridgehaven	430,000	430,000
Lot 108 Hancock Road, Ridgehaven	215,000	215,000
Lot 109 Hancock Road, Ridgehaven	405,000	405,000
Lots 110-112 Hancock Road, Ridgehaven	680,000	680,000
322 Senate Road, Risdon Park	450,000	450,000
327 Lot 20 Rosedale Road, Rosedale	36,500	36,500
93-97 Pioneer Drive, Roxby Downs	300,000	300,000
375 Sandleton Road, Sandleton	2,500	2,500
7 Coromant Close, Seaford Rise	385,000	385,000
121 Military Road, Semaphore	570,000	570,000
15 Edinburgh Road, Strathalbyn	475,000	475,000
10 Seymour Street, Tailern Bend	81,000 81,000	81,000 81,000
12 Seymour Street, Tailem Bend 42 Bridge Street, Tanunda	640,000	640,000
130 Magnolia Road, Tanunda	12,475,000	12,475,000
1 Edmund Avenue, Unley	790,000	790,000
64 Addison Road, Warradale	410,000	410,000
65 Addison Road, Warradale	600,000	600,000
2 Ailsa Avenue, Warradale	800,000	800,000
22 Lewthwaite Street, Whyalla Norrie	136,000	136,000
Cnr Lewthwaite Street & Ryan Avenue, Whyalia Norrie	245,000	245,000
54 Billing Street, Whyalla Playford	270,000	270,000
22 Gawler Street, Woodville West	580,000	580,000
23 Ballantyne Street, Wudinna	240,000	240,000
Total c/f	409 890 800	108 82 1 82 2
	107,770,500	107,704,500

	2017 \$	2016 \$
NOTE 4 PROPERTY (Cont)		
Other property held (at valuation) b/f	107,770,500	107,704,500
10 Medley Terrace, Wudinna	240,000	240,000
8 Laredo Court, Wynn Vale Lot 802 Richardson Drive, Wynn Vale	455,000 1,525,000	455,000 1,525,000
27,695 Eyre Highway, Yaninee	26,000	26,000
Total other properties held	110,016,500	109,950,500
Total property	<u> 117,361,500</u>	117,295,500
NOTE 5 SUNDRY CREDITORS AND OTHER PAYABLES		
Emergency service levies payable Other payables	0	27,134 41,127
Total sundry creditors and other payables	0	68.261
NOTE 6 RESERVES		
Revaluation reserve	15,392,000	15,392,000
Specific Fund Reserves (refer Note 1(b))		
Church extension fund	756,998	756,998
Zinnbauer reserve	490,000	490,000
Tatachilla property reserve Property maintenance reserve	640,000 346,366	640,000 0
Mansfield Park maintenance reserve	71,677	0
	2,305,041	1,886,998
Total reserves	17,697,041	17,278,998

NOTE 7 ACCUMULATED FUNDS	2017 \$	2016 \$
Opening accumulated funds Surplus Recognition of additional property Transfer to reserves	100,020,183 1,657 66,000 0	41,091,785 1,398 60,136,111 (1,209,111)
Accumulated funds at the end of the financial year	100,087,840	100,020,183
NOTE 8 RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS WITH SURPLUS		
Surplus from operations	1,657	1,398
Changes in assets and liabilities - (Increase)/Decrease in sundry debtors and other receivables - Increase/(Decrease) in sundry creditors and other payables	5,445 (68,261)	(5,445) 68,261
Cash-flows provided by operations	(61,159)	64,214

