

THE ETHOS UNDERPINNING LUTHERAN
AGED CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
– A SUMMARY



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We care

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God grows us as his people to a mature faith in Christ – a faith that comes to life through effective witness and ministry, so that people everywhere may know Christ and his love (mission statement of the Lutheran Church of Australia).

Lutheran aged care and community services are an integral part of the Lutheran Church of Australia's mission and ministry, as we work to transform the lives of those with whom we work.

Our vision is to see God's love in Christ coming to life through Lutheran aged care and community services.

Our purpose is to serve individuals, families and communities as a natural expression of our Christian faith.

WE BELIEVE THAT GOD'S LOVE TRANSFORMS US

We know this because

- Everybody is created in the image of God – all have equal worth and dignity
- Although God is perfect, our humanness means that we are not
- God is known through Jesus and shown to us through the Holy Spirit and the Bible
- Because God loves us, God sent Jesus to rescue us and we want to share this good news with others
- And because God loves us, and sent Jesus to rescue us, we love one another – including the vulnerable, the poor and the oppressed
- God always remembers us, even when we don't remember God. No matter what challenges we face, we can be sure that God's love is always there for us – and that fills us with confidence and hope.

OUR ACTIONS ARE GROUNDED IN OUR BELIEFS

- Just as Jesus served his disciples when he washed their feet, we strive to have a servant heart and to serve others.
- We cannot do everything on our own, so we work together with others for justice and peace.
- Because we know that everyone has equal worth and dignity, we welcome all those who come to us for help.
- We acknowledge God as creator and join in the ongoing care and protection of the world and of all people. Our love for God means that we want to care for and protect the gifts that we have been given – including the earth and all it contains.

Our values are the underlying principles of how and why we serve. Lutheran aged care and community services are:

- shaped by the good news of grace
- blessed by relationships
- united by Christ
- inspired by compassion
- marked by integrity
- filled with hope.

