



Ministry with the Ageing Scholarships

Established in 2012, the Lutheran Church of Australia's (LCA) Ministry with the Ageing scholarship scheme is for anyone who provides pastoral care and ministry with ageing people in a Lutheran aged-care facility/organisation or a Lutheran congregation, or someone who has been appointed to a position which requires that prescribed training be undertaken.

Dr Tania Nelson, the LCA's Executive Officer for Local Mission, has advised that Pastoral Care Nurses are eligible to apply for these scholarships.

Scholarships are for a one-off training activity or resource development. An indicative maximum amount that is allocated for one scholarship is normally \$2000. However applications for amounts over \$2000 will be considered.

The kind of programs for which scholarships are awarded include:

- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or similar programs;
- Seminars, workshops, conferences or study courses;
- Time-limited supervision programs with an accredited supervisor.
- Assistance with the development of resources to support chaplaincy/ministry with the ageing.

Scholarship are not awarded for assistance with wages or other recurrent costs, or for the purchase of equipment.

Funds for a course of study are made available in retrospect, following the provision of evidence of a successful outcome for the course. Special consideration will be given, however, if this causes financial hardship.

Generally, funds will be available within two months from when the application is approved. The Committee for Ministry with the Ageing has established a sub-committee to assess applications between regular meetings and this enables a quick turn-around.

Scholarship application forms are available at:

www.lca.org.au/ministry-with-ageing

Pastoral Care Nurses serve people right across the age spectrum. However, a recent on-line discussion among Parish Nurses who are part of the Lutheran Parish Nurses International network revealed that providing pastoral care and health guidance for ageing parishioners is a significant part of their ministry. This is true in Australia also.

The roles of Parish Nurses in the United States included helping parishioners understand doctors' diagnoses and prescriptions; assisting with transport to/from hospital, church, etc; organising 'gentle exercise' activities; helping parishioners understand the country's health-care system, and to access facilities and resources; providing support and counselling at times of bereavement.



Pastoral Care Nurse
Ministry with ageing people



What's happening

Bible Study/Devotions

The June issue of *The Lutheran* included a Bible study prepared by Albury Pastoral Care Nurse, Angela Uhrhane. Titled *Walking alongside others*, the study invites reflection and discussion based on Luke 24:13-34 – Jesus' post resurrection meeting with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and walking alongside them.

Angela concludes 'The song I really love to go with this reading is "Make me a channel of your peace" – the Prayer of St Francis'.

The February-March issue of *Lutheran Women* – the national bimonthly magazine of *Lutheran Women of Australia* – included the first two of a series of devotions written by former Parish Nurse, Roslyn Zadow, of Morley, WA.

Roslyn served as Parish Nurse at Morley in suburban Perth for 10 years. Before that, she also worked as a mission nurse in Papua New Guinea for two and a half years.



2020 LPNI study tour: Alice Springs

Itineraries and registration forms are available for the **2020** study tour to Alice Springs, scheduled for 8-14 July. The program includes a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor base, to the Lutheran Mission site at Hermannsburg, to the historic Alice Springs hospital (pictured) and to tourist attractions such as Simpson's Gap, with Uluru an 'add-on' extra. There will be a day-long seminar with the opportunity to learn about health matters among Australia's indigenous Aboriginal people, and a visit to *Yirara*, a unique Lutheran secondary boarding college for Aboriginal children from remote outback communities.

For a registration form, or for more information about next year's study tour, contact: robert.wiebusch@lca.org.au. The number of places available for this tour is limited, and already a third of them have been taken.

Registrations have closed for the **2019** LPNI tour to Singapore, on 3-9 October, with 18 people from three countries (the United States, Australia and Papua New Guinea) registered. The two people from Papua New Guinea were awarded an LPNI scholarip and travel grant.