

MINUTES

**of the Forty-eighth Regular Synodical Convention
Lutheran Church of Australia, South Australia and Northern Territory District Inc.
held at Tatachilla Lutheran College, Tatachilla Road MCLAREN VALE**

4-6 May 2018

THEME: Hearts Burning

TEXT: They asked each other "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us?"
Luke 24:32 (NIV)

FRIDAY 4 MAY 2018

OPENING SERVICE

Liturgist: Pastor Mark Kaesler

Preacher: Pastor David Altus

CONSTITUTING OF CONVENTION

Bishop David Altus conducted the Opening Rite of Convention, and declared open the 48th Convention of the LCA SA-NT District during the opening service.

WELCOME

Cain McDonald, Principal of Tatachilla Lutheran College, welcomed all to Convention.

Tobias Turner, a student of Tatachilla Lutheran College, provided an 'acknowledgement of country' in his native language on behalf of the original and present indigenous inhabitants of the Kurna region.

Rebekha Sharkie, Federal MP for Mayo welcomed all to Convention.

Lorraine Rosenberg, Mayor of Onkaparinga Council welcomed all to Convention.

TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE presented by Cain McDonald, and students Jay Van Dam and Tom Taylor.

BUSINESS

APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED THAT Kym Wallent be appointed as Chairperson for Convention.

RESOLVED THAT Pastor Andrew Bettison, Pastor Joshua Muller, Pastor Tim Ebbs, Pastor Andrew Brook and Holly Koning be appointed as Minute Secretaries.

RESOLVED THAT Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig be appointed as Electoral officer along with volunteer assistants.

GREETINGS AND APOLOGIES

Greetings and apologies were noted as recorded in the full minutes of Convention.

WELCOME TO NEW PASTORS

A cordial welcome was extended to pastors new to the SA-NT District.

STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Bishop David Altus introduced all District Staff to Convention attendees.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA BISHOP REPORT

Bishop John Henderson spoke on how the LCA is preparing for General Convention of Synod and other matters before the LCA

The session closed at 8:28pm

SATURDAY 5 MAY 2018

OPENING DEVOTION

Chaplain: Pastor Andrew Vanderwal

REPORT ON ATTENDANCE

The District Administrator, Angela Rogers advised that a quorum was present.

NOMINATIONS FOR BISHOP

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig announced that David Altus was the only nomination for Bishop from Pastor's conference.

FINANCE REPORT

Mark Schwarz presented the financial report for 2017.

REPORT:

Surplus of \$31,000

Expenditure of departments was \$40,000 lower than budgeted.

Contributions from congregations were down. Contributions from individuals were continuing to increase.

Holding company summary:

District property valued at \$7.345 million.

Other property valued at \$110.016 million.

RESOLVED THAT Synod adopt the 2017 financial statements.

PROPOSAL 2

Title: Revised working structure of the SA-NT District

Pastor Tim Klein and DCC member Judy Jaensch presented the proposal on behalf of DCC.

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.**

RESOLUTION PASSED.

2nd READING OF NOMINATIONS AND BALLOT FOR BISHOP

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig confirmed that David Altus remained the only nomination for District Bishop and as he was the only nomination David Altus was elected as Bishop, confirmed by the SYNOD.

PROPOSAL 3

Title: District Church Council

Pastor Joshua Muller presented this proposal on behalf of DCC.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The District Church Council membership be reduced by two pastor members.

RESOLUTION PASSED.

PROPOSAL 1

Title: Proposed changes to the District Constitution for the Assistant Bishop for Mission position

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the proposed changes to the constitution of the LCA SA NT District Inc relating to the Assistant Bishop for mission role be accepted.

RESOLUTION PASSED.

NOMINATIONS FOR 1ST ASSISTANT BISHOP

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig announced the nominations for 1st Assistant Bishop from Pastor's Conference:

- Pastor Tim Klein
- Pastor Andrew Ruddell
- Pastor Eugene Minge

IN MEMORIAM DEVOTION

Bishop David gave thanks and acknowledged those who had passed in the last Synodical term.

2nd READING AND BALLOT FOR 1ST ASSISTANT BISHOP

Pastor Nigel opened the ballot for 1st Assistant Bishop and prayed for God's guidance for all voting delegates.

PROPOSAL 4

Title: Zinnbauer Fund

Mel Zerner and Pastor Andrew Vanderwal presented this proposal on behalf of DCC.

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.

AMENDMENT: That for the next two years priority be given to 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, however, this is not to preclude District Church Council considering other needs consistent with the aims of the Zinnbauer funding support.

VOTE for the amendment: Amendment was DEFEATED.

AMENDMENT: 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 suspended.

VOTE for the amendment: Amendment was CARRIED and now becomes the motion.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 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 suspended.

RESULT OF BALLOT FOR 1ST ASSISTANT BISHOP

It was announced that Pastor Tim Klein was elected as 1st Assistant Bishop for the next Synodical term.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2nd ASSISTANT BISHOP

Pastors Andrew Ruddell and Eugene Minge were announced as nominees for the position of 2nd Assistant Bishop.

ALITE REPORT DISCUSSION

Pastor Stephen Schultz presented the ALITE report and facilitated discussion to the members of the Synod.

2nd READING AND BALLOT FOR 2nd ASSISTANT BISHOP

Final nominations list: Pastors Andrew Ruddell and Eugene Minge.

SA-NT DISTRICT BISHOP REPORT

Bishop David Altus presented his report.

"Hearts Burning"

Bishop David brought greetings from Bishop of NSW District and prayer for our synod and thanked the Synod for re-electing him as Bishop of the SA-NT District.

Bishop David encouraged the District with the wonderful things God is doing during discouraging times.

RESULT OF BALLOT FOR 2nd ASSISTANT BISHOP

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig announced that Pastor Eugene Minge was elected as 2nd Assistant Bishop for the next Synodical term.

1st READING OF NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig announced the nominations for District Church Council.

PROPOSAL 5

Title: Meeting of District Synod

David Quast, Chairperson of Adelaide Bethlehem, presented this proposal on behalf of Adelaide Bethlehem congregation.

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.

RESOLUTION DEFEATED.

TABLE DISCUSSION

Bishop David invited convention to spend time dwelling on God's word, Luke 24:13-35.

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO HELEN LOCKWOOD

Bishop David and Kym Wallent farewelled Helen Lockwood and expressed their thanks to her for her work in the District as Director of Lutheran Community Care. Helen will retire in August 2018 after 25 years at LCC, 9 of this as the Director.

2nd READING OF NOMINATIONS AND BALLOT FOR DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

Nigel Rosenzweig conducted a second reading of nominations for District Church Council.

Nigel noted that DCC has recommended Stephen Kroker as District Finance consultant and Mel Zerner as our district representative on DCC.



**SOUTH AUSTRALIA
NORTHERN TERRITORY**



Late nominations for DCC since the 1st reading:

Eric Marschall (Tanunda St Pauls)

Ben Schubert (Unley St Johns)

CLOSING DEVOTION AND PRAYER

Pastor Andrew Ruddell presented a devotion on Luke 24:35. 'On the day of resurrection' was sung.

SUNDAY 6 MAY 2018

SYNOD WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgist: Mike Pietsch

Preacher: Stephen Schultz

Offering: Alice Springs Playgroup Appeal

RESULT OF BALLOT FOR DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig and Rosa Hoff announced the following members as elected to the District Church Council:

Pastors

MULLER, Joshua

HAVELBERG, Geoffrey

VANDERWAL, Andrew

Lay Members

FITZGERALD, Marie

HALL, Craig

JAENSCH, Judith

MARSCHALL, Eric

SCHUBERT, Ben

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT FINANCE CONSULTANT

Stephen Kroker was recommended to be appointed as District Finance Consultant. This was endorsed by Synod.

1st READING OF NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Rosa Hoff read the list of nominations for Standing Committees as per the Book of Reports.

There was one late nomination which was not included in the Book of Reports. Peter Wittwer has nominated for Constitutions Committee and was included in the list read by Rosa Hoff.

REPORTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS:

DEPARTMENT FOR CHAPLAINCY

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

AbMinSA

CHILDREN, FAMILIES, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

AGED CARE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT FOR MISSION

LUTHERAN EDUCATION SA, NT & WA

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

2nd READING OF NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Rosa Hoff conducted a second reading of nominations for Standing Committees.

All nominations remained the same except for one additional nomination for CFYYAM Council – Pastor Gregory Page as a Pastor Nomination.

BALLOT FOR STANDING COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig led the ballot for members of the following Standing Committees and Councils and prayed for all those voting.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018 BUDGET APPROVAL

Mark Schwarz proposed the approval of the 2018 budget, as presented to Synod earlier in Convention. The District is budgeting for \$1.4 million income from congregational contributions. Mark also reminded delegates that the acceptance of the Zinnbauer proposal means that the \$80,000 deficit will be reduced by \$50,000-60,000.

Moved that budget be adopted, seconded by DCC and was **CARRIED**.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the 2018 budget as presented by Mark Schwarz be approved by the delegates in attendance.

LCA PRESENTATIONS including Board for Local Mission, LCA Executive Office and ALC

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Questions on Notice were received and answered during the business session.

MISSION STIMULUS GRANT

Pastor Stephen Schultz and Andrew Waldhuter, Promotions Officer from LLL, presented the grants to:

Central Australia Aboriginal Women's Choir - \$10,000

Tea Tree Gully St John's congregation - \$15,000

RESULT OF BALLOT FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

Pastor Nigel Rosenzweig announced the result of the ballots for the standing committees and declared the following people elected:

Aged Care Council

Pastor Tim Kowald
Megan Britt
Matthew Johns
Delton Schiller

Riverview Rest Home

Pastor Darren Kohrt
Anne Battams
Mark Fielke
Robert Fielke
Gregory Graetz
Theodore Kaesler
Yvonne Tatt

Tanunda Lutheran Homes

Pastor Max Stollznow
James Bartsch
Karen Dutschke
Stephen Grieger
Elaine Johnston
Judy McDonald
Elizabeth McGregor
Christopher Pfeiffer
Andrew Schilling

Council for Children and Families, Youth and Young Adults

Pastor Greg Page
Andrea Bowden
Tim Eckert
Kelly Johnston
Daniel Pietsch
Adam Ridley
Joanna Traeger

Lutheran Community Care

Pastor Chris Mann
Lisa McIntosh
Simon Rodger
Kym Wallent

Immanuel College

Pastor Dennis Obst
David Field
David Thomas

David Zweck

Concordia College

Pastor Neville Otto
Barry Kahl

Council for Mission

Pastor Kevin Wood
Dennis Canute
Robyn Oatey

AbMinSA

Pastor David Kuss
Ivan Christian
Everard Noack
Shona Reid
Jeff Roberts
Malcolm Willcocks

Constitutions Committee

Pastor Peter Miller
Roger Collins
Neil Lutz
Gilbert Materne
George Scherer
Peter Wittwer

VOTE OF THANKS

Tracey Woidt, delegate of Buccleuch congregation, gave a vote of thanks via a poem she composed.

CLOSING WORSHIP

Conducted by Bishop David Altus and Pastors Tim Klein and Tim Castle-Schmidt.

Address by 1st Assistant Bishop Tim Klein.

Bishop David installed and blessed District Church Council as well as Pastor Eugene Minge as 2nd Assistant Bishop. He thanked Mel Zerner for his 20 years of service on DCC and thanked Mark Schwarz for his 10 years of service as District Finance Consultant. Bishop David then prayed for them both.

David thanked the delegates and visitors for attending convention.

CLOSE OF CONVENTION

Bishop David Altus declared the 48th Synodical Convention closed at 3:31pm.