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(Current office-bearers listed)

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*Rev John R Henderson*

* 1. **Election of Assistant Bishop**

Assistant Bishop: *Rev Dr Andrew Pfeiffer*

* 1. **Election of General Church Council**

[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected]

Pastor at large: *Greg Priebbenow (*not available for re-election*)*

Lay person at large: *Ms Faye Schmidt*

1. **BOARDS PARTIALLY ELECTED BY SYNOD**

(Current members listed)

* 1. **Board of Directors Australian Lutheran College Ltd**

[2 pastors, 2 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors: *G Pietsch, D Gogoll, J Henderson, R Paech*

Lay members*: Mrs S Kloeden, Mr D Dreckow, Mr N Klinge, Mr D Prenzler,   
Mr B Mills, Ms Kristine Gebbie*

Consultants*: Rev J Winderlich, Mrs A Lamnek*

* 1. **Board for Mission**

[1 pastor, 2 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors: *J Henderson, P Hage*

Lay members: *Ms A Synnott, Mr R Hoff*

Consultants: *Ms G Hartwich, Mr S Kroker, Dr T Nelson*

* 1. **Board for Lutheran Archives**

[1 pastor, 3 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors*: Dr G Lockwood, M Stollznow*

Lay members: *Mrs L Coleman, Dr L Zweck, Ms L Helbig, Mr E Leske*

Consultant: *Mrs R Kuchel*

* 1. **Board for Media Ministry**

[1 pastor, 3 lay members elected by Convention}

Pastors*: B Hentschke, M Hansen*

Lay members*: Ms M Shepherd, Ms K Mildred, Mr R Meharg, Mr J Graetz*

Consultant*: Rev R Fox*

* 1. **Board for Lutheran Aged Care Australia**

[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]

Pastor: *G Wegener*

Lay members: *Mr M Johns, Mrs C Fitzpatrick, Ms J Gilbertson, Mr G Thiel,   
Dr C Seligmann, Ms A Uhrhane*

Consultants: *Rev P Semmler, Ms W Rocks*

* 1. **Board of Directors Lutheran Education Australia Ltd**

[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]

Pastor: *T Bohmert*

Lay members: *Dr N Highett, Mr L Saegenschnitter, Mr B Hausler, Ms S Wood, Ms S Dixon, Dr L Schmidt*

Consultants: *Mr S Rudolph, Mr J Proeve, Mr D Mulherin, Mr J Denholm*

* 1. **Commission on Salaries**

[1 pastor, 2 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastor*: G Fowler*

Lay members: *Mr A Kupke, Mr R Pietsch, Mrs N Heppner, Mrs K Doecke*

* 1. **Commission on Theology and Inter-Church Relations**

[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]

Bishop and Assistant Bishop: *J Henderson, Dr A Pfeiffer*

ALC teaching staff: *Dr S Pietsch, Dr P Lockwood, Dr J Silcock,   
Dr S Hultgren, Dr S Haar*

Pastors: *F Pearce, T Vuorinen, M Thomas, M Lockwood*

Lay members: *Dr P Simonsen, Ms V Kohrt, Mr N Mattiske*

Consultants: *Revs D Altus, P Smith, N Otto, J Winderlich*

* 1. **Commission on Worship**

[1 pastor, 1 lay member elected by Convention]

Pastors: *A Kitson, M Prenzler, T Klein*

Lay members: *Mrs C Matthias, Mr M Simpfendorfer, Mrs S Mattner,   
Mr A Collyer*

Consultants: *Dr J Kleinig, Dr T Skene*

* 1. **Standing Committee on Constitutions**

[1 pastor, 2 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors: *W Schiller, T Ebbs*

Lay members: *Mrs M Koch, Mr D Dreckow, Mr G Materne, Mrs F Schmidt*

* 1. **Finke River Mission Board**

[1 pastor, 3 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors: *J Heffernan, G Schutz, R Zadow*

Lay members: *Mr C Gunter, Mr T Stollznow, Ms S Tikoft, Mr C Pfeiffer,   
Mr M Kenny*

Consultants: *Mr B Elliott, Ms M Roberts*

* 1. **Commission on Social and Bioethical Question**s

[2 parish pastors, 4 lay members elected by Convention]

Pastors: *T Kowald, B Schild, S Pietsch*

Lay members: *Mrs H Lockwood, Ms K Pfeiffer, Dr C Hamilton, Dr T Wittwer,*Consultant: *Mr I Rentsch*

1. **CLOSING FORMALITIES**
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   2. Vote of thanks

Close of Convention