



# Section 25

**2019 Convention of Synod**

Archive Liaison Report

## Archives Liaison Officer Report 2019

When the history of a congregation is to be recorded in booklet form, the local church records are invaluable. However, they are often not available or incomplete. Before 1966 the opening and closing of churches as well as anniversaries or other such events were usually recorded in the Queensland Lutheran (1943-1966 U.E.L.C.A), Lutheran Herald (1921 – 1966 U.E.L.C.A), the Queensland Messenger (1927 – 1957 E.L.C.A) or the Australian Lutheran (1913 – 1966 E.L.C.A). The pastors usually reported quarterly on what was happening in their parishes or congregations.

If you are in the situation where you require information of those earlier days can I suggest using the Lutheran Resource Centre, Laidley. This is a facility supported and encouraged by our Lutheran Archives, Adelaide and sanctioned by our District Church Council in Queensland. There are many other materials available such as Synod reports, Almanacs, year books, some congregational histories, and other such resources. If anyone would like to use this facility, please contact Bernie Muller by emailing [smuller29@hotmail.com](mailto:smuller29@hotmail.com) or by phoning 07 54651268

One of the roles of the Queensland branch of the 'Friends of Lutheran Archives' is to create an awareness of our Lutheran history as well as promoting our Lutheran Archives. Several activities were undertaken by F.O.L.A.Q. during the last Synodical year. On Saturday 5 May 2018 a visit was made to St Matthews Lutheran Church Rosewood where Pastor Andrew Schulz and Robert Krause told of the history of the Rosewood congregation as well as other congregations within the parish. One very interesting story was regarding the 'Woodies', a group within the parish who raised a large amount of money for the church and charities by cutting and selling firewood.

On Sunday 19 August 2018, a reasonably large crowd gathered at St Peters College where various speakers spoke on the internment of many people of German descent as well as Lutheran pastors during World War 1. Colin Stiller spoke of his grandfather Carl Lude interned and then deported after the war leaving a wife and small daughter behind. Pastor Aub Podlich traced the history of Pastor Christian Seybold from Dugandan interned in 1916 and repatriated to Germany. The story of Dr. Eugen Hirschfeld, the founder of a well-known medical dynasty in Brisbane and a leader at St Andrews Lutheran Church at North Brisbane, was retold by Robin Kleinschmidt. Dr Hirschfeld was also deported after the war but was readmitted to join his family back in Australia during 1927 despite opposition from various quarters.

At the time of writing this report we are looking forward to Sunday 28 April, when the emphasis will be on the Scandinavian influence in Queensland. It is planned to have various speakers including Mrs Meg Noack who will recall some of the experiences and recollections of her grandmother Maren as a young girl and her subsequent marriage to Pastor Carl Bjelke Petersen.

It has been said that to have an interest in church history is to live in the past and while there may be a grain of truth in that statement it is also to acknowledge that the hand of God is present in his people as well as the lives of those have gone before us.

Respectfully Submitted  
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