

AGENDA 2.3.18

Change the name of the church to Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand

PROPOSED MOTION

Submitted by Lutheran Church of New Zealand Council of Synod

BE IT RESOLVED

that the name 'Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand' be endorsed as a recognised trade name of the 'Lutheran Church of Australia', and that the abbreviation LCA NZ be endorsed as a recognised abbreviation of 'Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand';

that members and officials of the church be encouraged to use the name 'Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand' and the abbreviation 'LCA NZ' whenever referring to the Lutheran Church of Australia as it encompasses both Australia and New Zealand.

REASONS FOR THE MOTION

1. The Lutheran Church of Australia has member congregations in both Australia and New Zealand, and includes a District which is the Lutheran Church of New Zealand.
2. The use of the name Lutheran Church of Australia is perceived to exclude the Lutheran Church of New Zealand and its congregations.
3. Many officials of the church have already adopted the proposed usage or similar.
4. The LCA Governance and Administration Review (The 'Cleary Report' 2014) recommended such a change of name. There was universal acceptance of this proposed name change by all the groups who participated in the second consultation process of the review.
5. The Lutheran Church of New Zealand at its 2014 Convention endorsed in principle a change of name.
2. The proposed change in usage does not require any change to the Constitution of the LCA.
3. The names 'Lutheran Church of Australia' (LCA) and 'Lutheran Church of New Zealand' (LCNZ) may still be used where the context relates to the life of the church in one country.