**ANNOUNCEMENT: OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE CHURCH**

**Vacancies on the Committee for New and Renewing Churches**

The Standing Committee on Nominations, on behalf of the Board for Local Mission, is inviting nominations from people who may be interested in serving on the **Committee for New and Renewing Churches**. The Committee for New and Renewing Churches – a committee of the Board for Local Mission – provides support and advice on church planting and renewing missional culture within the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) and acts as a reference group to the New and Renewing Churches department. The committee meets at least three times a year. Costs associated with travel to committee meetings are covered by the LCA.

We are looking for:

* one member who is a practitioner in local mission in new and/or existing mission fields
* one member with expertise in diverse models of mission in new and established contexts.

The committee membership will be competency-based with reference to gender balance, age, and geographical location.

Because they are casual vacancies, the appointments will be only for the rest of this synodical period (the end of 2018). But candidates will be able to renominate for the following three-year synodical term.

We believe that God has blessed our church with many talented people who have the ability to make an effective contribution to the life and work of the LCA. If you are interested in serving on this committee, or if you know of someone who might be interested, contact LCA Executive Officer–Local Mission, Dr Tania Nelson tania.nelson@lca.org.au for more information.

Find the Committee for New and Renewing Churches’ Terms of Reference [here](https://lca.box.com/shared/static/wjlfwo15l7jyks9szvxhlwmtexs1lpqe.pdf).

Please complete the nomination form found [here](https://lca.box.com/shared/static/lzsg3vzzk6if46ga8omyi607ebsygjtd.doc) and send to nominations@lca.org.au

Nominations for the committee will close on Friday 19 January 2018.