

# **STANDING FOR DCC**

## **MAY 2021 – SUMMARIES**

### **LAY**

1. David Bergmann
2. Ralph Brinkmann
3. Andrea Cross
4. Katie Lang
5. Sue Morrison
6. Adam Zibell

### **PASTOR**

7. Milton Fritsch (Pr)
8. Tim Stringer (Pr)

### **REQUIREMENT**

6 Lay positions

2 Pastor positions

No election is required unless an additional name comes from the floor.

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## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL VIC/TAS

<b>NAME</b>	Dr David Bergmann	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1973
<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Research, Development & Innovation Manager		
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Ph. D Chemistry		
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>	DCC for past 6 years		
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>	St Paul's Box Hill		
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>	Childrens address St Paul's; Reader, St Paul's; Member St Paul's; previously Chair OELC; Chair Call Committee.		
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b>	Acting Chair, DCC; Chair People & Strategy Subcommittee of DCC; President LYV; Chair Council for Mission & Ministry; Chair Tandara Committee of Management.		
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b>	Experienced Board member with DCC and not-for-profit Boards eg Water Research Australia and also Industry governing committees.		
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>	Leadership positions since my youth within the Vic Lutheran Church. Wish to support the Church as they have supported me. Have particular passion and professional experience in strategy, governance, innovation and people development. Want to continue my 6 years of supporting the District, through DCC.		

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## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL VIC/TAS

<b>NAME</b> Ralph Brinkmann	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b> 1951	<b>OCCUPATION</b> Retired
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b> Engineering		
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>		DCC member since 2014
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>		Trinity Devonport: Northern Tasmania parish
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>		Parish Chairperson
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b> DCC Vic/Tas; LCA Constitution Review; LCA Judicial Tribunal.		
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b> Facilities Manager for 30+ years at major iconic Melbourne buildings eg Arts Centre – associated budget control/accountability, risk assessment and aversion, large construction works project manager (over \$33million) in last 7 years.		
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>		
Wish to continue work of last 7 years on DCC.		
To maintain a level of continuity on DCC.		
To continue as a 'sounding board' and voice of challenge and reason within DCC.		

## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL VIC/TAS

<b>NAME</b> Andrea Cross	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b> 1964	<b>OCCUPATION</b> Events Manager
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>		
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>		LCAVD CC
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>		Zion Vectis / Dimboola Natimuk
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>		Parish Chair; Worship Committee; Ladies Guild Member; Musician.
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b> LCAVD DCC member since 2018.		
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b> Variety of roles on more than 30 committees over my life; chaired boards and committees of management from business to education at grass roots and state level in addition to leadership roles within my congregation and parish.		
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>		
Important to have a representative from rural sector to ensure effectiveness of governance throughout Victoria.		
I enjoy open communication with all people from all levels.		
I'm a motivator and communicator and seek opportunities for growth and development / change, as we head into an era of changes including technology and sustainability.		
God has provided this pathway for me to offer a practical approach to leadership with the hierarchy of the LCAVD and to be his servant.		

## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL VIC/TAS

**NAME** Katie Lang      **YEAR OF BIRTH** 1980      **OCCUPATION** Teacher (Secondary)

**QUALIFICATIONS** B. Teach (Secondary); B. Human Movement

**CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY**

**CONGREGATION & PARISH** Waverley & Nunawading Lutheran Church

**CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT** Chairperson Mission and Ministry Coordination Committee; Chairperson Childrens Ministry Team; Sunday School Teacher; general congregational duties.

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL** Was involved in Christian Life Weeks, active at LSF and LYV events.

**KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE** Secretary and President for 5 years local Kindergarten; currently sit on School Council of Mitcham Primary School; my roles at the local congregational level give me an excellent insight into the challenges faced by small congregations; experienced in writing and reviewing policies; won various grants; experienced in hiring and managing staff members; aware of the needs of young people and the role of church in their lives. Have a range of church and life experiences am organised, methodical.

**REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE**

To be able to be part of a decision making body within our church.

To guide and contribute ideas to future directions for our district.

To seek ways to support congregations at the local level throughout Victoria and Tasmania both rural and urban.

To ensure the Lord's work is at the heart of any directions that are taken by the Vic/Tas District.

I have a heart for seeing the message of Christ's love continue to be spread within our Lutheran context and the greater church around Australia and the world.

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## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL VIC/TAS

<b>NAME</b>	Sue Morrison	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1950	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	M. Bus Admin; MBA; M. Health Admin; B. Nursing.				
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>	DCC since 2016				
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>	Hawkesdale				
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>	Parish Secretary 27yrs; Congregational Treasurer 13yrs; Ladies Guild President 3yrs; previously Child Safe/Safe Place Coordinator 7yrs.				
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b>	DCC member; Board Director Eventide Lutheran Homes; Board Director Sunnyside Lutheran Retirement Village. Previously LWV Secretary 3yrs.				
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b>	17yrs Director of Nursing and Executive Member of Board of Governance. Business Management. Executive member of project control group for multi million dollar building project. Good understanding of corporate and clinical governance. Human resource management. Financial management.				
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>	Current member of DCC; interested in Aged Care; keen to positively contribute to local and wider Lutheran church community. Can utilise skills gained in executive health management and also benefit personally through learning and sharing more about the wider church.				

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## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL VIC/TAS

<b>NAME</b>	Adam Zibell	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1987	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Architect
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	B. Planning and Design, Architecture, Master Architecture.				
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>	CMS/CLCC, CYYAM				
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>	St Phillips, Tarnet.				
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>	Occasional Lay Reader.				
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b>	See Current, also Committee for Tertiary Ministry Secretary/Communications. ReUnite admin, CLW Admin. YYAM Review.				
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b>	I have a clear Understanding of how the Lutheran Church is structured and functions due to my leadership roles within the LCA and membership of the Lutheran Church. Experience of both rural and suburban congregations and understanding of how they need to be supported. Theological understanding informed by Lutheran Doctrine. Comprehensive understanding of governance, government documentations and building regulations for public buildings, as well as the ability to explain these. Experience in working and collaboration with those of various disciplines. Organised.				
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>	I wish to continue using my God given gifts to serve the Church; I believe these gifts are suited to governance roles. I believe I will be able to bring a different perspective and will be able to contribute to the discussions and decisions undertaken by DCC. I have a passion for youth and young adult ministry and also ministry through Lutheran Schools.				

### PASTOR

## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DCC PASTOR MEMBER

<b>NAME</b>	Rev. Milton Fritsch	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1961	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Pastor
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	B. Theology				
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>	Currently DCC Pastor Member since 2019				
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>	St John's Lutheran Church Geelong				
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>	Pastor of St John's Geelong				
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b>	DCC Pastor Member; previously DCC Pastor Member in LCA Qld District.				
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b>	Served for one year Qld DCC and prior to that a couple of years on LCA NZ Council of Synod.				
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>	During my time on DCC I have learned much about governance and the day to day work of the District and I believe I have much to offer to DCC for another synodical term.				

## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL VIC/TAS

<b>NAME</b>	Rev. Dr. Tim Stringer	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1967	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Pastor
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	B. Th., B.Min., D.Min.				
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>	DCC				
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>	Calvary Greensborough				
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>	Previous – Thomastown, Outer Eastern, Pilgrim (Magil) and Roxby Downs.				
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b>	Church Worker Support Committee, District Electoral Committee, DCC, General Church Board (3-4 years each). All current memberships.				
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b>	5 Years Church Governance at Churchwide and District level. 10 years for Mining companies and contractors including four years as fleet maintenance planner which included budget prep and personnel management, negotiations with contractors and supplies. Occ. Health and Safety rep. Mines rescue team member. Pastor LCA 15 Years. Doctor of Ministry Graduate.				
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>	I am enjoying serving the wider Church through the current opportunities. I am keen to continue to serve and learn, for the benefit of the Church.				

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# STANDING FOR CMS & CLCC

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## LAY

1. Suzanna Bowman
2. Sharon Ghalayini
3. Sabine Haeusler
4. Tony Vong

## PASTOR

5. Boyd Briese (Pr)
6. Carl Thiele (Pr)

## REQUIREMENT

6 Lay positions: 3 elected & 3 appointed by DCC – election required

2 Pastor positions: no election is required for Pastors, unless an additional name comes from the floor.

## LAY

### DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – CMS & CLCC

**NAME** Suzanna Bowman **YEAR OF BIRTH** 1959 **OCCUPATION** Shop Manager  
(Volunteer), This N That Store Committee member

**QUALIFICATIONS** Cert IV Project Manager

**CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY** Secretary CMS/CLCC

**CONGREGATION & PARISH** Doncaster/Ivanhoe member

**CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT** Vice Chair Doncaster Church Council

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL** As above

**KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE** Management; Microsoft IT skills; Project Management skills

**REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE**

I love helping people and want to contribute practically to the work of the church.

### DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – CMS & CLCC

**NAME** Sharon Ghalayini **YEAR OF BIRTH** 1966 **OCCUPATION** Retirement Village Mgr.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

**CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY** CMS/CLCC

**CONGREGATION & PARISH** Good Shepherd Lutheran, Ringwood

**CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT** Fulltime manager of our Retirement Village at Good Shepherd Ringwood; Chairperson, Property Maintenance Committee.

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL** Member of CMS Committee; also see below 'key skills'.

**KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE** I have served in many congregations in this district as Pastor's wife – this provides knowledge and compassion about Vic District.

**REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE**

I have a heart for serving our church.

## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – CMS & CLCC

<b>NAME</b> Sabine Haeusler	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b> 1953	<b>OCCUPATION</b> Retired (2017)
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b> Cert Bus Quality Mgmt; B. App Science (Intellectual Disability); Dip Community Services Mgmt; Quality Review of Health qualification – Community Support		
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>		DCC Member since 2017
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>		Outer Eastern Lutheran Church
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>		Chair, Outer Eastern Lutheran Church
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b> Churchwide member: Standing Committee on Constitutions; District: Chair, CMS & CLCC; Member DCC.		
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b> Prior working experience in Aged Care Governance and Community Services Management with Villa Maria Catholic Homes; 4 years experience on these councils.		
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>		
I would like to continue with the work that both councils are currently undertaking, in working with congregations to plan and implement the new and renewing churches approach to ministry.		

## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – CMS + CLCC

<b>NAME</b> Tony Vong	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b> 1972	<b>OCCUPATION</b> Self-employed Consultant
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b> Master of Business.		
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>		CMS/CLCC
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>		CLCV
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>		Treasurer
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b> -		
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b> Master of Business. Vice Chair, local congregation.		
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>		
To contribute my time and skills in supporting church ministry.		

## PASTOR

### DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – CMS & CLCC

<b>NAME</b>	Pr Boyd Briese	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>		<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Pastor
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>					
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>					
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>	North Geelong Our Redeemer Congregation				
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>					
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b>					
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b>					
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>					

### DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – COUNCIL FOR MISSION SUPPORT

<b>NAME</b>	Rev. Carl Thiele	<b>YEAR OF BIRTH</b>	1982	<b>OCCUPATION</b>	Pastor
<b>QUALIFICATIONS</b>	B.Th.				
<b>CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY</b>	CMS – LCA VT.				
<b>CONGREGATION &amp; PARISH</b>	Nhill Lutheran Parish				
<b>CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT</b>	Pastor				
<b>LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL</b>	Consultant Nhill Lutheran School. Various Memberships School boards, Young adult Conference leading, CLW, Constitutions committee.				
<b>KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE</b>	Experience as Parish Pastor, Multi-point, rural and suburban Locations SA, Vic. Qld. Co-ordinated Disaster Relief to families in crisis effected by flood, tornado, severe storms, stopped production of local mill. Working and leading ministry teams. 11 years Pastoral Ministry.				
<b>REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE</b>	I have a passion for the application and connecting of God's saving Word into the lives of all who come into contact with the Ministry and Mission of our Church. There are wide and varying ways this is carried out, be it through our congregations or agencies of the church such as Aged Care, Youth, Young Adults, camping , schools etc. Along with my passion, there is wisdom in seeing responsible management is created, set in place and oversight given. This then enables Ministry and Mission of our Church to be best equipped to serve those whoa reinvolved in it and share in its fruits.				

# STANDING FOR ASSISTANT BISHOP

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1. Matthias Prenzler

## DCC NOMINEES INFORMATION – ASSISTANT BISHOP

**NAME** Rev Matthias Prenzler **YEAR OF BIRTH** 1981 **OCCUPATION** Pastor

**QUALIFICATIONS** Master of Theology

**CURRENT MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY** LCA Commission on Worship

**CONGREGATION & PARISH** St Paul's Shepparton/Trinity; Goulbourn-Murray Lutheran parish

**CONGREGATION/PARISH INVOLVEMENT** Pastor

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE LOCAL/DISTRICT LCA LEVEL** Currently LCA Commission on Worship. Previously Pastor St Peter's Lutheran Church Indooroopilly 3 years and Chairperson LCA Dept of Liturgics 5 years.

**KEY SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO THIS ROLE** Chairing meetings, project management.

**REASONS FOR NOMINATING FOR THIS ROLE**

I received a nomination to this role from District Pastors Conference.

END OF SUMMARY

