



Section 15

Reports to 2013 Synod

Lutheran Women of Queensland

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF QUEENSLAND REPORT TO SYNOD

Greetings on behalf of the Lutheran women of Queensland as I present this my last report as President. The women still continue by the Grace of God to meet regularly gaining strength and encouragement through the study of God's word and the friendships made.

The five Zones in the south continue to meet for their separate Rally and Fellowship days, while the Central and Far North Zones have their Rally/Retreat weekends. These days and weekends are wonderful times of fellowship although numbers are declining as age and family commitments make it harder to attend.

The State has a retreat weekend which is held every year, one year at Coolum and the other at Koowjarewon hosted by one of the five zones in the south under various Themes This year the retreat was held at Koowjarewon [Toowoomba] on the 8th---10th March under the theme "LOVELY IN SILHOUETTE" hosted by the West Moreton Zone. Queensland holds their Conventions bi-annually the last was held in Dalby hosted by the Darling Downs Zone in 2011 under the theme "Often Isolated Never Alone" with 144 ladies attending. The next Convention will be held in Rockhampton on the 17th and 18th August 2013 under the theme "God Loves Allsorts" this will be hosted by the Central Zone. It will be at this time I step away as President having served my six years.

In April was the L.W.A. convention held in Adelaide with about 400 hundred women from around Australia attending under the theme "When the Heart Goes out _A Deed Follows" There were over a thousand Quilts displayed with many more under tables which were presented to L.C.C for distribution as well as many more held in Queensland and elsewhere for local distribution. The new executive has come from N.S.W

The women still faithfully support their Churches and Communities by fund raising with around \$43935.00 going to Church, L.W.A and L.W.Q projects alone as well as Donations made to other causes. Each year we present a \$500.00 bursary each to two final year Pastoral students and to two final year educational students, this year the students were Stephen Cronau and Levi Graham [Pastoral] and Adriana Schuster and Jessie Meigel [Educational].

Many thanks goes to my Executive for their support and the work that they have done over the past six years and to our Newsletter Editor Helen who is also retiring for all the work that she has done. To the incoming executive may God richly bless you as you take up his call to serve.

I pray that the women will continue to explore ways to encourage others to join with them as they serve their Lord be open to new ways, listen to all age groups for we all have the one goal and that is to serve our Lord and Master Jesus Christ for it is by his Grace we are saved.

Your sister in Christ
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