



Section 10

Reports to 2013 Synod

Nominations Committee report
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Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT TO 2013 SYNOD

Membership: David Spanagel (Chairperson) Hazel Weiss, Sandra Klingberg, Theresa Stolz, Brian Wandel and DCC Rep. Wendy Hoopert.

As the year has progressed the Committee has been developing the method of operation that is the most efficient use of our time and greatest benefit to the District.

Initially we used electronic methods as best we can, respecting the privacy and confidentiality of nominees. It has now become clear that we need to meet together as a group to give due diligence and consideration to each nomination received prior to recommendation to District Church Council.

Our aim is to provide the best possible recommendations to DCC and to ensure our District Committees have the appropriate balance of skills and enthusiasm to serve well. We have always processed the Nominations received to the best of our ability based on the information we have received.

During this term some modifications have been made to the Nominations Form allowing us to complete the task with even better efficiency.

Respectfully Prepared In His Service

David Spanagel
Synod 2013

NOMINATIONS FOR 46th QUEENSLAND DISTRICT SYNOD 2013

OFFICIALS

BISHOP

Pastor Noel Noack

FIRST ASSISTANT BISHOP

Pastor Paul Smith

SECOND ASSISTANT BISHOP

Nominations from Pastors' Conference

SECRETARY

For re-election – Pastor or Lay nominee

* denotes sitting member

COMMITTEE	Pastors Sitting Members NOT up for election	Pastors Nominees	Lay Members Sitting Members NOT up for election	Lay Members Nominees
District Church Council 5 Pastors + 8 Lay Members	Bishop (2) First Assistant Bishop Stuart Kleinig	Second Assistant Bishop* Brenton Fiedler*	Michael Stolz Cheryl Steinhardt Rachel Peitsch Margit Hubbers	Michael Klatt* Peter Weier* Andrew Spyropoulos* Wendy Hoopert* (nomination for Secretary)
Constitutions (8) 2 or 3 Pastors + 5 or 6 Lay Members	Andrew Schultz	Greg Graham*	Garry Hauser Rosemary Dillon	Rae Buchanan* Vacant (2) Vacant (2) Vacant (1) (Lay or Pastor)
Department for Ministry And Mission Council (13) – 5 or 6 Pastors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 appointed by DCC • 1 nominated by LYQ • 6 elected by Synod – Council Executive (3), comprising a chair, vice-chair and secretary; three (3) additional members, including a pastor, a lay worker and a lay member. 		Greg Graham*	Chair – Neil Bergmann	Vice-Chair – Pr Peter Geyer* Secretary – Vacant Lay Person– Marie Thomas* Lay Worker- Vacant (1) Aaron Glover – ratification only as LYQ nominee only
Parish Alignment (6) 1 appointed by DCC To be held dormant until resolved by DCC			Adrian Muller Norm Auricht	Colin Donges* A Foster* R Unverzagt *

COMMITTEE	Pastors Sitting Members NOT up for election	Pastors Nominees	Lay Members Sitting Members NOT up for election	Lay Members Nominees
Lutheran Education QLD Schools Council, Administration & Governance (6) - members shall be actively involved in school or early childhood services administration or governance in Lutheran SCHOOLS.			Gary Fulton Tim Kotzur Anthony Mueller	Jodie Hoff* Anthony Dyer* Vacant (2)
Parish Pastor (1)	Jim Strelan			
Classroom Teacher (3)				Brenton Altmann* Stephanie Maher* Matthew Qualischefski
Parent of Student (2) – not professional educators			Helga Vorona-Jessop	Katrina Hibberd *
Department for Lutheran Community Care Lutheran Community Care Council (10, 2 Pastors only) At least eight (8) of these positions shall be reserved for people who are Active Communicant Members. Up to two (2) Council members may be non-Lutheran but shall be active members of other Christian denominations	Boyd Briese Adrian Muller		Stuart Jaeschke Stephen Cullen Simon LaBlack	Carl Burger* Brian Wandel* Clare Seligmann* Leena Vuorinen* Craig Thamm* (DCC appointed) Jennifer Danslow* (1)
Department for Lutheran Youth of Queensland (1 Pastor and 6 Lay plus Director of M&M)		Michael Mayer*	Mo Vezos Ros Freiberg Jodie Hoff	Ian Grieshaber* Jill Shepherdson* Lauren Strelan (1)
Nominations (at least 5, min. 3 Lay) Nominated by DCC and elected by Synod			David Spanagel Theresa Stolz Brian Wandel	Sandra Klingberg * Hazel Weis *

SUMMARY OF CURRENT VACANCIES

Constitutions Committee - 2 x Two-year term positions
1 x One-year term position
(One of these three positions only may be a Pastor)

Council for Ministry and Mission - Secretary, Pastor or Lay nominee (Two year term)
Lay Worker (One year term)

Council for Lutheran Education Queensland - One position (Two year term)

Nominee Information for District Church Council (DCC)

Wendy Hoopert

- Current Secretary DCC
- Current Member Nominations Committee
- Congregation member St Peter's Indooroopilly
 - Former Church Council Secretary
 - Book Group
 - Weekly Rosters
- Occupation – Supply School Teacher, St Peter's Indooroopilly

Andrew Spyropoulos

- Current DCC Member
- Member Redeemer Lutheran College Council, Rochedale
- Member RAFC
- Congregation member St Mark's Mt Gravatt
- Managing Director – Brisbane Wholefoods

Peter Weier

- Current member DCC Council
- School Principal,
- Member Grace Lutheran Church, Redcliffe
 - Member Ministry & Mission Team
 - Lay reader

Michael Klatt

- Current member DCC
- Member St Paul's Nundah
 - Vice Chairman St Paul's Nundah Church Council
- Lawyer
- Member of Ethics Committee for Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland

Nominee Information for Lutheran Community Care Council (LCCC)

Brian Wandel

Qualifications: Cert III (Aged Care), Cert CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education), Cert Theology (Luther Seminary).

I am retired and previously employed as a Respite Carer in Aged Care for eight years, prior to that as a Lay Chaplain in Aged Care for nearly two years and prior to that 29 years in local government of which the last six years as a Computer Systems Manager and for ten years prior to that an Office Manager.

I have been a member of St Marks Mt Gravatt since 1970. During that time I held positions of Sunday School Superintendent, Elder, Treasurer, Vice Chairman, Chairman of various Committees. I assisted in running a number of training sessions. I had been treasurer of Redeemer College P & F Assoc.

One of my passions is that each Aged Care facility has a 'shed' for men to go to and 'be and act like men'.

I am a Committee member in the Community Men's Shed organisation at Mt Gravatt [March 2012]

Dr Carl Burger MSc PhD

Born in northern NSW (1955), Dr Burger is the eldest of five children and son of a Civil Engineer, Ernest and mother Erica, a former Lutheran School Teacher and recently Hospital Chaplain for Trinity Congregation. Attending primary schools in Victoria, NSW and Qld, his family settled on the Gold Coast in 1969. In 1978 he was awarded a bachelors degree in human physiology at the University of Queensland. While studying for his masters degree, he worked as a tutor for medical and allied health students and at this time he was elected President of the Postgraduate Students Association of the University. In this capacity he served on the Science Faculty Board, as well as ex-officio on the University Senate Committee- "Review of the Academic Organization of the University". He completed his doctoral thesis in 1989.

Beginning his first post-doctoral appointment began in 1990 at the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) Carl spent almost nine years in PNG. He was initially appointed for one year as a visiting lecturer in Physiology at the Faculty of Medicine, Taurama Campus at Port Moresby General Hospital. Subsequently, he was appointment head of the Department of Applied Sciences at the College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS) nearby. In addition to running this department he was asked to supervise the upgrade of its programs in medical laboratory technology, pharmacy, radiography and dentistry to university diploma and degree levels. The purpose of this was to allow the transfer of this department as a separate faculty of the UPNG. In 1994, as its founding Dean, the new Faculty of Allied Health Sciences was opened by the then Secretary for Health Dr Sir Puka Temu (currently deputy Prime Minister of PNG) and University Vice-Chancellor.

Confirmed in the early 1970's at Trinity Congregation in Southport, he returned in 1999 and was asked to chair the committees of Trinity Family Support Centre, later Trinity Child Care and Occasional Care Centres and subsequently as chair of Trinity Congregation (2004-7). Currently Carl serves as vice-chairperson of Trinity Congregation. This is an active congregation, which includes a Chinese Lutheran ministry - about to celebrate its 7th anniversary, as well as Trinity Disability Support Service, two child care centers and a kindergarten.

Currently fulfilling an ambition to be involved in medical education and research, he is an Associate Professor at Bond University on the Gold Coast, where is involved in the training of medical students. His research interests include chronic degenerative disease prevention through exercise, good nutrition and health education.

Dr Burger has one son, Alexander Carl-Edmund (25 yrs.) who was recently awarded a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering with Honours at Deakin University in Victoria.

DR CLARE SELIGMANN QUALIFICATIONS: MBBS QLD

FRACGP (Fellowship Royal Australian College of GP's)

MAICD (member Australian Institute of company directors)

I have worked in General Practice for 27 years in a number of General Practices in Brisbane. In General Practice we treat the full range of health care issues and in recent years we have been managing the increasing burden of chronic disease. I have particular interest in mental health, aged care, and Palliative care and have an increasing number of multiply disabled clients.

At a system level, I have been a medical advisor to DVA for 6.5 years; a member of the aged care panel and advisory committee for Brisbane South health district for a number of years; a member of the State wide dementia network steering committee; a member of the PAH ambulatory care project board and have tutored medical students in clinical communication skills and GP training. I have served as a board member, Vice Chair and Chair of Brisbane South Division of general practice. I currently serve as a director of the West Moreton Oxley Medicare Local.

I have had a keen interest in the community and not-for-profit sector since 1992 when I served as president of a community kindergarten. I have served as Chairman of the community kindergarten and Child Care Council; a board member of the Crèche and Kindergarten Association; and a Member of St Peter's College Council. From this involvement I have learned skills in strategic planning; fiscal oversight; regulatory compliance; risk management and governance.

I have served on Lutheran Community Care Council since 2007 and I have been Chairperson since September 2009. I look forward to continuing to serve the community through the work of Lutheran Community Care.

Leena Vuorinen

Qualifications:

Doctor of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland

Master of Social sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland

I work as a Project Officer for Community Partners Program at Diversicare. Prior to that I have worked as PhD Student at the University of Helsinki and as a Fellow PhD Student at University of Malardalen in Sweden. I hold positions of Adjunct Research Fellow at Research Centre for Clinical and Community Practice Innovation Griffith University, and a Senior Researcher at Institute of Migration, Turku, Finland.

Christian faith has been an essential part of my life since childhood. As a child I attended Sunday School and Kids' Choir. Later I volunteered as a Sunday School Teacher and a Leader for Family Groups, sang in various choirs, provided training on marital and family issues for couples and I have been a member of the Mission Committee. At the moment I am an active member of the Finnish Lutheran Congregation in Brisbane.

I am married with Rev Tommi Vuorinen since 1989 and have five children, three daughters and two sons.

My special interests are quality of care and ageing in both institutional and independent settings. My passion is to provide high quality and person focused services which empower service users. The motto is to work with, not work for.

Jennifer Danslow

SERVICE AND SKILL SET HISTORY

Service in Parish, within LCAQD and its Departments

- St Peters Lutheran Church:
 - Lector (current)
 - Morning Tea Roster (current)
 - Usher (past)
 - Choir (part- time)
- St Peters Lutheran College:
 - Member of College Council (2003-current)
 - PAC Project Sub-Committee (current)
- Mary & Martha's Committee of Service (1994-2006)

Service in any Community Areas

- Scouts Queensland
 - Group Leader, Oakleigh Scout Group (2007-2013)
 - Joey Scout Leader, Oakleigh Scout Group (2000-2007)
 - Production Assistant, Brisbane Gang Show (2000-current)
 - Various other committee and leadership roles
- Girl Guides Queensland
 - Member, Women of Substance (2002-current)
 - Ranger Guide Leader (1985-89)
 - Assistant Guide Leader (1978-85)
- Various other committee and leadership roles St Peters Lutheran
 - Tuckshop Roster (2002-11)
 - Carnival Rides Convenor (2008)
- Oakleigh State School
 - Fair Convenor (1996-2003)
 - P&C Vice-President (1996-99)
 - Building Project Steering Committee (1999-2002)
 - Numerous other committee and sub-committee roles
- Oakleigh C&K Pre-School and Kindergarten: Vice President Committee and various other committee roles Community Supporting Police (1992-current)
- Australian Breastfeeding Association (formerly Nursing Mothers)
- Community Educator (1990-96)

Vocational History

- Worley Parsons Services Pty Ltd (following acquisition of JWP)
 - Lead/Senior Process Engineer (2007-current)
 - Consultancy and business development roles, leadership and coordination responsibility for the Process Team within the Water Business Unit.
- John Wilson & Partners Pty Ltd Process Engineer (2003-07)
 - Consultant process engineer within Process Technology Group.
- Simmonds & Bristow Pty Ltd Process Engineer (2001-03)
 - Consultant process engineer within the Engineering Scientific and Engineering Services Team. Business Development Engineer (1999-2000)
- Queensland University of Technology Part-time Lecturer (1994-2001)
 - Various contracts in School of Architecture Interior and Industrial Design, School of Mathematics
 - Part-time Tutor (1992-2001) Various contracts in School of Mechanical, Manufacturing & Medical Engineering School of Civil Engineering, School of Mathematics
 - Program Coordinator (Academic Level B) (1992-96) Within the Faculty of Built Environment & Engineering - fractional (50%) appointment Management of an equity program to increase the participation of females in

non-traditional occupations. Total responsibility for administration; reporting and accounting functions within the university; close liaison with numerous levels within the university organisation and outside bodies; membership of selection panels, working parties and committees.

- AGB Research Australia Pty Ltd
 - Market Research Interviewer (Casual) (1990-92)
- Ampol Refineries Limited (now Caltex Refineries (Qld) Ltd)
 - Personnel Administrator (1982-89) Personnel & Safety Department - all facets of the employee relations function
 - Process Engineer (1980-82) Technical Department

Personal Development Activities

- RYLA Rotary Youth Leadership Award program
 - Various Leadership and Professional Development Programs

Other Activities

- AWA (Australian Water Association)
 - Member Qld Branch Committee (2006-current)
 - Treasurer (2007-11)
 - Various sub-committees (Regional Conference, Technical Program, Gala Dinner, Awards)
- Member Institution of Engineers Australia (2003-current)
- RPEQ (2007-current)
- Qld Govt State Fluoridation Committee (2009-12)

Other Interests

- Camping, bush walking, theatre, sailing, embroidery
- Married – 3 adult daughters

Nominee Information for Lutheran Youth of Queensland (LYQ)

Ian Grieshaber

- Current Chairperson LYQ Council
- Member Our Saviour Lutheran Church – Rochedale
- Credit Review Officer Suncorp

Jill Shepherdson

- Current Secretary LYQ Council
- Member Good News – Middle Park
- Director of Pastoral Care – Middle Park
- Administration Assistant

Pastor Michael Mayer

- Current member LYQ Council
- Member St Peter's Indooroopilly
- School Pastor St Peter's Indooroopilly

Lauren Strelan

- Member Our Saviour's Rochedale
 - Worship Leader
 - Deacon
 - Home group leader
- Primary School Chaplain – Inala State School
- Legal Practitioner – Supreme Court QLD
- No other LCA positions held

Nominee Information for Nominations Committee

Sandra Klingberg

- Current member Nominations Committee
- Current Synod Electoral Officer
- Member Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
 - Member Stewardship Team
 - Regular children's address presenter
 - Regular Bible Reader
 - Member Footprints music group for 10:00am Worship
 - Previous Sunday School Teacher
- Supervising Scientist, Protein Section, Chemical Pathology, Pathology Queensland
- Editor Clinical Biochemists Newsletter for Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists (AACB)
- Chair Media & Communications Committee AACB

Hazel Weis

- Congregation - Our Saviour's, Toowoomba;
 - Elder and Assistant Treasurer of Congregation
 - Treasurer of congregation Guild
 - Collection point for Mission Without Borders
- Occupation - retired; teacher and career's educator before retirement.
- Synodical positions presently held - Nominations Committee

Nominee Information for Lutheran Education Queensland Council (LEQ)

Administration and Governance

Anthony Dyer

- Congregation – Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Noosa
- Occupation – Principal
- Synodical Positions – Current Member CLEQ Administration and Governance

Jodie Hoff

- Congregation – Bethlehem, Woongoolba
- Occupation – Principal LORDS
- Chair of LEQ Curriculum Committee
- Synodical Positions held:
 - Current Member CLEQ Administration and Governance
 - Current Member LYQ Council

Debbie West-McInnes

- Congregation – Good News, Middle Park
- Occupation – Junior School Coordinator and Teacher, St Peter's Springfield
- Member of LEQ Curriculum Committee
- No Synodical positions presently held

Classroom Teacher

Brenton Altmann

- Congregation – Faith Celebration, Redlands
- Occupation – College Pastor (teaching)
- Synodical positions held:
 - Current Member CLEQ – Classroom Teacher

Stephanie Maher

- Congregation – Our Saviour, Rochedale
- Occupation – Teacher, Grace Lutheran College Rothwell – Dean of Christian Learning, Spirituality and Service (on maternity leave)
- Synodical positions held:
 - Current Member CLEQ – Classroom Teacher

Matthew Qualischefski

- Member Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Noosaville
- Teacher, (currently Middle Years Student Coordinator at Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Noosaville)
- Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Education/ Masters of Education/ Post Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership
- Previous Vice Chairperson of Management Committee of St Pauls Lutheran Kindergarten, Grovedale VIC
- Previous Secretary of Committee of Worship, Queensland District

Maxine Lohmeyer

- Congregation – Bethania
 - Member of Church Council
- Occupation – Kindergarten Teacher
- No Synodical positions presently held

Parent of Student

Katrina Hibberd

- Congregation – St Peter’s Lutheran Church, Indooroopilly
 - Coordinator of Children’s Ministry
 - Assistant Treasurer
- Occupation – Mathematician, QSuper
- Synodical positions held:
 - Current Member of CLEQ – Parent of Student
 - Current Member CLEQ Risk Committee

Nominee Information for Constitutions Committee

Michael Klatt

- Current member DCC
- Member St Paul’s Nundah
 - Vice Chairman St Paul’s Nundah Church Council
- Lawyer
- Member of Ethics Committee for Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland

Nominee Information for Council for Ministry & Mission

Vice Chair

Pastor Peter Geyer

Parish pastor for Fassifern Lutheran Parish (Trinity - Boonah; St Matthews – Harrisville; St John's – Kalbar). Current Vice-Chair Council for Ministry & Mission

As a parish pastor, I take Religious Education at the local State school in Boonah, I take worship services and regular visits to the local hospital and Retirement village. I run regular Bible study, Confirmation class, worship celebration. I'm involved with the local Ministers fellowship and help arrange and participate in Community events such as remembrance services, Anzac Day services and Combined churches Family Fun Day. I write a regular column for the local Guardian Newspaper.

My first parish was in New Zealand, followed by time as the pastor at Hope Vale aboriginal community in our far north. After that I spend 7 years as evangelistic missionary seconded to the Gutnius Lutheran Church of PNG.

Nominee Information for Lutheran Community Care Council (LCCC)

Craig Thamm

- Member Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship, Toowoomba
- Occupation – Engineer/Company Director (Managing Director & Principal Consultant, Edentech Pty Ltd)
- Current Risk, Audit and Finance Committee (RAFC) member
- Recent DCC appointment to LCCC



2013 LCAQD CONVENTION OF SYNOD

HOST: St Peter's Lutheran College

VENUE: 66 Harts Road, Indooroopilly

DATE: 2 - 4 August, 2013

THEME: "In His Steps"

NOMINATION FORM

I,..... hereby nominate:

For the following STANDING COMMITTEE:

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For the position of:

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Signed by nominator:

I hereby accept nomination for the above:(Nominee)

Details of Nominee: (ALL SECTIONS MUST be completed)

Name: Phone:

Address: Postcode:

Congregation: Occupation:

Positions (in community and local church)

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Synodical positions presently held:

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Mail to: The Nominations Committee, LCAQD, P.O. Box 1535, Milton, 4064 by Friday, 2 August 2013

Or email to district@qld.lca.org.au