



Section 9

Reports to 2013 Synod

Constitution Committee Report

Constitutions Committee Report for Synod 2013

Introduction. In his Steps. Luke 9:23 (NIV)

The committee met after Synod with all positions filled except for a DCC representative. The first meeting with a welcome to new members and an introduction to the roles, reference documents and procedures that the committee have put in place in the past 2 terms to improve the communication between the committee, the church members Church office and DCC. The members on the committee as a constituted committee were then required to elect a chairperson and a secretary. The result were Mrs Rosemary Dillon (chairperson) Mr David Krause (Secretary) ordinary members Mr Garry Hauser, Mrs Rae Buchanan, Dr Murray Evans, Rev Andrew Schultz and Rev Greg Graham. I wish to thank all of the members for their passion, time, commitment and their will to share their God given skills to serve the church in this area. It was a specific desire from the first meeting to continue to request that the position of DCC representative be filled. It has been a difficult position to have filled in the recent past, I believe it is due to the already large work load of the DCC members. The role we believe is critical to ensure the seamless flow of business from our committee to DCC and therefore out to other areas of the church.

We were blessed again to be able to meet at Good Shepherd at Middle Park and thank the members again for their warm and gracious hospitality. We have members of the committee that travel long distances to the meeting and a welcoming venue makes it a little easier to attend.

Communication.

Communication has been identified as being one of the most important parts of our role that delegated to us to support the DCC. The committee had been continually mindful of this and has continued to send copies of agenda and minutes with our item flow sheet to Church Office. Our aim is to assist the DCC members to be adequately briefed prior to their meeting where they approve the submitted constitutions from the members within the District. Each submitted constitution is allocated one member to deal directly with the congregation or parish and at least one other for consultation purposes. We have put this in place to ensure more personal contact as for many members it is seen already as a daunting experience and made more difficult due to the vast distances from Brisbane as well as the lack of technology skills or resources.

Information .

The main resource for our members requiring assistance in reviewing and updating their constitutions is still the LCA LCAQD web sites. If they do not have personal technology available then we recommend the use of their local library. The contact details of committee are published on LAMP and in the LCA year book. Church office will also be able to assist in this area. To assist the Church office staff we as committee member happy to take any constitutional enquiries direct.

Business since last Synod.

A letter was sent out to all LCAQD members requesting that they ensure that a relevant copy of their Parish/Congregations constitution be sent into Church office for their records. The response was very successful but we have still some members that are still to comply.

We will be following this up again in the near future. We can't stress enough how important this is for good management.

We give thanks to God for the committee member that have served you and we pray that our committee has served our Lord and Saviour through service to our members and by supporting DCC Throughout the past year.

Rosemary Dillon LCAQD Standing Committee on Constitutions.

Jesus said.. "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."