



# Section 3.1

**2013 Convention of Synod**

Previous Minutes 2012



## MINUTES

### 45th Convention of Synod of the LCAQD

Theme “Not to be served but to serve” Matt 20:28’

like the Son of Man, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life to redeem many people.”

**8<sup>th</sup> – 10th June 2012**

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### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

The Synod commenced at 6.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June with a gathering of Delegates at a Wine /Cheese evening. The President welcomed all to Tallabudgera and the 2012 District Synod.

Dignitaries in attendance were:

Mr Michael Hart, State Member for Burleigh Heads.

Rev Kaye Ronalds, Moderator, Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod.

The Reverend Harry Reuss, Area Dean of the Gold Coast, representing

Most Rev Dr Phillip Aspinall, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

1. **Opening Service:** Preacher – LCAQD President, Rev. Noel Noack basing his address on the theme text Phil 2:1-7
2. **New Pastors were welcomed into the District:-**
  - Rev Milton Fritsch, Auckland, NZ to Ipswich Parish
  - Rev Rob Edwards, Burrumbuttock Parish, NSW to Rockhampton Parish
  - Rev Andrew Vanderwal, McLaren Vale Tatachilla College, SA to Emmanuel, Toowoomba
  - Rev Lester Reinbott Darwin Top End Parish, NT to Corinda
  - Rev Steve Maas, Pinnaroo Parish, SA to Peace College, Cairns
  - Rev Noel Due as Regional Resourcing Pastor (part time), based in Cairns
3. **Welcome to Convention**

The following invited guests gave greetings after the opening service:  
Reverend Harry Reuss, Area Dean of the Gold Coast, representing Most Rev Dr Phillip Aspinall, Anglican Archbishop of Brisbane.  
Father Tim Harris, Parish Priest of Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish  
Rev Canon Richard Tutin, General Secretary of Queensland Churches Together

### **1. Preliminaries**

#### **Appointments**

- a. Minute Secretary –District Secretary: Wendy Hoopert & EA to District President: Neil Kube
- b. Chief Teller – Hazel Weis
- c. Electoral Officer – Sandra Klingberg

- d. Resolutions Summary Committee – District Secretary, District Executive Officer
- e. Synod Steering Committee – David Spanagel, John Howard, Tim Kotzur, District Secretary & District Executive Officer.

**Greetings and apologies from Pastors and members**

- Rev Boyd Briese, Tingalpa/Mt Cotton Parish
- Rev Graham Caddies, Townsville Parish
- Rev Mat Eckermann sends his apologies after the passing of his father last weekend
- Rev Vince Gerhardy, St Paul's Caboolture
- Rev Graham Harms
- Rev Michael Jarick, Grace Lutheran College
- Rev Athol Pukallus, Good News Lutheran Church, Middle Park
- Rev Maurie Richter, Nambour Lutheran Parish
- Rev Lionel Rohrlach
- Rev Matthew Schultz, Lowood - Brisbane Valley Lutheran Parish
- Rev Robin Stelzer
- Rev David Stolz, Victorian President Emeritus (sends greetings)
- Rev Tieu Dieu Tang
- Rev Tommi Vuorinen, Finnish Congregation of Brisbane
- Rev Dirk Willner, Living Word Lutheran Church, Ashmore
- Mrs Ruth Butler, Principal for Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Glencoe
- Brisbane Valley Congregation
- Christ Church Lutheran Church Highfields
- Haden Congregation, Crow's Nest Parish.
- Holy Trinity Congregation, Haden
- Hope Vale congregation
- Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Rochedale
- Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Moura
- Peace Congregation, Gatton
- Redeemer congregation, Biloela
- Redeemer congregation, Gin Gin
- Roma Lutheran Congregation
- St John's Asian Lutheran Church
- St John's Coolana
- St John's Hope Vale
- St Johns Lutheran Church Bundaberg
- St Johns Lutheran Church Eight Mile Plains
- St John Trinity congregation, Wondai
- St Mark's congregation, Ingham
- St Matthews Rosewood
- St Paul's Congregation Beaudesert
- St Paul's Congregation Caboolture
- St Paul's Congregation Glenarvon
- St Paul's Congregation Rosevale

- St Peters Lutheran Church, Indooroopilly
- The Finnish Lutheran Church of Brisbane
- Trinity Lutheran Church Boonah
- Wujal Wujal congregation

Note that an apology listed above does not necessarily mean that the congregation was not represented at Synod, only that a full contingent of delegates was not present.

### **Nominations for District Officers, Councils and Committees**

***That the published list of nominations together with the announcement of alterations presented in accordance with the rules governing the reading of nominations be received: and***

***The Electoral Officer be authorized to conduct the necessary ballots during the business proceedings of Convention.***

**Resolution 12:01**

### **Adoption of Minutes**

***That the minutes of the 44<sup>th</sup> Convention of Synod held at Buderim and hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Buderim be adopted.***

**Resolution 12:02**

### **Late Proposals**

No late proposals have been received

### **Nominations for President & 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**

Rev Noel Noack received the only nomination from Pastor's Conference. There were no other nominations for the position.

Rev Paul Smith was renominated for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. There were no other nominations for the position.

**The Convention of Synod received the election of President Rev Noel Noack and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Rev Paul Smith with applause.**

## **2. LCAQD President's Report**

### **a. Pastors who have transferred out of the District since since 31 May 2011**

Rev Andrew Koehler, Gladstone St Martins Congregation to Palmerston Good Shepherd Lutheran College, NT, 8 Jan 2012

Rev Chris Gallasch, Bundaberg Parish to Hope Valley Trinity Congregation, SA, 6 Aug 2011

### **b. Pastors who have transferred to the District since since 31 May 2011**

- Rev Milton Fritsch, Auckland, NZ to Ipswich Parish
- Rev Rob Edwards, Burrumbuttock Parish, NSW to Rockhampton Parish
- Rev Andrew Vanderwal, McLaren Vale Tatchilla College, SA to Emmanuel, Toowoomba
- Rev Lester Reinbott Darwin Top End Parish, NT to Corinda
- Rev Steve Maas, Pinnaroo Parish, SA to Peace College, Cairns
- Rev Noel Due as Regional Resourcing Pastor (part time), based in Cairns

**c. Pastors who have moved within the District since 31 May 2011**

- Rev Mark Demmer, from Goombungee Maclagan Parish to Salem & Northridge Haven Aged Care Facilities, Toowoomba
- Rev Joel Pukallus, from Leave of Absence to Goombungee Maclagan Parish
- Rev Horst Sauer, from Rockhampton to Qld Police Regional Chaplain

**d. Greetings to pastors who have retired from the LCAQD since since 31 May 2011**

- Rev Marcus Schultz, Chaplain, Salem & Northridge Haven Aged Care Facilities, Toowoomba
- Rev Merv James, SMP, Mackay (resigned)

**e. In Memoriam**

- Margaret Hampel 15/8/1933 - 15/9/2011 - Mother of Rev Mark & Veronica (in-law) Hampel
- Margaret Renner 8/6/1926 - 20/4/2012 (nee Hynd) - Wife of Rev Paul Renner, President Emeritus. Late of St Andrew's Lutheran Church, Spring Hill.
- Maud Rosendale 5/4/1936 – 22/5/2012 - Wife of Rev George Rosendale (Emeritus)). Late of St John's Lutheran Church, Hope Vale.
- Wilf Cambridge 6/1/1923 – 15/1/2012 Managed Lutheran Bookshop at Southport for many years. Late of Glasshouse Country Calvary Congregation.
- Neil Berlin LCAQD layworker, evangelist & Church leader, significant in the founding of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & College, Noosaville.
- Keith Teis – 6/3/2012 faithful servant of the Lord, who bore a lifelong disability with patience. Late of Tabeel, Laidley
- Mervyn Strauss – 12/12/2011 dedicated Church leader & Convention delegate. Late of St Mark's, Gladstone
- Peter Philippi – 11/7/2011 son of Rev Leon (Emeritus) & Theophilia Philippi
- Les Bliesner – 2011 served as lay leader of Inala congregation for many years
- Peter Costello – Aged ~ 96 years - 2/10/2011 Retired Hope Vale evangelist. Late of St John's Lutheran Church, Hope Vale.
- Rev Vic Schubert (Emeritus) – 5/9/2011 Father of Rev Greg (in-law) & Sandra Vangness served Nth QLD Mission Field 1953-1956, Gympie 1956 – 1961
- Siddyao Cillo – 22/8/2011 Father of Rev Noel (in-law) & Juliet Burton
- Peter Eckermann - Father of Rev Mat & Elizabeth (in-law) Eckermann

**f. Congregations/Parishes closures**

- Our Saviour's, Dayboro, on 13th November 2011 Pres Rev N Noack
- New Life Lutheran Church, West Logan on 22nd April 2012 Pres Rev N Noack

**g. Welcome of New Congregations established since 31 May 2011**

- Nil

**Other Installations**

- Jodie Hoff, LORDS Principal. Sun 5 June 2011, 9.30am at Bethlehem, Woongoolba

Adoption of Report

***Resolved that the President's Report be adopted***

**Resolution 12:03**

**3. Presentation to Synod by District Church Council (DCC)**

DCC Council Report presented by the Secretary

The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read

Adoption of Report

***Resolved that the Report of the District Church Council be adopted***

**Resolution 12:04**

**4. Presentation to Synod by the Lutheran Community Care (LCC)**

LCC Council Report presented by Dr. Claire Seligmann

The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read. Opportunity for questions was provided.

Adoption of Report

***Resolved that the Report of Lutheran Community Care Council be adopted***

**Resolution 12:05**

**5. Resolutions from Congregations**

St Paul's Townsville tabled a motion. After advice from Viv Kuhl that motion was later withdrawn by Rev Lou Pfeiffer, and replaced with the following motion

***That the DCC appoint a taskforce with representation from at least the following- The DCC ; St Paul's Lutheran Parish, Townsville; and a member of the Constitutions Committee.***

***That the task force investigate appropriate criteria to ensure that the DEO and Department Heads of the LCAQD be active Christians who attend worship on a frequent basis.***

***That this taskforce prepare a report to be included in summary for the DCC Report to next Synod, together with any proposals arising from that taskforce report.***

Some discussion took place prior to the resolution being carried.

**Resolved 12:06**

The St Andrew's Congregation Tallebudgera proposed the following resolution:

Declining Membership

***Resolved THAT:***

***A study be undertaken to see what we, as Lutherans, can learn from the success story of some of the other Christian Churches in our community, in order to hopefully change our situation from one of decline to growth.***

**Resolved 12:07**

The Redeemer Congregation Toowoomba proposed the following resolution:

1. *That the Queensland District revitalise/re-establish the system of zones.*
2. *That the appointment of an investigative committee be approved at this synod and that the representation on this committee be a pastor and layperson from each zone with representation also from District Church Council.*
3. *That this committee be charged with the investigation of the following:-*
  - a. *That the zone conferences be held annually and the meeting time be extended to 1½ days.*
  - b. *That each zone be responsible for the appointment of all personnel to the boards or committees of schools, colleges, aged care facilities etc within its area. (Under the present system few synod delegates have little or no ideas of the qualifications or performances of the proposed personnel)*
  - c. *That detailed reports of the activities of the various boards/committees be presented at the zone conference.*
  - d. *That each congregation in the zone have voting representation at the conference on the basis of membership.*
  - e. *That non-voting representation be encouraged at the conferences.*
  - f. *That future district synods be held bi-annually/tri-annually.*
  - g. *That the future District Church Council be made up of equal representation from each zone.*
  - h. *That in order to function efficiently it may be necessary to consider the amalgamation of some existing zones or realignment of boundaries, particularly in some rural or far-flung areas.*

After some discussion about the far-reaching impact of such a restructure, Rev Paul Smith (acting chair) proposed a referral motion that DCC take up this issue, and dialog with Redeemer Congregation.

***Resolved that the Redeemer proposal re zones be referred to DCC.***

**Resolution 12:08**

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The following resolution was proposed by St. Andrew's Congregation, Brisbane City

***That this Synod:***

***(a) Notes with joy that Queensland Churches Together (QCT) celebrated the 20th anniversary of its formation on 1 December 2011 with a Service at St. Peter's Lutheran College Chapel; and this is its anniversary year;***

***(b) Applauds QCTs efforts over the past 20 year to further ecumenical relationships between Queensland Churches;***

***(c) Commends QCT for the work of its various commissions which have Lutheran involvement;***

***(d) Recognises that over the past few decades international ecumenism has been experiencing something of an “Ecumenical Winter” and notes QCT’s desire to be an agent for the rekindling of a push for deeper ecumenism;***

***(e) Affirms its commitment to QCT and to the aims of furthering deeper ecumenical dialogue and common action;***

***(f) Encourage delegates to visit the QCT display at this Convention, and the website at <http://www.qct.org.au/>;***

***(g) Acknowledge, in partnership with QCT, the role of Living Church in Rural Queensland, as articulated in the 1996 document, Being Church in Rural Qld, and its aims, of which the LCAQD is a part, which can be viewed at <http://www.queenslandlivingchurch.org.au/>;***

***(h) Request the Secretary of the Church to convey the content of this motion to the Executive of QCT.***

This resolution was passed.

**Resolution 12:09**

## **6. District Budget 2013 presentation**

The District Executive Officer presented the Proposed 2013 District Budget in draft form. Details were presented prior to debate by Delegates.

Questions were raised about the payment of Governance Fees by the District Agencies. It was made clear that the budget includes provision for charging of governance fees, and that by the passing of this budget, the Synod endorses the requirement for these fees to be paid.

***That the Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District proposed budget for 2012 be adopted***

**Resolution 12:10**

## **7. Reading of Nominations**

1. Nominations for District Church Council were read prior to an election.

*(5 Pastors, 8 Lay members)*

2. Reading of nominations for Councils:

a. Council of Ministry and Mission *(6 appointed by DCC, 9 elected by Synod)*  
No election required

b. Lutheran Community Care Council *(2 Pastors, 8 Lay members)*  
One vacancy remains

c. Lutheran Education Queensland *(6 from a schools admin or governance*



3. Reading of nominations for Committees:
  - a. Constitutions Committee (*2 or 3 Pastors, 5 or 6 Lay Members*)  
No election required
  - b. Nominations Committee (*At least 3 Lay members and 2 Pastors*)
    - i. By virtue of office of being DCC Secretary

The following is a summary list of;

**45<sup>th</sup> SYNODICAL ELECTION RESULTS 2012**

**OFFICIALS**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Rev Noel Noack (3)
<b>FIRST VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Rev Paul Smith (2)
<b>SECOND VICE PRESIDENT</b>	Rev James Haak
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Wendy Hoopert

**CHURCH COUNCIL**

**PASTORS (5)**

President (3)  
 First Vice President (2)  
 Second Vice President  
 Rev Brenton Fiedler  
 Rev Stuart Kleinig (2)

**LAY MEMBERS (8)**

Secretary  
 Michael Stolz (2)  
 Cheryl Steinhardt (2)  
 Rachel Peitsch (2)  
 Michael Klatt  
 Andrew Spyropoulos  
 Peter Weier  
 Margit Hubbers (2)

**THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

**CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE (8)**

**PASTORS (2 or 3)**

Rev Andrew Schultz (2)  
 Rev Greg Graham

**LAY MEMBERS (5 or 6)**

Garry Hauser (2)  
 Rosemary Dillon (2)  
 Murray Evans  
 Rae Buchanan  
 Vacant (2)  
 Vacant (1)

**DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY AND MISSION**

**COUNCIL FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION**

**(13; 7 appointed by DCC & 6 elected by Synod)**

**Chair** -Neil Bergmann (2)

**Secretary** -Vacant (2)

**Lay-Person** -Marie Thomas

**Layworker** - Sean Conry (2)

**Vice-Chair** - Peter Geyer (1)

**Pastor** – Greg Graham

**PARISH ALIGNMENT COMMITTEE (6; 1 DCC appointed, 5 elected by Synod)**

Adrian Muller (2)

Colin Donges

R Unverzagt

Norm Auricht (2)

A Foster

1 Appointed by DCC

**LUTHERAN EDUCATION QUEENSLAND  
COUNCIL FOR SCHOOLS  
ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE (6)**

Gary Fulton (2)  
Anthony Mueller (2)  
Ian Marks

Tim Kotzur (2)  
Jodie Hoff  
Anthony Dyer

**PARISH PASTOR (1)**

Rev Jim Strelan (2)

**CLASSROOM TEACHER (3)**

Rev Brenton Altmann  
Ms Stephanie Maher

Vacancy (2)

**PARENT OF STUDENT (2)**

Ms Helga Vorona-Jessop (2)

Katrina Hibberd (1)

**DEPARTMENT FOR LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE  
LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE COUNCIL (10 members, 2 Pastors only)**

**Pastors**

Rev Boyd Briese (2)  
Rev Adrian Muller (2)

**Lay Members**

Stuart Jaeschke(2)  
Carl Burger  
Brian Wandel  
Clare Seligmann  
Leena Vuorinen  
Stephen Cullen (2)  
Simon LaBlack (2)  
Vacancy (1)

**STATISTICS COMMITTEE**

Pastor Stuart Kleinig  
L Steinhardt

Vacancy (2)  
Rosemary Dillon

**DEPARTMENT FOR LUTHERAN YOUTH OF QUEENSLAND (7 + Director of M&M)**

Rev Michael Mayer  
Mo Vezos (2)  
Jodie Hoff (2)  
Jill Shepherdson

Jim Shirmer (2)  
Roslyn Freiberg (2)  
Ian Grieshaber

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (Nominated by DCC; at least 5, minimum 3 Lay Members)**

David Spanagel (2)  
Brian Wandel (2)

Theresa Stolz (2)  
Sandra Klingberg (1)  
Hazel Weise (1)

**8. Presentation to Synod by Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ)**

LEQ Council Report presented by Sue Kloeden, Anthony Mueller, Dr Ian Marks and LEQ Business Manager Kerry Simpfordorfer.

The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read

Adoption of Report

***That the Report of Lutheran Education Queensland Council be adopted***

**Resolution 12:11**

**9. Presentation of the following awards were made by LEQ Director Sue Kloeden**

**The TT Reuther Award for School Excellence** Faith Lutheran College,  
Plainlands

**Rolf Mayer Award for Individual Excellence:**

Ian Hauser, Grace Lutheran College & Cameron Roach, Immanuel College

**10. Presentation from Queensland Lutheran Early Childhood Services (QLECS)**

Susan Shaw presented the report as per the Bylaws of the LCAQD

**Resolution 12:12**

**11. Professional Standards Unit (PSU) Report**

The report is taken as read

Rev Keith Stiller thanked Liz Crawford for her leadership, strengths and commitment.

Adoption of Report

***That the Report of the Professional Standards Unit be adopted.***

**Resolution 12:13**

**12. Lutheran Laypeople's League Special Mission Award of \$20,000**

Bethesda Lutheran Church Beenleigh, represented by Rev Mark Hampel and lay worker Amanda Huf accepted the award. A brief outline of how the funds will be used was presented. President Noack thanked LLL for their support and commended for their progress over the last year, despite not winning the grant in 2011.

**13. Presentation of the Strategic Plan**

President Rev Noack presented the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan

*Mission Statement*

**To lead and partner in the mission of the Gospel**

The Strategic Priorities for 2012 were grouped into three focus Initiatives .

**Leadership**

- Invest in leadership, training and coaching including 20/20; key officeholder;
- Training and coaching of Pastors.
- Improving recruitment and training of office holders

### **Partnering**

- Improve communication across the District
- Recruit for improved communications/newsletter
- Implement initiatives to support small congregations

### **Mission**

- Support and invest in African and Asian Ministry
- Youth & Young Adults
- Support initiatives across young adults

### **Continuing emphasis**

- Governance – this is an area of continuing review and development, not a special one-off focus area
- Disaster Relief
- Youth & young adults
- Improved reporting from Departments

#### **14. Presentation to Synod by Lutheran Youth of Queensland (LYQ)**

LYQ Council Report

The Chairman Ian Grieshaber, as well as Kerry Groch & Aaron Glover drew attention to some highlights from the report. Special thanks was expressed to Emma Graetz for her years of service. Emma is planning to return to South Australia later this year.

Adoption of Report

***That the Report of the Council for Lutheran Youth of Queensland be received.***

**Resolution 12:16**

#### **15. Presentation to Synod by the Council for Ministry and Mission (CMM)**

CMM Report

The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read. Neil Bergmann spoke about the 9 core qualities present in healthy churches with strong growth and high level of newcomers.

Reception of Report

***Resolved that the Report of the Council for Ministry and Mission be received.***

**Resolution 12:17**

#### **16. Presentation to Synod by Lutheran Women of Queensland (LWQ)**

LWQ Report

The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read.

Reception of Report

***Resolved that the Report of Lutheran Women of Queensland be received.***

**Resolution 12:17**

#### **17. Saturday night – Multicultural presentation**

Rev Brian Shek organized a presentation by Asian and African members of congregations in Queensland. Several gave testimonials. Ronald Lee was installed as Chinese Evangelist, SEQ.

**18. Sunday Worship**

Preacher – LCA President, Rev. Dr. Mike Semmler with Rev. Noel Noack and Rev Joshua Pfeiffer assisting. President Mike's sermon about the Zebedee family engaged the congregation.

**19. Report from the President of the Church.**

Rev. Dr. Mike Semmler, President of the Church, presented his report, outlining the five focus initiatives for the coming term.

He also brought greetings from Lutheran Women of Australia President, Grace Bock, and from Neville Otto, Mission Director.

Reception of Report

***Resolved that the report of the President of the Church be received.***

**Resolution 12:18**

**20. Australian Lutheran College (ALC) report**

A report by the Principal, Rev. John Henderson, was presented with highlights identified.

Reception of Report

***That the Report of the Australian Lutheran College be received.***

**Resolution 12:19**

**21. Board for Missions report**

A report by the Board for Missions was given in the form of a power point presentation by Warren Schirmer on behalf of Rev Neville Otto.

Reception of Report

***Resolved that the Report of the Board for Missions be received.***

**Resolution 12:20**

**22. The Lutheran Presentation**

Linda Macqueen, the editor of *The Lutheran* presented her report, highlighting various awards which have been presented for the magazine in the last year.

Reception of Report.

***Resolved that the Report of The Lutheran be received.***

**Resolution 12:21**

**23. Lutheran Media Ministry report**

A report by the Director Rev. Richard Mau and Richard Fox was presented highlighting various aspects.

***Resolved that Synod expresses its thanks for the years of service provided by the Director Rev. Richard Mau.***

**Resolution 12:22**

Reception of Report

***Resolved that the Report of the Lutheran Media Ministries be received.***

**Resolution 12:23**

**24. Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) report**

The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read

The ALWS representative Susan Seng showed a PowerPoint presentation, focusing on the famine in East Africa.

***Resolved that the Report of the Australian Lutheran World Service be received.***

**Resolution 12:24**

**25. Lutheran Laypeoples League (LLL) report**

A report by Marie Pawsey, LLL Promotions Officer was presented with highlights identified.

Reception of Report

***Resolved that the Report of the Lutheran Laypeoples League be received.***

**Resolution 12:25**

**26. LCA Board for Lay Ministry report**

Lay Worker Formation Officer, Verena Johnson presented the report for the Board for Lay Ministry.

Reception of Report

***That the Report of the LCA Board for Lay Ministry be received.***

**Resolution 12:26**

**27. Thanks to Rev James Haak**

Rev James Haak was recognized with acclamation for his first chairing of Synod.

**28. Hosting of Convention of Synod 2013**

St Peters, Indooroopilly offered to host Synod in 2013. President Rev Noack advised that there will be significant celebrations to mark the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lutherans worshipping in Australia, and General Synod will also be held next year.

The timing and host congregation for the 2013 Synod will be referred to District Church Council for a decision.

**29. Thanks**

President Rev Noack, on behalf of all of Synod, offered thanks to the organisers, presenters and volunteers.

**30. Installation of DCC Members**

Members of District Church Council were installed/reaffirmed during the closing service.

**31. Closing Service**

The closing worship service was conducted by Rev Noel Noack.

Minutes Recorded by District Church Council Secretary, Wendy Hoopert  
Assisted by EA to LCAQD President, Neil Kube

**Synod Attendance**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>Sunday Service</b>	<b>395</b>
<b>Communion</b>	<b>364</b>

<b>Offering</b>	<b>\$5,682.90</b>
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