



Section 8

2014 Convention of Synod

LCAQD Statistics Committee

LCAQD STATISTICS FOR 2013

It wouldn't be surprising if people reckon keeping statistics is all about numbers which doesn't sound very spiritual, yet I believe it's one way we can measure how many people come into contact with the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and with the Holy Sacraments.

Our Lutheran Confessions say:

To obtain such faith God instituted the office of preaching, giving the gospel and the sacraments. Through these, as through means, he gives the Holy Spirit who produces faith, where and when he wills, in those who hear the gospel.

The Augsburg Confession, Article V: Concerning the Office of Preaching, 1-3 (German Text)

While we can't effectively measure the growth (or loss) of faith, we keep statistics to measure such things as:

1. how many times people had the opportunity to hear the gospel and respond in faith,
2. how many people were admitted into the family of God through baptism,
3. how many times people were joined as one in the sight of God and asked for God's blessing on their marriage,
4. how many times we offered the Sacrament of the Altar where people could be assured of the forgiveness of sins, and
5. how many opportunities we had to proclaim the gospel at the time of death.

Of course we can't measure the effectiveness of the gospel, but we can measure how many times it was proclaimed with the hope it was received in faith.

In the past we weren't very good at completing statistics, but thankfully congregations have improved considerably over the last 3 years so that statistical reports are more accurate. This said, there's still room for improvement. The number of congregations who completed their 2013 statistics have declined from the 2012 rate of return since the same time last year.

The following few pages are made up of data completed for 2012 and 2013 (obtained from LAMP on 1st of April 2014). The reason 2012's figures are included is because more statistics have been completed since last year's report to District Synod (and also serves as a point of reference for 2013). These figures are more reliable and more complete than this year's statistics.

There's been no attempt to make up for congregations who haven't filled in their returns, however we still have an indication how many times the Holy Spirit had an opportunity to work in people's hearts through the Word and Sacraments.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Stuart Kleinig

2012 – LCAQD

Note: 112 (of 118) congregations + 8 (of 30) worship centres completed their statistics reports

Pastoral Act	Total	Ave/ cong	Notes
Baptism – child	601	5.01	26 children were baptised at Living Faith, Murumba Downs
Baptism – adult	37	.31	6 adults were baptised at Prince of Peace, Everton Hills
1 st HC	191	1.59	32 young people receive HC for the first time at Living Faith, Murrumba Downs
Confirmation – child	272	2.27	17 young people were confirmed at St John's, Bundaberg
Confirmation – adult	32	.27	6 adults were confirmed at Grace, Redcliffe
Funeral – child	8	.07	3 funerals for children were conducted at Living Faith, Murumba Downs
Funeral – adult	334	2.78	18 funerals were conducted at Nazareth, Woolloongabba
Marriage	146	1.22	7 weddings were conducted at Buderim congregation
Worship attendance	433108	69/wk	This means on average over 8300 people attend worship each week in Lutheran congregations in Qld. Grace, Redcliffe averages 484 per weekend at worship
HC Attendance	257032	41/wk	This means on average over 4900 people receive the body and blood of Jesus every week in Lutheran churches in Queensland. Our Saviour, Rochedale averages 342 per weekend at Holy Communion
Home Communion	4236	35/yr	On average, about 81 people unable to attend worship receive Holy Communion on any given week in Queensland
Baptised membership	15635	130	8 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 140
Confirmed membership	11928	99	8 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 106
Membership who attend HC at least twice a year	7747	65	31 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 87
Membership who attend HC over the age of 18 at least twice a year	9842	82	8 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 88

2012 – LCAQD continued...

Ministry	Total	Ave/ cong ¹	Notes
Sunday School	423t+a ² 1218c ³	6t+a 17.4c	70 congregations had active Sunday School programs St John's, Ipswich had 95 children enrolled
Kid's Club (or equivalent)	73t+a 492c	6t+a 41c	12 congregations had active Kid's club or equivalent programs St Peter's, Indooroopilly had 198 children enrolled
Vacation Bible School (or equiv.)	175t+a 375c	29t+a 62.5c	6 congregation offered bible programs during school holidays St John's, Eight Mile Plains had 210 children enrolled
Youth	986yp ⁴	28.2	35 congregations had active youth programs St John's, Eight Mile Plains had 308 active youth
Junior Youth	325yp	29.5	11 congregations had active junior youth programs Prince of Peace, Everton Hills had 75 active junior youth
Women's groups	1091	13.0	84 congregations had active women's fellowship groups St Paul's, Caboolture had 55 women in their group(s)
Men's groups	710	22.2	32 congregations had active men's fellowship groups Living Faith, Murrumba Downs recorded 265 men in their group(s)
Total offerings	7123.2k	59360	The average offering per person (total offerings/total attendance) was \$16.45
Synod contribution ⁵	720442	6003	The average amount passed on to the Qld Synod per person (total synod contribution/total attendance) was \$1.66

¹ The average was calculated from participating congregations only

² t+a = teachers and assistants

³ c = children

⁴ yp = young people

⁵ Note the Synod contribution figures were provided by LAMP, but have not been correlated with Synod financials and may not be a true reflection of the actual figure

2013 – LCAQD

Note: 91 (of 118) congregations + 7 (of 30) worship centres completed their statistics reports

Pastoral Act	Total	Ave/ cong	Notes
Baptism – child	483	4.93	34 children were baptised at Living Faith, Murumba Downs
Baptism – adult	25	.26	4 adults were baptised at Buderim congregation
1 st HC	119	1.21	23 young people receive HC for the first time at St Peter's, Indooroopilly
Confirmation – child	172	1.76	12 young people were confirmed at Zion, Gympie
Confirmation – adult	14	.14	4 adults were confirmed at Buderim congregation
Funeral – child	6	.06	2 funerals for children were conducted at St Andrew's, Brisbane City
Funeral – adult	265	2.70	16 funerals were conducted at Nazareth, Woolloongabba
Marriage	105	1.07	7 weddings were conducted at Nazareth, Woolloongabba & St John's, Ipswich
Worship attendance	334475	65/wk	This means on average over 6400 people attend worship each week in Lutheran congregations in Qld. Our Saviour, Rochedale averages 377 per weekend at worship
HC Attendance	205380	40/wk	This means on average almost 4000 people receive the body and blood of Jesus every week in Lutheran churches in Queensland. Our Saviour, Rochedale averages 298 per weekend at Holy Communion
Home Communion	3788	39/yr	On average, about 73 people unable to attend worship receive Holy Communion on any given week in Queensland
Baptised membership	11845	121	10 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 135
Confirmed membership	8810	90	10 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 100
Membership who attend HC at least twice a year	6872	70	21 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 89
Membership who attend HC over the age of 18 at least twice a year	7654	78	8 completed their number as '0', which would adjust the average/cong to 85

2013 – LCAQD continued...

Ministry	Total	Ave/ cong ⁶	Notes
Sunday School	326t+a ⁷ 985c ⁸	6.0t+a 18.2c	54 congregations had active Sunday School programs St John's, Ipswich had 102 children enrolled
Kid's Club (or equivalent)	57t+a 312c	6.3t+a 34.7c	9 congregations had active Kid's club or equivalent programs St John's, Wilsonton had 165 children enrolled
Vacation Bible School (or equiv.)	117t+a 221c	17t+a 31.6c	7 congregations offered bible programs during school holidays St Mark's, Dalby had 57 children enrolled
Youth	375yp ⁹	14.4	26 congregations had active youth programs Prince of Peace, Everton Hills had 40 active youth
Junior Youth	169yp	28.2	6 congregations had active junior youth programs Buderim congregation had 60 active junior youth
Women's groups	874	13.7	64 congregations had active women's fellowship groups Living Faith, Murumba Downs had 60 women in their group(s)
Men's groups	585	26.6	22 congregations had active men's fellowship groups Living Faith, Murrumba Downs recorded 280 men in their group(s)
Total offerings	6853.6k	69934	The average offering per person (total offerings/total attendance) was \$20.49
Synod contribution ¹⁰	614247	6267	The average amount passed on to the Qld Synod per person (total synod contribution/total attendance) was \$1.84

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2012 DATA BY ZONE

MEMBERSHIP

Zone	Cong's¹¹	Baptised	Confirmed	Communing 2+/yr	Communing 18yo+
1 Brisbane/ South Coast	22	3675	2849	1885	2407
2 Brisbane Nth/ Sunshine Coast	17	3023	2143	2081	2062
3 West Moreton	17	1511	1233	931	1052
4 Darling Downs	34	3933	3062	1662	2420
5 Wide Bay Burnett	14	1696	1370	639	894
6 Central	6	575	403	170	308
7 Northern	10	1222	868	379	699

PASTORAL ACTS

Zone	Cong's¹¹	Baptisms	1st HC	Conf.	Funerals	Marriages
1 Brisbane/ South Coast	22	178	34	56	97	41
2 Brisbane Nth/ Sunshine Coast	17	145	75	63	59	34
3 West Moreton	17	79	25	17	57	22
4 Darling Downs	34	120	26	66	52	26
5 Wide Bay Burnett	14	45	19	47	46	7
6 Central	6	15	10	10	4	5
7 Northern	10	56	2	45	27	11

¹¹ Note number of congregations only indicate number of congregations and worship centres who completed statistics within that zone

2013 DATA BY ZONE

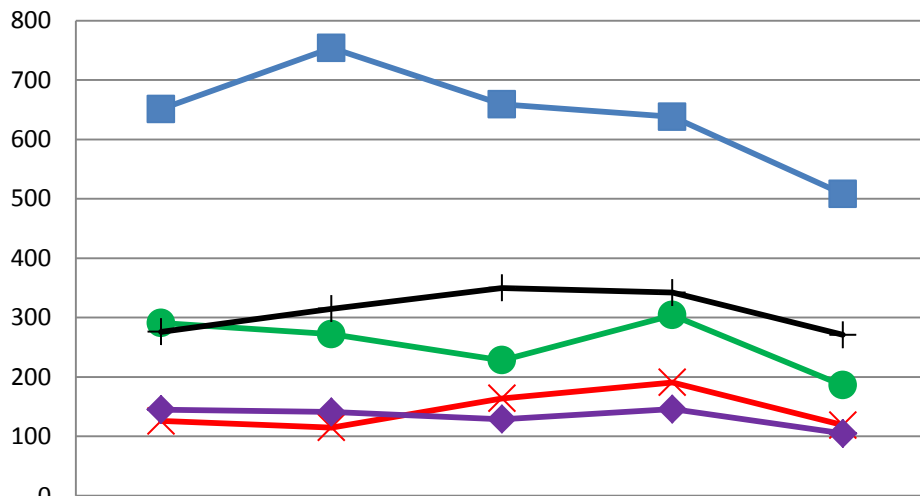
MEMBERSHIP

Zone	Cong's¹¹	Baptised	Confirmed	Communing 2+/yr	Communing 18yo+
1 Brisbane/ South Coast	17	2286	1760	1506	1443
2 Brisbane Nth/ Sunshine Coast	14	2775	1980	2073	1903
3 West Moreton	13	1253	982	902	854
4 Darling Downs	31	3259	2541	1742	2022
5 Wide Bay Burnett	13	780	625	455	482
6 Central	4	384	265	160	218
7 Northern	6	1108	657	34	732

PASTORAL ACTS

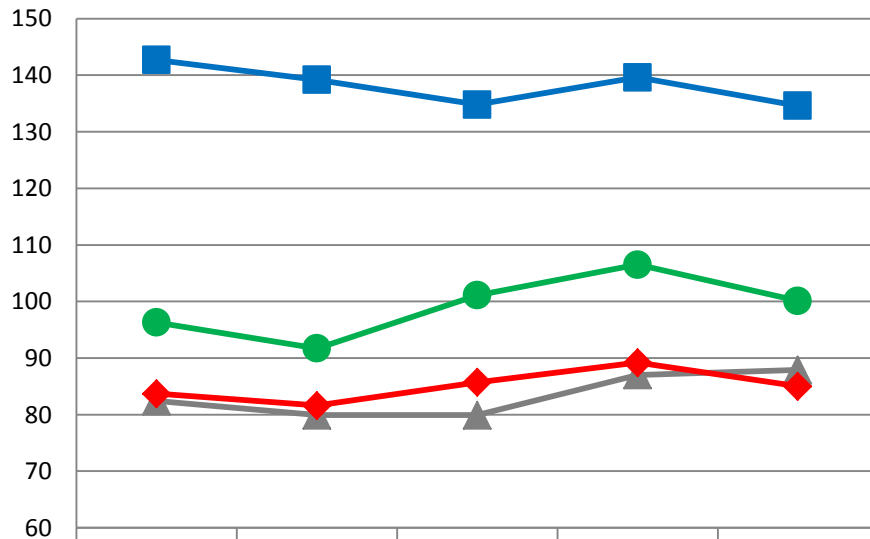
Zone	Cong's¹¹	Baptisms	1st HC	Conf.	Funerals	Marriages
1 Brisbane/ South Coast	17	133	12	45	79	34
2 Brisbane Nth/ Sunshine Coast	14	162	65	27	54	17
3 West Moreton	13	57	9	20	38	14
4 Darling Downs	31	91	22	54	60	24
5 Wide Bay Burnett	13	14	2	13	15	4
6 Central	4	6	0	7	10	5
7 Northern	6	45	9	20	15	7

Pastoral Acts



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
■ Baptisms	651	754	659	638	508
× 1st HC's	126	115	164	191	119
● Confirmations	291	272	228	304	186
+ Funerals	276	315	350	342	271
◆ Marriages	145	141	129	146	105

Average membership per congregation



	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
■ Baptised	142.7	139.2	134.8	139.6	134.6
● Confirmed	96.3	91.7	101.1	106.5	100.1
▲ Communing 2+/yr	82.4	79.9	79.9	87	87.9
◆ Communing 18yo+	83.7	81.6	85.7	89.2	85

Note: 2009 figures were from 95 congregations, 2010 by 119 congregations, 2011 by 117 congregations, 2012 by 120 congregations and 2013 by 98 congregations. 2012 figures onwards have been adjusted to only reflect those congregations who provided data for each field. Obviously, since data is incomplete, this is an indication only.