



Section 3

2014 Convention of Synod

Agenda & minutes

AGENDA
47th Convention of Synod of the LCAQD
Theme- Lord, teach us to pray. Luke11:1
30th May – 1st June 2014

Friday 30th May 2014

1. Delegate registration & light buffet meal from 5:30pm
2. Welcome & greeting from Second Assistant Bishop
3. Opening Service led by Bishop Noel H Noack
4. Apologies and Greetings by secretary.
5. Welcome of new Pastors to District
 - Rev Ray Morris, Finke River Mission NT to St Marks, Caloundra Installed 25 Jan 2014, by Bishop, Rev Noel Noack at Caloundra.
 - Rev David Spanagel, Hope Vale – Ordained as SMP by Bishop of the Church, Rev John Henderson 18th May 2014
6. Greetings from Official Guests
 - Rev John Henderson, Bishop of the LCA
 - Venerable Dr Randall Nolan, Archdeacon of Cunningham, Anglican Church of Australia (*Representing Most Reverend Dr Phillip Aspinall, Archbishop of Brisbane*)
 - Rev Kaye Ronalds, Moderator, Uniting Church by email from Ana Mila 25/3
 - The Reverend Canon Richard Tutin, General Secretary, Queensland Churches Together
 - Ian Rickuss MP, Member for Lockyer
 - Mr Scott Buchholz MP, Member for Wright
7. Supper

Saturday 31st May 2014

Note that the registration desk will reopen at 7:00am.

Preliminaries:

1. Opening Devotion
2. Announcements
3. Preliminaries and Welcome from Chair of Parish, Cheryl Steinhardt, Principal, Peace Lutheran School, Genevieve Clark & Principal, Faith Lutheran College Plainland, Janelle Anderson
4. Appointments
 - a. Minute Secretaries – District Secretary, Wendy Hoopert & TBA.
 - b. Chief Teller – TBN
 - c. Electoral Officer – Sandra Klingberg
 - d. Resolutions Summary Committee – District Secretary, District Executive Officer
 - e. Synod Steering Committee – Cheryl Steinhardt & TBA

5. Greetings and apologies from Pastors and members

Matthew Thiele
Noel Burton
Kevin Spilsbury
Col Vietheer
Helen Folker
Jennifer Kleidon
Ruth Butler
Lynette Parker
Glen Miller
Gregory Graham
Enid (Nene) Buckland
David Schmidt
Michael Vitale
Peter Logan
Will Frost
Greg Priebbenow
Michael Marschall

6. 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.***

(Nominations Committee)

7. Adoption of Minutes

***That the minutes of the 46th Convention of Synod held at Indooroopilly and hosted by
St Peters, Indooroopilly, be adopted.***

8. Late Proposals

That the Late Proposals be received.

9. Procedure for Announcements – District Secretary and District Executive Officer

LCAQD Bishop's Report

1. Greetings to Pastors who have moved out of the District since 2 Aug 2013
 - Rev Frank Rasenberger, Zion Lutheran Church Gympie to Melbourne - North West Regional Ministry Multipoint Parish. Last service at Gympie 25 Dec 2013
 - Rev Peter Bowmer, St Peters Lutheran College & Congregation to St Paul's Lutheran Church, Toledo, Ohio, USA. Last service at Indooroopilly Dec 2013
2. Greetings to Pastors who have retired/resigned since 2 Aug 2013
 - Rev Geoff Hartwig Retired 19/5/2013
 - Rev Peter Thamm Retired 9/1/2014
3. In memoriam
 - Rev Noel Weiss 1928 – 4 August 2013. Served at Dalby 1958 – 1963
 - Rev Stephen Mattner - 1946 – 29 Nov 2013. School Pastor: Trinity College, Ashmore Qld 1994 – 2003
 - Rev Cec Logan 2 Jan 1935 – 17 Feb 2014. Served in various locations in SA (1960 - 1966) & PNG (1966 -1995) and at Marburg/Minden 1995 – 2000
 - Peter McNulty - 13 March 2014, aged 82 Years. The first fulltime lay QLD District Administrator, 1977 -1998. LLL Board member, 1978-1998

4. Congregations/Parishes closures since 2 Aug 2013
 - St Luke's Lutheran Church, Mission Beach– closed 1 Dec 2013
5. Welcome of New Congregations established since 2 Aug 2013
Nil
6. New Pastors in the District since 2 Aug 2013
 - Rev Ray Morris, Caloundra - Installed 25 Jan 2014
 - Rev David Spanagel, Hope Vale – Ordained as SMP 18th May 2014
7. Adoption of Report
That the Bishop's Report be accepted.

LLL Report

1. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
2. The LLL representative may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
3. Reception of Report
That the Report of the Lutheran Laypersons League be received.

Presentation and Special Mission Award

Mission Stimulus Grant

1. Announcement of recipient of Lutheran Laypeoples League Special Mission Award
2. Brief outline of how funds will be used

Reading of nominations for 1st Assistant Bishop of the LCAQD

1. As nominated by Pastors Conference

Reading of nominations

1. Reading of Nominations for District Church Council (DCC) (*5 Pastors, 8 Lay members*)
 - i. See Section 4 (i)
2. Reading of nominations for Councils:
 - a. Council of Ministry and Mission (6 appointed by DCC, 9 elected by Synod)
 - i. See Section 4 (i)
 - b. Lutheran Community Care Council (*2 Pastors, 8 Lay members*)
 - i. See Section 4 (i)
 - 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*)
 - b. Nominations Committee (*At least 3 Lay members and 2 Pastors*)
 - i. By virtue of office of being DCC Secretary
4. If necessary, reading of or calling for nominations for any other position that is elected by Synod, not identified when the Book of Reports was prepared
5. DCC nominees have two minutes each to address Synod prior to elections

Presentation to Synod by District Church Council (DCC)

1. DCC Council Report
 - a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
 - b. The Secretary of DCC may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
 - c. Questions and discussion regarding the report
 - d. Adoption of Report

That the Report of the District Church Council be adopted

Budget Presentation

Details of the budget were presented to DCC 24 April 2014. The Budget, as endorsed by DCC, will be posted on the website and a copy will be included in the delegates' bag.

- a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
- b. The Chairman of RAFC may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
- c. Questions and discussion regarding the report
- d. Adoption of Report

That the Report of the Risk Audit Finance Committee be adopted

- e. The Chairman of RAFC presents the Proposed 2014 District Budget
- f. Questions and discussion regarding the report
- g. Adoption of the proposed 2015 budget

That the Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District proposed budget for 2015 be adopted

Reading of Nominations for Committees and 1st Assistant Bishop

Resolutions from Congregations

No resolutions were endorsed by DCC.

Presentation to Synod by the Council for Ministry and Mission (CMM)

1. CMM Report
 - a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
 - b. The Chairman of the CMM may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
 - c. Questions and discussion regarding the report
 - d. Adoption of Report

That the Report of the Council for Ministry and Mission be adopted

2. The Chairman of the CMM Council will present any late proposals or any other issues for discussion.

Lutheran Women of Queensland (LWQ) report

1. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
2. The LWQ representative may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
3. Reception of Report

That the Report of the Lutheran Women of Queensland be received.

In Memoriam Hymn and Prayer by Synod Chaplains

Election of 1st VP

Announcement 1st VP result

Presentation to Synod by Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) and QLECS

1. LEQ Council Report
 - a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
 - b. The Chairman of the LEQ Council may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
 - c. Questions and discussion regarding the report
 - d. Adoption of Report

That the Report of Lutheran Education Queensland Council be adopted

2. The Chairman of the LEQ Council will present any late proposals or any other issues for discussion.

Election for DCC, Councils and Committees

1. Election for Councils:
 - a. Council of Ministry and Mission
 - b. Lutheran Community Care Council
 - c. Lutheran Education Queensland
 - d. Lutheran Youth of Queensland
2. Elections for Committees:
 - a. Constitutions Committee
 - b. Nominations Committee
3. If necessary, elections for any other position that is elected by Synod not identified when the Book of Reports was prepared.

Presentation to Synod by the Lutheran Community Care (LCC)

1. LCC Council Report
 - a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
 - b. The Chairman of the LCC Council may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
 - c. Questions and discussion regarding the report
 - d. Adoption of Report

That the Report of Lutheran Community Care Council be adopted

 - e. The Chairman of the LCC Council will present any late proposals or any other issues for discussion.

Board for Children, Youth and Family Ministry Presentation

Presentation to Synod by Lutheran Youth of Queensland (LYQ)

1. LYQ Council Report
 - a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
 - b. The Chairman of the LYQ Council may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
 - c. Questions and discussion regarding the report
 - d. Adoption of Report

That the Report of Lutheran Youth of Queensland Council be adopted

 - e. The Chairman of the LYQ Council will present any late proposals or any other issues for discussion.

Elective Break Our Sessions

Witness Presentation

Announcement of Election Results for DCC, Councils and Committees

1. Election results for Councils are declared:
 - a. Council of Ministry and Mission
 - b. Lutheran Community Care Council
 - c. Lutheran Education Queensland
 - d. Lutheran Youth of Queensland
2. Elections results for Committees are declared:
 - a. Constitutions Committee
 - b. Nominations Committee
3. If necessary, election results for any other position that is elected by Synod, not identified when the Book of Reports was prepared will be declared

Closing Devotion

Saturday Dinner at Shire Hall with Tom Schmidt as guest speaker.

SUNDAY 1st June 2014

Sunday Worship

Preacher – Bishop of the Church, Rev. John Henderson

Bishop of the Church Report

1. Report from the Bishop of the Church
2. Reception of the Report of the Bishop of the Church
That the Report of the Bishop of the Church be received.

Australian Lutheran College (ALC) Report

1. A report by the Principal, Rev. John Henderson, is presented
2. Reception of Report
That the Report of the Australian Lutheran College be received.

Board for Missions Report

1. A report by the Board For Missions is presented
2. Reception of Report
That the Report of the Board for Missions be received.

The Lutheran Presentation

1. The Editor of *The Lutheran* presents report
2. Reception of Report
That the Report of The Lutheran be received.

Lutheran Media Ministry Report

1. A report by the Director is presented
2. Reception of Report
That the Report of the Lutheran Media Ministries be received.

Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) Report

1. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
2. The ALWS representative may wish to highlight certain parts of the report
3. Reception of Report
That the Report of the Australian Lutheran World Service be received.

LCA Board for Lay Ministry report

1. The Director presents the report for the Board for Lay Ministry
2. Reception of Report
That the Report of the LCA Board for Lay Ministry be received.

Professional Standards Unit (PSU) Report

1. The report is taken as read
2. Questions and discussion regarding the report
3. Adoption of Report
That the Report of the Professional Standards Unit be adopted.

Announcements and Prayer

Lutherans for Life Presentation

Invitation to host Convention of Synod 2015

Unfinished Business

1. Any business held over from previous sessions will be addressed at this time.
2. Resolution to instruct DCC to appropriately handle any unfinished business
That any unfinished business be referred to District Church Council for appropriate action.

Vote of Thanks

1. Vote of thanks by Secretary.
That Synod records its sincere appreciation to those who, either as a result of election or retirement, will no longer serve.

Comprehensive Vote of Thanks

1. Given by the Host of 2015 Synod
2. Receiving the Comprehensive Vote of Thanks
That Synod records its comprehensive vote of thanks by rising.

Installation of DCC Members

Closing Service

MINUTES

46th Convention of Synod of the LCAQD

Theme "In His Steps", from Luke 9:23

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

2nd August – 4th August 2013

Friday 2nd August 2013

8. **The Convention of Synod began** with Delegate registration & a light buffet meal from 5:30pm

9. **Welcome all in attendance** Bishop LCAQD, Rev Noel H Noack

10. **Opening Service** led by Bishop Noack

11. New Pastors to District were welcomed

- Rev Peter Hage to St Marks Congregation, Mount Gravatt from Mount Barker, SA
- Rev Ben Hentschke to Ipswich Parish from Birdwood, SA
- Rev Dr Don Wicklman, Pastor at large, based at Toowoomba
- Rev Jade Bauer to Beau-Logan Parish from Whyalla Parish, SA – not present
- Rev Luke Spilsbury to St Martins Congregation, Gladstone from Good Shepherd Congregation, Sutherland, NSW – not present

12. Greetings from Official Guests

- Rev John Henderson, Bishop of the LCA
- Most Reverend Mark Coleridge, Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane
- The Right Reverend Alison Taylor, Bishop of the Southern Region, Diocese of Brisbane, Anglican Church of Australia
- Rev Kay Ronalds, Moderator, Uniting Church
- Mrs Jane Prentice MP, Federal Member for Ryan
- Councillor Julian Simmonds on behalf of Lord Mayor
- Written apology & greetings from The Reverend Canon Richard Tutin, Queensland Churches Together
- Written apology & greetings from Minister Scott Emerson, Member for Indooroopilly

13. Supper

Supper & fellowship was enjoyed in Café 45

Saturday 3rd August 2013

Preliminaries:

10. Opening Devotion – Rev Paul Smith, Assistant Bishop LCAQD
11. Preliminaries and Welcome from Chair of Congregation and Head of College, Mr Adrian Wiles

12. Appointments

- a. Minute Secretaries – District Secretary, Wendy Hoopert & Bishop's EA, Neil Kube
 - b. Chief Teller – TBN
 - c. Electoral Officer – Sandra Klingberg
 - d. Resolutions Summary Committee – District Secretary, District Executive Officer
 - e. Synod Steering Committee – Rachel Peitsch, Adrian Wiles or his appointee
13. Greetings and apologies from Pastors and members
- a. Rev Vince Gerhardy, Caboolture
 - b. Mr Andrew Spyropoulos
 - c. Mr Peter Weier (for Sunday)
 - d. Rev Andrew Vanderwal, Pastor, Emmanuel Toowoomba
 - e. Shane Pfeffer, Congregation Delegate, Millmerran
 - f. Christine Duncombe, Congregation Delegate, St Andrews Cooyar
 - g. Rev Mark Vainikka, Pastor, Concordia College
 - h. Rev Reid Matthias, Pastor, Plainland Lutheran College
 - i. Robyn Jaensch, Congregation Delegate, Emerald
 - j. Rev Stephen Jaensch, Pastor, Emerald
 - k. Graham Duldig, Congregation Delegate, Bundaberg
 - l. Shane Altmann, Principal, St James College Urraween
 - m. Rev Rev Peter Janetzki, Pastor, Apologies for non-attendance
 - n. Rev Rev Mark Henderson, Pastor, Apology due to recovery from surgery.
 - o. Iris Hall, Congregation Delegate,
 - p. Anne Donges, Congregation Delegate, St Pauls Glenarbon
 - q. Steven Stiller, Congregation Delegate, Redeemer Lutheran Church Miles
 - r. Barry Herrmann, Congregation Delegate, Toowoomba Trinity

14. 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 13C:01

15. Adoption of Minutes

The following amendment was made to the minutes – removal of the words “acting chair” (after Paul Smith)

Rev Paul Smith confirmed that Resolutions 12:06 & 12:08 were in progress with discussions between him and Rev Lou Pfeiffer and Redeemer Congregation, Toowoomba respectively.

That the minutes of the 45th Convention of Synod held at Tallebudgera and hosted by St Andrews Lutheran Church, Tallebudgera, be adopted.

Resolution 13C:02

16. Late Proposals

No Late Proposals were received.

LCAQD Bishop's Report

8. Pastors who have transferred out of the District since May 31, 2012

- Rev Graham Harms, Director of Ministry & Mission LCAQD, Retired 26/10/2012

9. Pastors who have retired from the LCAQD since June 1, 2012

- Rev Graham Harms, Director of Ministry & Mission LCAQD, Retired 26/10/2012
- Rev Chris Bartholomaeus, Grace Redcliffe, Retired 28/4/2013
- Rev Rick Zweck, Caloundra, Retired 28/4/2013
- Rev Athol Pukallus, Middle Park, Retired 19/5/2013

10. In memory

- Edwin Tesch, 17/06/2012, Chairman, St Johns Congregation, Bundaberg
- Eric Deeral, 5/9/2012, aged 80 years, Gamay Warra Lutheran elder & educator; the first indigenous person elected to any parliament in Australia
- Clara Johanna Zimmerman, 3/11/1922 - 25/9/2012, aged 89 years, PNG missionary, instrumental in founding of St Paul's Lutheran School, Caboolture
- Vince Klingberg, 16/11/2012, aged 83 years, Served as District Electoral Officer, member of Nominations and Constitutions committees over many decades. On the staff at Concordia Lutheran College Toowoomba for 36 years and founding member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Toowoomba
- Herbert "Herb" Zillmann, 13/11/2012, aged 72 years, Served as LCAQD Treasurer, Member of LCAQD Finance Council, and LCAQD Administrator / Executive Officer, on St Peter's Lutheran College Council, treasurer for Good News, Middle Park
- Frederick Garth Zerner, 13/12/2012, aged 75 years, Chairperson: Murgon Parish
- Ellen Neldner (nee Dahlenburg), 20/10/1960 - 29/1/2013, Wife of Rev Mike Neldner
- Netta Schubert, 5/7/2013, Wife of the late Rev Alf Schubert who served in Queensland 1936 – 1961

11. Congregations/Parishes closures since May 31, 2012

- St John's Imbil – closed Sunday 26 August 2012 Pres Rev N Noack

12. Welcome of New Congregations established since May 31, 2012

Nil

David Spanagel commented about the level of support from congregations to the District, and suggested that the Sunday offering go to the LCAQD for Mission use.

Rev Mark Hampel commended the LCAQD for the seamless transition of Ministry & Mission Directors, and urged pastors to work toward a similar smooth transition. He noted that the call process may need to be amended in order to facilitate this. This is a national LCA issue.

13. Acceptance of Report

That the Bishop's Report be accepted.

Resolution 13C:03

This was affirmed with applause.

LLL Report and awarding of Mission Stimulus Grant – Marie Pawsey

3. LLL Report
4. Announcement of the recipient of Lutheran Laypeople's League Mission Stimulus Grant – Good Shepherd Congregation, Noosaville. Rev Mark Nitschke, from Noosaville spoke of their plans for doubling the size of their playgroup, and pastoral support and follow-up with the families involved.

Reading of nominations for 2nd Assistant Bishop of the LCAQD

Rev James Haak was the only person nominated by Pastors Conference.
Rev Haak's reappointment was confirmed with applause.

Reading of nominations for Secretary of the LCAQD

Wendy Hoopert was the only person nominated for the position of District Secretary..
Wendy Hoopert's reappointment was confirmed with applause.

Reading of nominations

6. Reading of Nominations for District Church Council (DCC) (*5 Pastors, 8 Lay members*);
No election was required.
7. Reading of nominations for Councils:
 - a. Council of Ministry and Mission (6 appointed by DCC, 9 elected by Synod)
No election was required.
 - b. Lutheran Community Care Council (2 Pastors, 8 Lay members)
No election was required.
 - c. Lutheran Education Queensland (*6 from a schools admin or governance*)
Election for classroom teacher positions – 3 from 4 nominees: see below
8. Reading of nominations for Committees:
 - a. Constitutions Committee (*2 or 3 Pastors, 5 or 6 Lay Members*)
No election was required.
 - b. Nominations Committee (*At least 3 Lay members and 2 Pastors*)
No election was required.

Presentation to Synod by District Church Council (DCC) Secretary Wendy Hoopert

DCC Council Report

- a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
- b. Acceptance of Report

That the Report of the District Church Council be accepted.

Resolution 13C:04

Budget Presentation

Details of the revised 2013 LCAQD Budget as approved by DCC 25 July 2013, were posted on the website and a copy was included in the Book of Reports.

- h. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
- i. The Chairman of RAFC highlighted certain parts of the report, including that all monetary donations to the District are channeled to Ministry & Mission of the Church.
Acceptance of Report

That the Report of the Risk Audit Finance Committee be accepted.

Resolution 13C:05

- j. The Chairman of RAFC presented the Proposed 2014 District Budget, noting that:
 - i. It is balanced
 - ii. 50% goes to the LCA National Office

- iii. 50% for local ministry
- k. Questions and discussion regarding the report, included the scope of salaried positions included in the HRM figure, and the large capital outlay figure, which relates to the proposed purchase of level 3, 24 McDougall St.
- l. Adoption of the proposed 2014 budget

That the Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District proposed budget for 2014 be adopted.

Resolution 13C:06

Resolutions from Congregations

The following resolutions were both proposed by St Peters Congregation Indooroopilly, and introduced by Bruce Lockwood.

- a. That the Queensland District of the LCA develops and supports initiatives that encourage women's and men's greater participation in worship and ministry.
- b. That this synod of Queensland District of the LCA requests the Bishop of Queensland to liaise with Bishop Henderson to decide whether the proposals from St Peters and St Stephens congregations concerning the ordination of both women and men should be addressed at a specially convened convention of the General Synod before the next General Synod, this synod authorises Bishop Henderson to call and to set the time and place for that special convention.

The first of these proposals was put to the vote, and accepted.

Resolved that the Queensland District of the LCA develops and supports initiatives that encourage women's and men's greater participation in worship and ministry.

Resolution 13C:07

An amendment to proposal b. was tabled after some discussion.

Subsequently a revised proposal was put forward:

In light of the discretion provided by the LCA Constitution Article VII, section 10(a), be it resolved that this synod request that the Bishop of the LCA consider requesting consent of the General Church Council to convene a special convention concerning the ordination of women and men and that this special convention be in the form of a one day extension of the next General Convention of Synod.

Bishop of the Church, Rev John Henderson was invited to comment. He addressed the Convention regarding the amended proposal:

- He made it clear that he was not speaking either for or against the motion, and acknowledged that the Church was extremely anxious about this issue.
- A final decision must come from a Gospel heart – Christ our Savior is with us and will not abandon us.
- A one-day extension would be considered a minimum requirement.
- This offers the Church a way to explore a new way forward.
- This would legitimize the conversation.
- Listen and not judge – allow people to be respected.
- Expand and appreciate the assets (past discussions, papers & seminars) which we already have
- The Consensus Task Force needs to be honoured.
- The Church should engage in respectful dialog at existing events, e.g.
 - Lutheran Women's gatherings
 - Lutheran Men's gatherings
 - Special days
 - Conventions of Synod

- Zone Conferences
- The LCA Communications team is developing a means of collecting, gathering and summarising discussions
- Sense when the time is right
- Don't make a decision out of an agenda of fear, but of love

It was noted that this was the first occasion that the Bishop of the Church had addressed a District convention from the floor, as Bishop.

The amendment was subsequently put to a vote and was passed:

In light of the discretion provided by the LCA Constitution Article VII, section 10(a), be it resolved that this synod request that the Bishop of the LCA consider requesting consent of the General Church Council to convene a special convention concerning the ordination of women and men and that this special convention be in the form of a one day extension of the next General Convention of Synod.

Resolution 13C:08

Presentation to Synod by the Council for Ministry and Mission (CMM)

CMM Report

- m. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
- n. The Chairman of the CMM, Neil Bergmann presented the report, and Director M&M Rev John O'Keefe both highlighted the D.I.S.C.I.P.L.E. approach advocated for our members.

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

Resolution 13C:09

Witness Presentation by Ben Lyons, member at St John's Corinda

In Memoriam Hymn and Prayer

Presentation to Synod by Lutheran Youth of Queensland (LYQ)

LYQ Council Report

- f. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
- g. The Chairman of the LYQ Council Ian Grieshaber presented the report and urged all members to comment and affirm our youth of our Church through facebook.

Resolved that the Report of Lutheran Youth of Queensland Council be accepted.

Resolution 13C:10

Presentation to Synod by the Lutheran Community Care (LCC)

LCC Council Report

- f. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
- g. The Chairman of the LCC Council Dr Clare Seligmann presented the report

A question was raised re palliative care and chaplaincy, This is being addressed at a national level. The Bishops and Church leaders will respond.

Resolved that the Report of Lutheran Community Care Council be accepted.

Resolution 13C:11

Flood Response - Bundaberg & Lockyer Valley

Rev Greg Priebennow (Bundaberg) and Lockyer Valley Parish Chair, Cheryl Steinhardt both spoke about the affect of the flooding in their respective areas, and the responses from our Church.

Presentation to Synod by Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ) and QLECS

LEQ Council Report

- a. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
- b. Interesting points to note 18 123 students enrolled in LEQ schools
 A Lutheran school built at Zion Hill 175 yrs ago
- c. The Chairman of the LEQ Council , Anthony Mueller presented the report.
- d. Kerryn Simpfendorfer presented the financial report for LEQ
- e. Adoption of Report

That the Report of Lutheran Education Queensland Council be adopted

Resolution 13C:12

Presentation of the following awards were made by LEQ

The TT Reuther Award for School Excellence

Peace Lutheran College, Gatton

Rolph Mayer Award for Teacher Excellence

Matt Armstrong

Maxine Lohmeyer

Elective Break Out Sessions to:

M&M

LYQ

LEQ

LCC

Lutheran Women of Queensland (LWQ) report

4. The report, per the By-Laws, is taken as read
5. Reception of Report

That the Report of the Lutheran Women of Queensland be received.

Resolution 13C:13

Announcement of Election Results for DCC, Councils and Committees
46th SYNODICAL ELECTION RESULTS 2013

Figures in brackets indicate number of terms to serve if this is more than one term

OFFICIALS

BISHOP	Pastor Noel Noack (2)
FIRST ASSISTANT BISHOP	Pastor Paul Smith
SECOND ASSISTANT BISHOP	Pastor James Haak (2)
SECRETARY	Wendy Hoopert (2)

DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL (DCC)

PASTORS (5)

Bishop (2) Noel Noack
First Assistant Bishop Paul Smith
Second Assistant Bishop James Haak (2)
Brenton Fiedler (2)
Stuart Kleinig

LAY MEMBERS (8)

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

THE STANDING COMMITTEES

CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE (8)

PASTORS (2 or 3)

Andrew Schultz
VACANT (2)

LAY MEMBERS (5 or 6)

Garry Hauser
Rosemary Dillon
Graeme Drapper
Michael Klatt (2)
Rae Buchanan (2)
Rachel Peitsch (2)

DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

COUNCIL FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION (13; 7 appointed by DCC & 6 elected by Synod)

Chair - Neil Bergmann
Vice-Chair - Pastor Peter Geyer (2)
Secretary - VACANT (2)
Pastor – Ben Hentschke
Lay-Person - Marie Thomas (2)
Layworker - VACANT (2)
(LYQ Nominee – Aaron Glover)

**LUTHERAN EDUCATION QUEENSLAND
COUNCIL FOR SCHOOLS**

ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE (6)

Gary Fulton

A Mueller

Debbie West-McInnes (2)

Tim Kotzur

Jodie Hoff (2)

Anthony Dyer (2)

PARISH PASTOR (1)

Jim Strelan

CLASSROOM TEACHER (3)

Pastor Brenton Altmann (2)

Stephanie Maher (2)

Matthew Qualischefski

PARENT OF STUDENT (2)

Helga Vorona-Jessop

Katrina Hibberd (2)

DEPARTMENT FOR LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

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

Pastors

Boyd Briese

Adrian Muller

Lay Members

Stuart Jaeschke

Dr Carl Burger (2)

Brian Wandel (2)

Dr Clare Seligmann (2)

Dr Leena Vuorinen (2)

Stephen Cullen

Simon LaBlack

Jennifer Danslow

(plus Craig Thamm as DCC nominee)

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

Pastor Michael Mayer (2)

Mo Vezos

Jodie Hoff

Jill Shepherdson (2)

Lauren Strelan

Roslyn Freiberg

Ian Grieshaber (2)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

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

David Spanagel

Brian Wandel

Hazel Weis (2)

Theresa Stolz

Sandra Klingberg (2)

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

Adrian Muller (2)

Colin Donges

R Unverzagt

N.B held dormant at this Synod until resolved by DCC

Norm Auricht (2)

A Foster

1 Appointed by DCC

Closing Devotion

Saturday Dinner Held at Café 45 Rev John O’Keefe, as director of Mission and Ministry, entertained the gathering with a presentation from all the ministry initiatives set out in the Strategic Plan and the Saints and Sinners Boys Choir from St Peters College.

SUNDAY 4TH August 2013

Sunday Worship

Preacher – Bishop of the Church, Rev. John Henderson. Sermon text: Luke 19:11-27

Bishop of the Church report

Report from the Bishop of the Church

Rev John Henderson, in his role as LCA Bishop, presented his first report to a District Convention of Synod.

He outlined a little about himself and why he had chosen Hahndorf as the church for his installation as Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Australia.: Hahndorf is the oldest continuing congregation in Australia, combines tradition and modern concepts by valuing the past and walking confidently into the future.

Reception of the Report of the Bishop of the Church

That the report of the Bishop of the Church be received.

Resolution 13C:14

Australian Lutheran College (ALC) report

A report from Rev Dr Stephen Haar and Emma Graetz was presented.

ALC in conjunction with Grassroots will be presenting workshops in QLD in February and July 2014.

Reception of Report

That the Report of the Australian Lutheran College be received.

Resolution 13C:15

Board for Missions report

A report from Warren Schirmer was presented.

Four Initiatives

- 1) Schools
- 2) Sustainable Farming
- 3) Scholarships
- 4) PNG
 - Pastors
 - Chaplains
 - Building

Reception of Report

That the Report of the Board for Missions be received.

Resolution 13C:16

The Office of the LCA Executive Officer

Debbie Venz, on behalf of Peter Schirmer, presented for the

1. The Lutheran

The Editor of the Lutheran reported via a DVD recording

That the Report of The Lutheran be received.

Resolution 13C:17

2. Longest Lutheran Lunch : 27 October , 2014 Reformation Sunday. Register your congregation on line for a free guideline pack that includes apron, T-shirt etc.

3. Lutheran Winemakers: Congregations are encouraged to register on line

4. LAMP: Schools are requested to update their details.

That the Report of The Office of the LCA Executive Officer be received

Resolution 13C:18

Lutheran Media Ministry report

A report by the Director, Rev Richard Fox was presented and he encouraged all to sign onto the Lutheran radio podcasts.

Reception of Report

That the Report of the Lutheran Media Ministries be received.

Resolution 13C:19

Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS) report

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

The ALWS Qld representative, Susan Seng presented the report. Reception of Report

That the Report of the Australian Lutheran World Service be received.

Resolution 13C:20

Professional Standards Unit (PSU) Report

The report is taken as read

Rev Keith Stiller and LCA PSU Director Liz Crawford presented this report.

Adoption of Report

That the Report of the Professional Standards Unit be adopted.

Resolution 13C:21

Presentation re ALCE4

Presentation by Rev Paul Smith

175 years of following Christ In Queensland - Guest Speaker, Robin Kleinschmidt

Board for Children, Youth and Family Ministry Presentation

Jodie Brooks, the director of Board for Children, Youth and Family Ministry presented this report highlighting:

Faith Five

Taking Faith Home by Rev Greg Preibenow

Baptism promises and support for congregations

Gift resources

Training opportunities: National conference 5-6 September

Regional training days

New web site www.LCA.org.au/growministries

Newsletters

Facebook: Faith Incubators

That the Report of the Board for Children, Youth and Family Ministry be received.

Resolution 13C:22

Shed Men Presentation

Ian Watson made a passionate plea for the Lutheran men of Australia to become involved with Shed Men.

That the Report of the Shed Men be received

Resolution 13C:23

Lutherans for Life Presentation

Rev Christian Fandrich presented for the Lutherans for Life

That the Report of the Lutherans for Life be received

Resolution 13C:24

Invitation to host Convention of Synod 2013

The second assistant Bishop, Rev James Haak the senior pastor for the Lockyer Valley Parish

invited the LCAQD to hold the 2014 Convention of Synod in the Lockyer Valley Parish.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Vote of Thanks

Rev Stuart Kleinig offered thanks and prayers for those retiring from positions in the LCAQD.

Receiving the Vote of Thanks

That Synod records it's sincere appreciation to those who, either as a result of election or retirement, will no longer serve.

Resolution 13C:25

Comprehensive Vote of Thanks

Graham Drapper offered the comprehensive vote of thanks.

Receiving the Comprehensive Vote of Thanks

That Synod records its comprehensive vote of thanks by rising with acclamation.

Resolution 13C:26

Installation of DCC Members

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

Closing Service

Preacher – Rev Paul Smith, First Assistant Bishop, LCAQD

Minutes recorded by District Church Council Secretary, Wendy Hoopert.

Assisted by EA to the LCAQD Bishop, Neil Kube.

Synod attendance

Sunday Service 319 adults, 26 children

Communion 300

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