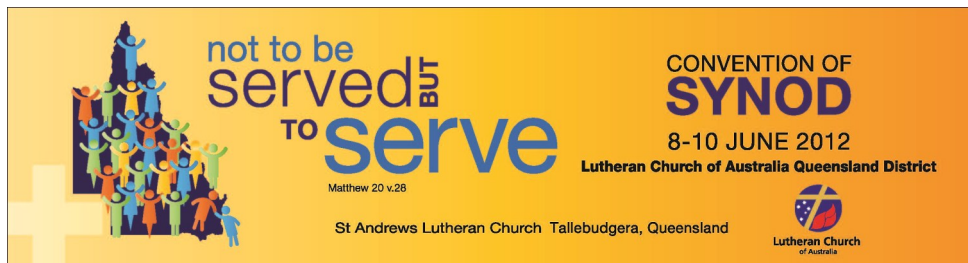




# CONVENTION OF SYNOD 2012 PEOPLE'S REPORT

Lutheran Church of  
Australia  
Queensland  
District

*"Not to be served, but to serve." Matthew 20:28*



This year's Convention of Synod was hosted by St Andrew's congregation in Tallebudgera. The church building is located on campus at St Andrew's Lutheran College. The main sessions were held in the church building and the meals a short stroll up the hill to the undercover area outside the auditorium. The Chaplain for the conference was Rev Mike Nelder.

## Highlights

Oldest attendee: Arthur Schloss, aged 88, from Redeemer congregation in Toowoomba.

Youngest attendee: IT guru, Stephen Huth, and his wife Ellie's gorgeous dark haired baby girl, Sarah Lily Huth, who was just 7 weeks old, from St Andrew's Congregation in Tallebudgera.

Official Launch of Wise Up! ACLE 4 on September 30—October 2, 2013.

### Attendance

Saturday: 261.

Sunday service: 395.

Communion: 364.

Offering: \$5682.90.

### LEQ awards

*Ralph Mayer Teacher Excellence Award*

Ian Hauser, Grace College.

Cameron Roach, Immanuel College, Buderim.

*Tom Reuther College for Education Excellence Award*

Faith Lutheran College Plainlands. Accepted by Principal Janelle Anderson.

## DCC

President: Rev Noel Noack

1st Vice

President: Rev Paul Smith

2nd Vice

President: Rev James Haak

Secretary: Wendy Hoopert

Council Rev Brenton Fiedler

Members: Rev Stuart Kleinig

Michael Stolz

Cheryl Steinhardt

Rachel Peitsch

Michael Klatt

Andrew Spyropoulos

Margit Hubbers (new)

### Other Awards

*Lutheran Women of Queensland's Bursury*

Rosie Richardson and Melissa Chapman.

*LLL Special Mission Awards*

Bethesda Congregation  
Beenleigh.



Welcoming new pastors to the District.

## Lutheran Church of Australia—Queensland District

**Mission Statement:** *"To lead and partner in the mission of the Gospel."*

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

### Leadership

- Investing in leadership, training and coaching including 20/20; key office holders;
- 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.



## Lutheran Church of Australia

Peter Schirmer is the new Executive Officer for the Church. He will establish initiatives begun by Trevor Ruthenberg.

Five focus initiatives/pillars for the coming year:

1. Increasing spiritual depth;
2. Develop Mission culture;
3. Leadership capability;
4. Communication;
5. Leveraging Assets and Resources.

Governance: Synod ratified the requirement for Agencies to pay a governance levy to LCAQD.

## Department of Ministry and Mission

National Church Life Survey - run every 5 years, including last year. It focused on nine core qualities present in healthy churches with strong growth and high level of newcomers:

1. Alive & growing faith;
2. Vital and nurturing worship;
3. Strong & growing belonging - this is most important;
4. A clear and owned vision - also very important;
5. Leadership;
6. Open & flexible Innovation;
7. Practical & diverse service;
8. Willing & effective faith sharing;
9. Intentional & welcoming inclusion.

## Lutheran Youth of Queensland

Lutheran Youth of Queensland was proud to announce that our church now impacts over 10,000 young lives every year through Lutheran Youth of Queensland's ministries. That influence should continue to grow in 2012/2013 with the addition of two new CLW camps, a new monthly young adult event (The Upper Room), strong leadership training growth and the biggest 12 months in Luther Heights history!

Delegates were encouraged to consider how their congregation could support our church's growing ministry to children, youth, young adults and families. Congregations can pray regularly for this important ministry, connect to the latest Lutheran Youth of Queensland news through the monthly newsletter, get involved directly as volunteers or provide financial support.

Lutheran Youth of Queensland used their presentation to highlight to delegates the challenges that Queensland children and families are facing today – family breakdown, abuse, neglect etc. Delegates were encouraged to make their congregation aware of the issues that are likely affecting families and children that they know and to consider how the congregation can support the families in their area.



## Lutheran Education Queensland

- Lutheran schools and services continue to grow. LORDS and Little Wonders kindergarten at LORDS, opened at the start of the year and St Peters Springfield moved into new buildings on a new site
- Schools and services are blessed with support from state and federal governments and we also thank the many parents and grandparents who sacrifice much to ensure their children can attend our schools and services
- Faith Lutheran College at Plainland received the T Reuther Award for school excellence for 2012. They are a college that has grown fast and serve the Lockyer Valley communities with care and great education.
- Ian Hauser (Grace college) and Cameron Roach (Immanuel) received the Rolph Mayer Award for teacher excellence.
- Lutheran education is thankful for the bequests received that help for example, pay school fees for students in need. It is wonderful that two bequests were from people who knew and respected and in one case attended a Lutheran school, but were not Lutherans!
- Lutheran schools need Lutheran staff. Please encourage people working in other systems to consider service in our schools and services.

Please continue to pray for your schools and services as they serve their Queensland communities through providing excellent Christian education and pastoral care.

## Lutheran Community Care

Lutheran Community Care serves vulnerable members of the Queensland community.

- Nine residential aged care (nursing home and hostel) services assisting more than 900 residents
- Approximately 320 retirement village units in nine villages; seven villages are co-located with residential services, and two are stand-alone villages
- Our refuge (Mary and Martha's) which assists hundreds of women and children escaping domestic violence each year
- Two services for young people and three services for people with a disability – we help them to find work or resume education, to improve their independence, to restore relationships with family and friends, or to find a secure place to live.
- We support hundreds of people in hospital annually through our hospital chaplaincy program.

We are working with St Paul's congregation at Nundah to create a rejuvenated Lutheran precinct with the church as the centre of a multi-age community – including Zion aged care service

We have begun detailed planning for the re-development our aged care service at Laidley (Tabeel) in close collaboration with the Laidley community.



## Lutheran Community Care Continued

Our mental health service at Nambour (Graceville) is about to open purpose-built accommodation for ten people; this is the latest component of a major expansion of the service's capacity.

Mary and Martha's refuge has recently occupied its new premises which provide more privacy and a more home-like environment for the women and children escaping domestic violence

The Incept youth service at Caboolture has expanded its activities and has increased the emphasis on programs to prevent homelessness and disengagement from schooling

Our planning is well advanced to respond positively to the reforms to aged care and the disability sector, announced recently by the Commonwealth government.

## Lutheran Laypeople's League

God has wonderfully blessed the LLL in finance with a mission. Finance benefits the LCA through loans, and through grants from the LLL Permanent Funds. The Lutheran Tract Mission is an outreach ministry of the LLL. Thank you to all who have LLL Savings Accounts, and to all who have made donations or left legacies to the LLL.

## Australian Lutheran College

Do you want to learn more about your faith, the Bible, or ministry?

ALC is the church's post-secondary education provider. ALC provides opportunities for growth, education, and training – pastors, teachers, lay workers, and others. We are part of MCD University of Divinity (Melbourne) for Higher Education awards. We partner with Australian College of Ministries (Sydney) for VET Cert IV in Christian Ministry and Theology.

Grassroots Training is a ministry of ALC providing growth for 'everyday people for every day ministry' through workshop delivery, personal development seminars, curriculum development and practical training.

Visit our new websites [www.alc.edu.au](http://www.alc.edu.au) & [www.grassroots.edu.au](http://www.grassroots.edu.au) to find out more.

## Media and Ministry

Congregations are asked explore the following websites:

- LCA Website: [www.lca.org.au](http://www.lca.org.au).
- Subscribe to the Lutheran [www.lutheran.com.au](http://www.lutheran.com.au).
- Subscribe to LCAQD newsletter by emailing [district@qld.lca.org.au](mailto:district@qld.lca.org.au).
- Listen to [www.lutheranmedia.org.au](http://www.lutheranmedia.org.au).



## LCA Board for Mission

God continues to richly bless the work of overseas mission, particularly in South East Asia. In particular the LCA is supporting the work of Lutheran Church Singapore in its outreach into Cambodia.

With the establishment of Lutheran World Mission in Cambodia, a new congregation has been established in a village three hours drive north of Phnom Penh, with over 80 baptised members.

A hostel ministry has also been established in Phnom Penh, offering heavily subsidised accommodation to students attending University from remote villages. Over 50 students are housed here, and a new ministry has begun with a live in chaplain offering bible study and Sunday worship to this student body. To date there have been 11 baptisms from the student body.

Many members and congregations of the LCA have been involved in mission in Cambodia. Lutheran churches from all around the world are also working in Cambodia. The LCA is now involved in working with all Lutheran Churches to work towards one unified Lutheran ministry in Cambodia to avoid unnecessary duplication and work towards a more effective ministry in the long term.

## Australian Lutheran World Service

THANK YOU for your generosity in 2011.

- Record donations: over \$4.4 million – especially generous considering Jan floods.
- Great support from QLD district including African nights, Village Partnerships with Cambodia, Village Partnership with Nepal, Gifts of Grace widely used in schools and churches - \$759,359 in total.

Your help in 2011 included:

- Food and non-food items for families fleeing famine in the Horn of Africa including Lutheran-managed Dadaab and Kakuma refugee camps.
- 4 boreholes and hygiene training to communities in South Sudan.
- Loans for 16,987 women and 5,925 men for agriculture, livestock raising and other activities in Nepal.
- Health and education support for communities in PNG through the Church Partnership Program.

Your support is VITAL:

- Conflict in South Sudan continues – between governments of North and South, plus tribal
- Lutheran team is ready to switch current support to Emergency Aid if needed – please donate on 1300 763 407 or [www.alws.org.au](http://www.alws.org.au).
- Please pray for Lutheran-trained Peace Committees working with local people to ease tensions and for the leaders of both countries.



## 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
- Maud Rosendale 5/4/1936 – 22/5/2012.  
(wife of Rev George Rosendale (Emeritus))
- Wilf Cambridge 6/1/1923 – 15/1/2012  
managed Lutheran Bookshop at Southport for many years. Late of Glasshouse.
- Neil Berlin  
LCAQD layworker, evangelist & Church leader, significant in the founding of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & College, Noosaville
- Rev Allan Heppner - – 29/3/2012  
Pastor for Congregational Support in the Vic/Tas District
- 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
- 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 – 2/6/2012  
Father of Rev Mat & Elizabeth (in-law) Eckermann



## 45th Synodical Election Results 2012

### OFFICIALS

PRESIDENT	Rev Noel Noack (3)
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	Rev Paul Smith (2)
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT	Rev James Haak
SECRETARY	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)





## 45th Synodical Election Results 2012 continued

### DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY AND MISSION

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

Chair - Neil Bergmann (2)

Layworker - Sean Conry (2)

Secretary - Vacant (2)

Vice-Chair - Peter Geyer (1)

Lay-Person - Marie Thomas

Pastor - Greg Graham

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

Adrian Muller (2)

Norm Auricht (2)

Colin Donges

A Foster

R Unverzagt

1 Appointed by DCC

### LUTHERAN EDUCATION QUEENSLAND

#### COUNCIL FOR SCHOOLS

ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNANCE (6)

Gary Fulton (2)

Tim Kotzur (2)

Anthony Mueller (2)

Jodie Hoff

Ian Marks

Anthony Dyer

PARISH PASTOR (1)

Rev Jim Strelan (2)

CLASSROOM TEACHER (3)

Rev Brenton Altmann

Vacancy (2)

Ms Stephanie Maher

PARENT OF STUDENT (2)

Ms Helga Vorona-Jessop (2)

Katrina Hibberd (1)



## 45th Synodical Election Results 2012 continued

### 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)

Hazel Weis (1)

Theresa Stolz (2)

Sandra Klingberg (1)