

# THE HOPE WE HAVE

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**LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA  
NORTHERN TERRITORY**

The 2021 District Convention of Synod was held at the Barossa Arts & Convention Centre, Tanunda May 15-16. Over the next few weeks Rosalie Hoklas (GGLC Synod Delegate) will be reporting on the various ministries that the LCA and SA/NT District presented during the District Convention of Synod. Our church is very active in many areas and it's a shame all members are unable to personally hear what is happening. This is one way that our delegate can raise your awareness and hopefully you will go to the relevant websites to find out more information.

## LCA Church Wide Ministry Updates

### 1. Executive office of the church –

**Peter Schirmer**

<https://www.lca.org.au>

departments



The Department of the Executive Office of the Church is also known as Ministry Support. It is one of five departments exercising the 'enabling' functions outlined in our Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) Strategic Direction 2015–2018. Together they provide the support services for LCA and Lutheran Church of New Zealand (LCNZ) agencies and congregations that enable them to focus on their mission and ministry activities.

**It is responsible for the following areas:**

- **Ministry support**
- **Financials & nominations** for General synod
- **Archives**- needing volunteers, importance of depositories
- **Church Worker Support** - Christine Materne – New learning hub & leadership training; IT support if needed
- **Professional Standards**. Changes are taking place; screening & training. Child Protection: providing more resources, draft documents to be trialed & working on policies.

### 3. Australian Lutheran World Service –

**Jonathan & Julie Krause**

<https://www.alws.org.au/>

The great success of the "Walk my Way" raising funds for supporting refugee children to go to school with 650 walkers. Read all about it on ALWS web site or look at the latest 'Lutheran' magazine which has the story of this event.

ALWS says 'The hope we have – the hope we bring in journeying together.

The hope we have brings life to others. Always for the forgotten.'



**Australian  
Lutheran  
World Service**

The overseas aid and resettlement agency  
of the Lutheran Church of Australia



### 2. Australian Lutheran College –

**James Winderlich**

<https://alc.edu.au>



**AUSTRALIAN LUTHERAN COLLEGE**

LEARNING FOR LIFE



In 2020 there were 500 learners. Covid changed things dramatically leading to "What's important to us?" Connecting with God & each other – relationships. ALC is running hybrid programs, technology giving the opportunity for many online learning opportunities for all.

Called together; Witnessing together; Serving together.

Principal James Winderlich has launched ALC's 2021 appeal in a video message calling on members of the LCANZ to support the training and preparation of people for service in Christ's mission. The theme for the appeal is 'Connecting through faith'.

### 4. Lutheran Education Australia –

**Lisa Schmidt**

<https://www.lutheran.edu.au>

A new BLEA Strategic Direction 2021 - 2024 is now in place. You can check it out on the website. The 9 pillars are: love; justice; compassion; forgiveness; service; humility; courage; hope; quality & appreciation. There has been a review of leadership development undertaken with 'Growing Deep'. 36 have applied. A Ministry Conference was held online in May with keynote speakers and school stories. Currently there are 6,000 staff working in Lutheran Education Australia.



### 5. LCA International Mission - Matthew Anker

LCA International Mission is tasked with the responsibility of supporting overseas partner churches in their local mission and ministry. They walk alongside partner churches in order to encourage, support and resource local people as they bear witness to the hope they have in Christ. They also seek to listen and learn from partners so that the mission and ministry of the LCA may be enhanced through experience and wisdom.



\*shared Psalm 67:1-3 "...so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations...may all the peoples praise you."

\*Due to the Covid 19 situation we have been able to keep in contact with overseas Christian Leaders through What's App.

\*Prayers for Myanmar – providing opportunities for hope.

\*Subscribe to the eNews to learn about what is happening in this area.



**We encourage members to sign up to the LCA eNews to keep up to date with all that is going on in our wider church.**

