



LCAQD Incorporation Status Framework

Statement of Clarification

The Lutheran Church of Australia, Queensland, District (the District) is an incorporated body. It was incorporated by Letters Patent under the Religious Educational and Charitable Institutions Act 1861 (Qld).

The District consists of member Lutheran Congregations and Parishes in the State of Queensland. Congregations and Parishes bind themselves to follow the Constitution and Bylaws of the District and of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

Some of the Congregations of the District are also incorporated by Letters Patent but most are unincorporated. Members of a Congregation bind themselves to the Constitution and Bylaws of their Congregation which is approved by the District and conduct the business of their Congregation in accordance with their Constitution and Bylaws.

Many of the operations of the Congregation can occur without incorporation; however, an unincorporated congregation cannot be the registered owner of land.

Congregations who wish to own land request the District to hold the land as Trustee for the Congregation for convenience.

The District operates a number of ministries directly and in some cases in partnership with Congregations. Any property owned by the District directly is held on behalf of all members of the District for the Religious and Charitable purposes set out in the Constitution of the District.