



LCAQD SYNOD 2019 POPULAR REPORT

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This popular report was prepared by the Ministry & Mission and LYQ Departments

Ipswich Lutheran Parish welcomed delegates and visitors to LCAQD Synod 2019, which was held at the Bethany Raceview campus. With fairy lights and small marquees in the catering area, the space was warm and friendly, even during an unseasonably cold week.

Friday night saw a welcome to country by Aunty Sheryl, accompanied by Aunty Faye, the presentation of Church wide reports (thank you to Bishop John Henderson and all who travelled interstate to join us), welcome to new pastors in the LCAQD and space for food and fellowship.

Throughout Synod, worship and devotional leaders invited delegates and visitors to explore a range of Biblical examples of the Synod theme 'Lord Teach us to Pray... God promises to hear us.'

Governance Change

With a significant collection of governance change proposals, most of Saturday morning was dedicated to reviewing the 'people, process and purposes' behind the proposed changes so delegates could make informed decisions. The delegates approved most of the proposals without significant debate, before highlighting improvements that were needed to clarify the connection between the change to the first assistant Bishop role being full-time, and the call status of the incumbent. This amended proposal was then also accepted enthusiastically.

With the acceptance of the proposals, the District Church Council was renamed the 'District Church Board' and the Governance Change Project entered a review phase.

Departmental Reports

During both Saturday and Sunday, the Synod received reports from the four LCAQD departments as well as the consolidated financial reports.

Department of Ministry & Mission

Pastor David Schmidt and Kathy Matuschka framed DMM presentation around three 'seeds for growth' that LCAQD working parties in this past year have discerned: 'Gospel Message, Culture and Communications.' Heidi Smith (Lutheran Services Chaplain), Vickie Schuurs (delegate from St Mark's Dalby) and Tiffany Kneen (Bethania delegate and new LCAQD Communications Officer) shared stories which underscored these seeds.

Synod agreed wholeheartedly with the proposal from Hope Vale: "that Synod endorses the transfer of funds remaining from the Far North Queensland Lutheran Mission Committee into the bank account of the Hope Vale Lutheran Church."



The Mission Stimulus Grant 2019 was awarded to Living Faith, Murrumba Downs and the Beyond church plant. Pastor David Schuppan and Principal Jane Mueller summarized their plans to develop hospitality and social media capacity to connect both communities with those around them. It is planned that the LCAQD will learn much from this endeavour, including the development of missional resources.

DEO Budget Presentation & Risk Audit & Finance Committee (RAFC) Report

District Executive Officer Michael Turner and Chair of RAFC Michael Klatt introduced the consolidated finance report and invited questions. The approved budget for 2019/2020 anticipated the full time employment of the First Assistant Bishop at the District Office.

Lutheran Services

Dr Clare Seligman presented her final report as Chair of Lutheran Services Council. She provided an overview of the scope of how Lutheran Services serves in the name of Jesus. She shared some heart-warming videos demonstrating how this looks 'on the ground'.

The Synod thanked and honored Clare with a standing ovation.

Lutheran Education Queensland (LEQ)

The LEQ Council continued their inspiring example of reporting through story sharing, hosted by LEQ Director Dennis Mulherin and Council for LEQ Chair Tim Kotzur. This year their emphasis was on the ministry of Outdoor Education in our schools. Synod heard stories from Matt Sullivan, Director of Ironbark, St Peters student Abbey Moyes and (via pre-recorded video) past Immanuel student - now a teacher herself, Meghan Molloy. Through these stories, delegates and visitors grew in their appreciation of the holistic, life-changing impact of LEQ's outdoor ministry. Some delegates were reminded of their own experiences as students.

Tim Kotzur announced the recipient of the Rolph Mayer Award for Teacher Excellence – David Hartshorn (Faith Lutheran College, Redlands). This award will be presented at a suitable time at Faith Lutheran College.

Tim Kotzur announced the recipient of the TT Reuther Award for School Excellence – Bethany Lutheran Primary School. The award was received by Heidi Hansen, Principal.

LYQ

LYQ's report to Synod was presented by Keziah Sydes (LYQ Council Chairperson), Aaron Glover (LYQ Director) and Tom Schmidt (LYQ Young Adult Ministry Coordinator).

Keziah started the presentation by thanking Synod for the church's tremendous support of LYQ's ministry during the last synodical term and then identified the key ministry highlights. These included the successful launch of a new Winter Kids Camp, on-going growth of LYQ's In-school Training ministry (now influencing over 3,000 students every year) and the commencement of the fourth year of LYQ's Luminare discipleship gap year.

Aaron then presented an update on the current \$5.26M development work at Luther Heights Youth Camp, Coolum Beach. LYQ is constructing two new buildings; a new double storey accommodation



venue called Ocean Outlook that can accommodate up to 92 guests in ensuited rooms of eight and an adjacent dining facility to cater for the new guests that visit the site. LYQ is excited about the opportunity this development presents to share the love of Jesus with another 6,000 guests every year! LYQ welcomes prayers for this project and particularly for those who will use the new facilities from January next year!

Tom then highlighted the growing trend of young adults leaving our church and urged congregations to consider how we can best care for young adults in our churches. Tom introduced Synod to the *Growing Young* resource (<https://churchesgrowingyoung.com/>) and led delegates in a discussion about six essential strategies to help young people discover and love the church.

Saturday Dinner

With a pleasant, spacious venue at North Ipswich Reserve Corporate Centre and the delightful retiring (in only one sense of the word!) District Church Council Secretary Margit Hubbers as our host, guests settled in to enjoy the delicious food and fellowship. Member for Toowoomba South David Janetzki chose to focus on how prayer is central to his life within his marriage and family as well as his work in politics, in which he hears some harrowing stories in his role as shadow Attorney General and shadow Minister for Justice.

Sunday Worship

Throughout Synod, Ipswich Lutheran Parish members and friends led attendees in song. On Sunday morning they were joined by the choir from St Peters Congregation, Indooroopilly, which provided background choral music during Holy Communion.

During this service Mr Nick Ryan was installed as the new Chief Executive Officer for Lutheran Services.

During the closing worship, Bishop Paul Smith thanked retiring District council and committee members and installed the new District Church Board. Those who completed a period of service to an LCAQD Council or committee during the 2018/19 synodical term are: Brenton Altmann, Noel Burton, Rob Braunack, Mark Brinkmann, Anthony Dyer, Nathan Glover, Mark Gierus, Jodie Hoff, Margit Hubbers, Michael Klatt, Rob Knock, Simon LeBlack, Helen Mibus, Adam Richardson, David Schuppan, Clare Seligmann, Jill Shepherdson, Andrew Stanke, Carl Thiele and Debbie West-McInnes. Some of these people continue to serve during this new synodical term in other LCAQD Councils or Committees.

Next year

The Synod accepted the invitation from Emmanuel Lutheran Fellowship and Concordia College to join them in Toowoomba for LCAQD Synod 2020 which will be held on the weekend of 5-7 June 2020.

Library of Synod Reports

All Synod reports can be found on the LCAQD website on the Synod Event page:
<https://qld.lca.org.au/events-2/synod-2019/>



LCAQD 52nd SYNOD 2019 – Election Report

KEY: * = Department representative on District Church Board | # = employee of Dept.

BOARD/COUNCIL/COMMITTEE	MEMBERSHIP
<p>DISTRICT CHURCH BOARD 13 members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bishop ▪ 1st Asst Bishop ▪ 2nd Asst Bishop ▪ Chair ▪ Secretary ▪ Treasurer ▪ 1 x Pastor ▪ 6 x Lay members - (4 Dept Council Reps; + 2 Lay members) 	<p>Bishop: Rev Paul Smith (2) 1st Asst Bishop: Rev Mark Vainikka (Called) 2nd Asst Bishop: Rev Ben Hentschke (2) Chair: Shiron Dixon Secretary: Vacant Treasurer: Vacant Pastor: Rev Tim Jarick Lay Member: Bruce Lockwood Lay Member: Danielle Robinson CLEQ Rep: Ray Ebert* CLYQ Rep: Keziah Sydes* CLS Rep: Cheryl Steinhardt* CM&M: Vickie Schuurs*</p>
<p>EDUCATION 7 members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 x Pastor ▪ 6x Lay Members; must include 1 employee of Dept.# 	<p>Pastor: Rev Mike Neldner Lay Member: Tim Kotzur# Lay Member: Ray Ebert* Lay Member: Gary Fulton Lay Member: Katrina Hibberd Lay Member: Darryl Muller Lay Member: Mark Newton</p>
<p>MINISTRY & MISSION 5 members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 x Pastor ▪ 4 x Lay Members 	<p>Pastor: Rev Roelof Buitendag Lay Member: Vickie Schuurs* Lay Member: Carl Eckermann Lay Member: Ben Lyons Lay Member: Anita Short</p>
<p>LUTHERAN SERVICES 7 members: 1 x Pastor 6x Lay Members</p>	<p>Pastor: Rev Mark Brinkmann Lay Member: Cheryl Steinhardt* Lay Member: Jenny Danslow Lay Member: Stuart Jaeschke Lay Member: Dr Bob Rolison Lay Member: Andrew Spyropoulos Lay Member: Dr Leena Vuorinen</p>
<p>LUTHERAN YOUTH 5 members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 x Pastor ▪ 4 x Lay Members 	<p>Pastor: Rev Mark Brinkmann Lay Member: Keziah Sydes* Lay Member: Janelle Anderson Lay Member: Meagan Dull Lay Member: David Truss</p>
<p>CONSTITUTIONS Up to 8 members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1 x Pastor ▪ Up to 7 x Lay Members 	<p>Pastor: Pastor vacant Lay Member: Graeme Drapper Lay Member: Helen Howard Lay Member: Michael Klatt Lay Member: Dr Bob Rolison Lay Member: Kerryn Simpfendorfer Lay Member: Andrew Spyropoulos Lay Member: Vacant</p>