



# Lutheran News

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From The PRESIDENT'S DESK;

## **PLANTING TWO CHURCHES**

"There is a WA District appeal to raise \$60,000 to support Ocean Keys Community Church planting and the planting of a Church at Dalyellup."

Brochures summarise the two church planting projects. Because there are people who have a particular commitment to one of these projects the District church council has decided to give people choice in their giving. (Tick your choice or tick both)

Dalyellup Church Planting (Bunbury south)

Ocean Keys Church Planting (Perth north)

We ask congregational treasurers to count the giving in each category and then send it to the District treasurer.

Money can also be sent to the District office  
LCA WA District, 16 Aberdeen St, Perth 6000

This appeal is NOT tax deductible. It is for church purposes not education.

Gifts from church members is the only source of funding for church planting - obviously there is no government funding. The gifts allocated to Dalyellup will not be used to assist the planting of the Ocean Forest Lutheran College.

Earlier this year the WA District gave a substantial gift of \$125,000 from special church funds to help the founding of the College.

The College Board is at present organising a tax deductible giving program.

There is an important and ongoing need for matching deposits with the LLL to cover the extensive LLL borrowing of Lutheran Colleges in WA. At the present time the district is deeply indebted to LLL depositors in the eastern states. Their generous matching deposits for half of the \$9 mill borrowed by Living Waters has enabled it to grow as rapidly as it has.

The opening of the College is planned for February 20<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 2004.

Dell Nuske has been elected as College Board Chairperson.

## **POLICE CLEARANCES**

All volunteers in congregations especially those working with children, young people and teenagers need to have police clearances. Also those in administration and finance matters.

The Lutheran Church in WA is now registered to obtain police clearances at a bulk billed rate of \$10

each (instead of \$40) There is a form to be filled in by volunteers and this requires two formal proofs of identity – birth certificate, drivers license, credit card, passport

Post the completed forms to St Johns, 16 Aberdeen St Perth WA 6000 and they will be processed and submitted to the appropriate agency. Congregations will be bulk billed for their clearances.

## **Sharing the Highlights of the National Lutheran Women of Australia's Convention with you.**

The 13<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the L.W.A. was held on the 8-10<sup>th</sup> October at the beautiful N.S.W. venue at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops near Sydney. The inspiring Theme, taken from 1Peter 1 3-9. "Living Hope"

Approximately 250 Women attended, arriving from all over Australia, with excited expectations to receive strength from the Word and Fellowship with their Sisters in Christ.

The L.W.N.S.W. President, Tanna Luscombe welcomed officially all the people present, and also introduced her State Committee. President of L.C.A. Pastor Mike Semmler then addressed all, acknowledging the importance of Women in the "Church". Pastor Mike thanked the Executive Committee for their tireless work, and all applauded them.

Pastor Otto, N.S.W. President greeted us and asked The Lord's Blessing for a great Convention. M.L.A. State Member for Heathcote and Councillor of Wollongong City Council, Vicky King, welcomed us and encouraged us to visit the beautiful coastline.

President of L.W.A. Roslyn Hartwig, then declared the 13<sup>th</sup> General Convention open.

Brother Graham Mundine gave us a warm welcome from the C.N.C. of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Island and reminded us of our relationship as Christians.

The Convention Site was on Wadi Wadi Land.

Coming 400klms, West of Alice Springs, were 7 members of the Kintore Choir, who then sang two hymns, introduced by Irwin Traeger. The delightful group of PNG Women were a highlight, as they contributed to the Convention with their soul stirring singing and Dance.

Their costumes of colour and natural beauty and their demonstration of their love for Jesus, was a joy to behold.

Pastor Michael Braunberger led the opening Service and his address was based on 1Peter 1 verse 3, with the butterfly as our image of the Christian's life— God is always with us.

An attractive feature of the Convention was the L.W.A. National Banner made by Colleen Heintze, and the striking L.W.A. theme Banner made by Judy McAlister, depicting our Living Hope. All the States' Banners were displayed, but the W.A. Women were very proud to display their beautifully made Banner by Claire Robins, featuring a Royal Blue Cross over a background of Golden and Blue to represent the rich and bountiful land and Seas that surround our State. Underneath was a Cloudy Blue, reminding us of the trials in our lives, but the Cross's base turned into an Anchor, because we are anchored in Christ Jesus. A Swan and Kangaroo Paw were displayed and around the cross the words—Service, Witness, Fellowship, Nurture and Worship were all the qualities of a woman in Christ, that was willing to live for her Lord.

Janet Cheal inspired us all with the Theme song, that she composed called "Living Hope".

During the two day Convention, many speakers and guests shared with us of the tremendous work that they were achieving, and thanked the women for their Prayers and Financial support.

The Aust. Lutheran World Service was given a donation of 6,000 dollars to purchase a much needed Data Projector to further the work. Narelle Bowden-Ford gave us a comprehensive Report of this work.

An amazing response to "The Operation Christmas Child Boxes", for The Samaritans Purse, was received, and over 300 Boxes were donated to needy Children. One can only imagine the Living Hope and Joy that this generous act will bring 300 Children this Christmas. Bible Study Leader, Helen Middleman led us into a study on 1Peter 1 3-9, our Living Hope---reflecting on her experiences in the Canberra Bush Fires. The blackness and destruction; then the new life and hope one received as the greenness returns after the rain, we were all deeply moved by Helen's studies.

The five Women who attended the National Convention from W.A. were Audrey Brook and Eileen Lange, Anna Ossy Orley, State President Jenny Edwards, and Assist. Sec. Rosemary Davidson. May I express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to attend the Nat. L.W.A.'s. Conference. The Lord gave me a bigger picture of what He has for Women in Australia and in fact the World and I pray that He will use me as a blessing to others by my personal experience.

God is faithful. The convention was well co-ordinated and tirelessly planned by the very effective Committee, led by Roslyn Hartwig, and extremely supportive and helpful husbands.

In our small dormitory, shared by five women, we fellowshiped with laughter, prayer and love. On the Saturday following Convention, approx. 90 people took advantage of the invitation to see the sights of Sydney. An informative and happy day, although the

wind was cold, I managed to dip my hands in the Pacific Ocean.

Saturday evening and Sunday's worship times were just a taste of Heaven, as the Convention Centre at Stanwell Tops, filled with many Lutheran Ministers, Leaders and their partners, and Delegates, all in one place. Almost 900 people, all declaring their "Faith" in Jesus Christ our Saviour, singing and praising and praying to Him, and "Hearing the Word", read and preached. God bless and guide our Lutheran Church of Australia, by the power of prayer and His Holy Spirit.  
Rosemary Davidson.



#### **PLEASE NOTE !!!!!**

All Congregations & District Organisations;;;  
The LCA WA District BUDGET for 2004 is currently being completed.

The District Treasurer will welcome input from interested parties who may require funding during 2004. This includes your subsidy.

Kevin Kempin; Treasurer.

#### **Luther Seminary Video**

The professionally-produced Luther Seminary video which was received so favourably at General Synod recently is now available for sale in either DVD or VHS format at \$20 and \$10 respectively (including postage and GST). This video provides a description of each of the three programs offered at the Seminary as well as additional information about the library, boarding facilities and general community life. Viewing it would be an excellent way for congregational members to gain an overview of what their Seminary offers them.

Orders can be placed with Jan Hodgson, at Luther Seminary.

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A Blessed Christmas to one and all in this great state.  
Barbara H