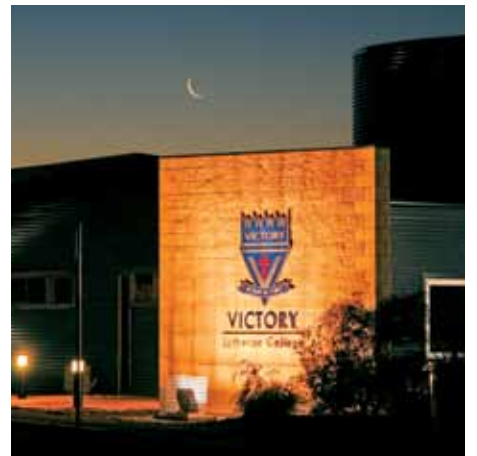


2010/11 **together**
in mission
LLL supporting the Lutheran Church



We humbly pray the Lord of the Church to keep us steadfast in the faith and to bless our lives and labours

Following is a summary of benefits and services provided to the church in the 2010/2011 financial year. This booklet contains a number of articles illustrating how the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) is using these benefits and services in ministry and mission. A sincere thank you to all contributors of articles and we pray that God will continue to bless all ministries of the church.

Summary of Benefits and Services for the year ended 30th June 2011

Aged Care organisations	29,125
Australian Lutheran World Service	197,176
Bible Society	20,000
Board for Mission	250,005
Central Treasury	128,360
Community Care	105,000
Faith Inkubators	15,000
Flood, Earthquake & Famine Donations	220,000
Interest saved on loans	8,384,048
LCA & District allocations	75,187
LCA GCC Fund	100,000
LCA Hermeneutics Symposium	100,000
LCA Ministry Support Fund	150,000
LCA Mission Fund	251,731
LCA Special Ministry Fund	100,000
LCA Technology Grants	50,000
LLL 90th Anniversary Thanksgiving Grants	1,600,000
Lutheran Education Project Support	75,000
Lutheran Media Ministry	38,285
Mission Lay Helper program	230,174
Scholarships	25,471
Tract Mission	129,742
Various ex conditional donations/legacies	41,493
Various LCA Projects (non interest-bearing accounts)	1,087,648
Youth Ministry	55,207
Total	\$13,458,652

2010/11

Together in mission

'Acknowledging the rich blessings showered upon us by Almighty God, especially in that He has brought us to the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we, the laity of the Lutheran Church of Australia, freely join our hearts and hands in Christian service in this organisation. In doing so, we dedicate ourselves, our time, our talents, and our treasures to the building of the Kingdom of God and the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We humbly pray the Lord of the Church to keep us steadfast in the faith and to bless our lives and labours, so that He may be glorified both here and hereafter.'

This is the preamble to the LLL constitution and is still as relevant today as it was 90 years ago when the LLL began.

When he was only 27 years old Ben Koch arranged the meetings which culminated in the formation of the LLL on 14 November 1921. In barely two months enough money had been subscribed or donated for the first loans to be arranged. The initial 'revolving capital fund' not only provided loans for church projects, it also gave an annual benefit to Concordia College in Adelaide. We would now call this an LLL Permanent Fund, and there are now a multitude of ministries being supported through the eleven LLL Permanent Funds.

In a surprisingly short time the demand for loans exceeded the financial resources available. So, the people of the church contributed 'loan money' which we now call LLL Savings Accounts.

Without our supporters and depositors the LLL does not exist. So thank you for your support. In this our ninetieth year we have changed the look of our brochures and website. Through all the changes, through all these ninety years, we remain the LLL.

The historical information in 'Together in Mission' is derived from the work of John B. Koch in 'From strength to strength: A history of the LLL 1921-1996' and in his article in the '2010 Yearbook of the LCA'.



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Finance
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Australian Lutheran World Service Support Fund

Australian Lutheran World Service

The \$50 Supermarket

By Jonathan Krause

At Bin Hunthea's tiny 'supermarket' in Aoral in Cambodia, you can buy more than 50 products – from salty fish to sweet potato cakes, incense to hair-dye, 7-Up to baguettes!

"I decide to do this business because even though my husband works hard, we have not enough."

The \$50 loan Bin Hunthea took to start her shop came from a Village Bank funded by Australian and Kiwi Lutherans

through ALWS (Australian Lutheran World Service) and our partner in Cambodia, 'Life with Dignity'. Village Banks cost around \$1,000 to start, and can provide loans to up to 30 people at a time who could not afford the 30% (per month!) interest rates of local money-lenders.

Like more than 95% of villagers who borrow from the Village Bank, Bin Hunthea repaid her loan in six months. Now she makes \$2 profit every day (many Cambodians live on less than \$1 a day).

"With the profits I make I wish for my children to have education. I would like them to become school teacher but I am not yet sure we can achieve this."

Bin Hunthea is just one of tens of thousands of people who benefited from help through ALWS, the Lutheran church's overseas aid agency, in 2010/11. A total of \$3,205,523 (including grants from the Australian government) was distributed to support life-changing programs in Cambodia, Burundi, Nepal,

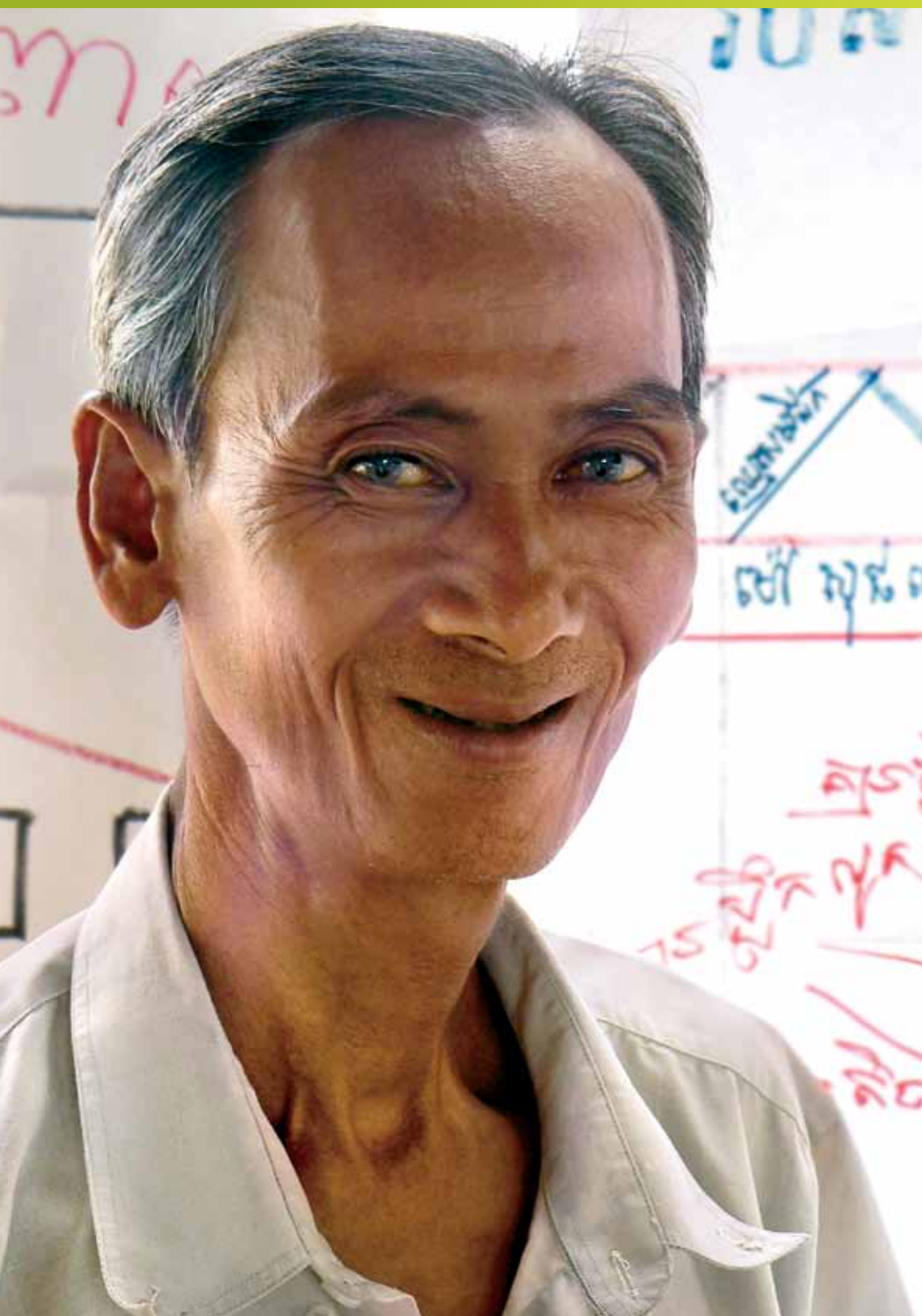
Sudan, Mozambique, Kenya, PNG and Indonesia, as well as to assist people affected by disaster in countries including Pakistan and Haiti.



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“...the Lutheran come and show me how to take the lead through the Village Bank.”

Mr Mou Sophal



LLL is a vital partner in this ministry:

- directly supporting the Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies program in Medan, Indonesia, through ALWS and Board for Mission
- an ALWS Support Fund helps keep ALWS ‘overheads’ to a minimum through a generous contribution in the form of interest on the fund capital (which is never spent!)
- LLL account holders can elect to have their accounts interest-free and the LLL is then able to make a grant to ALWS for ministry.

Mr Mou Sophal may not know a lot about the ministry support and financial activities of the LLL, but he does know about his community’s Village Bank.

In fact he’s in charge of teaching his community about running their own bank. He explains to people the 30 by-laws the community has drawn up, and has even devised a True / False quiz to make sure people understand that the bank is theirs.

“The people are very poor and I don’t know how to help them, even though I want to. Then the Lutheran come and show me how to take the lead through the Village Bank.”

We give thanks to God that so many everyday Lutherans also see people who are very poor and set out to help them – through ALWS, \$50 supermarkets and with the ministry support of the LLL!

And so encourage one another, and help one another, you are now doing.

Overseas Mission Fund

Mission Personnel Fund

Board for Mission

Encouraged by the encouraged!

By **Glenice Hartwich**

These words of St Paul are so much reflected in the shared partnerships and the connecting relationships with the LLL, Board for Mission (BfM), Australian Lutheran World Service (ALWS), Lutheran Education Australia (LEA), and the leadership and people of the Lutheran Churches in Indonesia.

"We've started another 3 sewing projects since the first one which the LCA supported us for" ...Bishop Sitorus of the Huria Kristen Indonesia (HKI) church in North Sumatra eagerly shared the excitement regarding the extension of this sewing and livelihood program which is teaching new skills for income generation, providing education on topics including business creation, gender issues, HIV/AIDS – and in all of this, giving people (particularly women) hope in their difficult circumstances. The bishop's words were just as much encouragement to us in the LCA as our fund support has been to the people attending the sewing programs that have been happening in different locations across North Sumatra, Indonesia.

The **LLL Overseas Mission Fund** – set up for the LCA to support programs overseas carried out through a joint partnership of the BfM, ALWS and LEA has, and continues to have, wide ranging impact – giving hope and encouragement to so many people living in often difficult circumstances in Indonesia.



A major focus for use of these funds has again been the "Centre for Disaster Risk Management and Community Development Studies" (CDRM & CDS). Through the ongoing programs carried out at the centre in Medan and in the outlying field offices in the more remote areas on Nias Island, Mentawi Islands and Pak Pak – 21 communities have formed Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Groups, and developed their own Disaster Action Plan; over 3,000 students have practised emergency simulations in schools; more than 350 community leaders have been trained to manage village development activities; in excess of 430 villagers have been provided with basic literacy and numeracy training; and staff from 11 of the 12 Lutheran churches of Indonesia have received development training – to name just some of the activities and benefits from this program to strengthen institutional capacity.

During this past year funds have also been used for the construction of school classrooms and the upgrade of other educational facilities;



strategic planning support to church education departments; community-based livelihood training (e.g. sewing classes, farmer training in agriculture and livestock, and small business assistance), with links made back to the CDRM & CDS; evangelism training; support for mission and evangelism to remote communities; as well as support for theological formation activities.

In former times the LCA shared partnerships with 6 of the 12 Lutheran churches represented in Indonesia. In February 2010 the National Committee of the 12 Lutheran World Federation Churches in Indonesia unanimously agreed that our partnerships should seek to serve all 12 Lutheran Churches in Indonesia through the building of capacity in the areas of Diaconia, Education and Theology.

Be another just as

1 Thessalonians 5:11

A key element of the LCA's past involvement with the Indonesian churches has seen many Indonesian pastors experience leadership training and theological education through Australian Lutheran College (ALC). It's exciting to know that a significant number of current leaders have done post graduate studies at ALC and have as a result very positive views of the LCA.

Over the years Australian Lutherans have supported orphanages, schools for blind students and other diaconal institutions; funded the translation of the scriptures and the Lutheran confessions; subsidised the salaries of seminary lecturers; given in-country scholarships to seminary students; provided resources for seminary libraries; and supported mission work in tribal areas.

Support for the strengthening of the diaconal work of these Indonesian churches is well underway through the LLL initiative funds, and now education is growing in focus for the capacity-building support to the 12 Indonesian Lutheran Churches.

The strategy for the education component is built around providing on-the-ground support for a coordinated approach to helping the churches improve the provision of education services. LEA and BfM staff are helping in the initial stages to provide mentoring and guidance in the recruitment of a person to hold the position of National Education Secretary for the 12 LWF member churches, and

support for the development of the terms of reference for the position and a reference group which will support the person as they carry out their duties.

Funds from the **LLL Mission Personnel Fund** are offered through the LCA Board for Mission to LCA congregations in Australia for assistance in establishing new mission communities, and have again enabled five congregations in four LCA Districts to reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ in their context. Corinda, Adelaide St Stephens, Gippsland parish, Wagga Wagga and Rochedale congregations have received grants in this past period as they join with God in His mission in the world. God is bringing many people from many nations to our shores and through this we have the unique opportunity to minister to people of various backgrounds who live in the streets and homes of our own neighbourhoods.

Each one of us is called to join in God's mission in the world. Mission isn't an optional extra to our life as a Christian... it is our life!

The Board for Mission continues to give thanks to God for the shared partnership – through the LLL and its members and supporters, together with ALWS, LEA and our overseas partner churches – in bringing hope and encouragement with the love of Jesus Christ to so many people both here in Australia and overseas.



Special Purposes Fund

People who make donations or leave legacies to the LLL Special Purposes Permanent Fund can nominate the particular area of the church that they would like to have benefit with an annual grant. Naturally this means that there are a variety of projects which receive a grant. Lutheran Aged Care Albury (LAC) is one project that receives an ongoing grant from this Permanent Fund, thanks to those who have left a legacy or made a donation to the fund, and chosen that the LAC will benefit annually forever.

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Lutheran Aged Care Albury (LAC)



By Wendy Rocks

Lutheran Aged Care Albury (LAC) is a vibrant ministry of the Lutheran Church of Australia NSW District which has grown over the past five years to become a company limited by guarantee ('Lutheran Aged Care Albury' is the company name) offering aged care, accommodation, and community care services to the elderly in the Lockhart, Corowa and Greater Hume Shires of southern NSW. LAC delivers care and support services to approximately 450 residents and clients and employs approximately 500 staff. LAC also manages two independent living villages, Pemberton View and Nicholson Park, providing free-standing, two or three bedroom housing for 52 residents. The Albury residential care sites offer a range of care from low care (Hostel) to high care (Nursing Home), ageing in place and specialty dementia care areas. The settings are beautiful with a great effort made to provide comfortable and attractive homes and delightful garden areas for the residents.

Emily Gardens is the LAC home at The Rock (between Wagga Wagga and Albury) providing specialty dementia care and low (Hostel) care in a country setting.

The Community Care services are vital in supporting older people to remain in their own homes for as long as possible. Lutheran Community Care offers care and services in the home to a range of clients, including older people with advancing dementia.

There are many inspiring stories which occur within this range of care services that validate the work of Lutheran Aged Care Albury. One such was contained in a letter received from a Community Care client who related her history in music, and especially in providing organ music to the church and as a volunteer musician in aged care homes. She longed to continue this activity, but was becoming frail related to a degenerative disease process.

For a while she had to give up her playing, until she was able to receive Community Care services. She related how, with this support with her daily living, she was able to again take up her love of playing and service, a vital element in her quality of life.

As our population ages, and we experience an overwhelming majority of the population in the over 65 age bracket, quality and innovative aged care services and accommodation will continue to be much needed, particularly those services which provide access to older people with less means.



LCA Special Ministry Fund

This fund has been set up by the LLL Board to provide grants for specific ministry projects which could not normally be undertaken using funds from the LCA or LCA District budgets. Projects receiving grants must benefit the mission and ministry of the wider church beyond congregation or parish boundaries and will be ultimately directed toward the transformation of people's lives in Christ. Following are details of projects supported by grants from this fund.

LCA Special Ministry Fund Grants

Board for Lay Ministry - Lay Workers Conference	10,000.00
Board for Mission - PNG Leaders Training	10,000.00
Board for Mission - Script Writing	6,500.00
LCA Queensland District - Professional Standards Training	3,000.00
LCA Victorian District - ALWS Burundi Tour 2011	6,000.00
LCA Victorian District - Emergency Relief Training	4,500.00
LCA Victorian District - Nuer Hymn Books	1,600.00
Lutheran Youth of Queensland - CLW Subsidy	10,000.00
Nobby Holy Trinity Church - Outreach Worker	10,000.00
Our Saviour Lutheran Church - UNLIMITED Youth Development Program	3,930.00
Shepparton Lutheran Church – Pastor's visit to Africa	1,583.95

CLW (Christian Life Week)



By Aaron Glover

In 2010, the LCA Special Ministry Fund, which is funded by the LLL, provided Lutheran Youth of Queensland with a \$10,000 grant to assist teenagers to attend a Christian Life Week camp – a ministry that quite literally changes lives!

Christian Life Week (CLW) is a five-day camp for high school students, that is centred on an unforgettable experience of faith, friendship and fun. The CLW adventure includes worship, small groups, games, activities and challenges. These components are structured in such a way that participants are given the space to discover more about God and themselves. The influence can be so profound that it leads participants to say:

“I now know that I’m worth something to the world”

“Before CLW I was struggling with secrets, pain and isolation. Now that I’ve let out everything that I bottled up inside, I feel like a weight has been lifted.”

“I’ve discovered faith.”

“Before camp there wasn’t really a connection with God for me, but now I am able to say that I am alive in Christ once more!”

The funding provided through the LLL, by the ‘LCA Special Ministry Fund’, has ensured that this transformational ministry is accessible to all.

One beneficiary of this generous support has been a small group of teenage Sudanese girls and boys associated with St Luke’s Lutheran Church at Woodridge on the southside of Brisbane.

As Susan Stollznow, St Luke’s Treasurer explains, “The funding support is helpful for the Sudanese teenagers because without it they would not have been able to attend. The types of families the funding is supporting are low income earners, some with large families, with different concerns/commitments to an average Australian family. I know the teenagers and their families are grateful for the opportunity to attend.”

Not only has CLW been a fun and engaging holiday activity for the teenagers, Susan also believes it has had a strong positive influence on the group. “I think CLW made them feel wanted, useful and important – part of something special. I believe the interest, love and friendship shown [on CLW] makes them feel wanted and good about themselves and keeps them occupied and not looking for something else that will lead them astray.”

*I now know that I’m
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to the world*

LLL Loans

Because the LLL provides loans to approved projects at an interest rate more modest than commercial loan-providers and with no application fees or on-going costs, loan recipients pay less interest and so save money.

This table is an estimate of the amount of interest that has been saved by each district of the LCA.

Estimated Loan Interest Savings

District	\$
National Church	133,019
NSW District	631,504
Qld District	2,099,639
SA/NT District	3,916,587
Vic/Tas District	1,092,590
WA District	510,709

Supporting Schools

Nearly 100 Lutheran schools around Australia have received or continue to receive interest savings by being able to access low-interest LLL loans. LLL Savings Accounts can be nominated as Matching Deposits and this allows people to use their accounts to enable approved loans for particular projects like schools.

With their parish they believed that God wanted this school

Lutheran Ormeau Rivers District School

For years the Alberton Lutheran Parish had wanted a local Lutheran school, because the nearest were in Brisbane and on the Gold Coast. Door-knocking the community in the 1980s looking for families interested in a school began the process. In 2001 land was bought with a loan through the LLL. In the following ten years the LORDS School Council overcame challenges with persistence and patience. With their parish they believed that God wanted this school. And the community said they wanted the school too.

Between the parish and the community they have enough Matching Deposits to cover the loan. Everyone feels like they own the school because they've travelled the path together. Now it is happening. Enrolments are being taken. Buildings are up. Grounds are being landscaped...



By Jodie Hoff

It's all systems go for the newest Lutheran school in Australia, LORDS (Lutheran Ormeau Rivers District School). Thanks to the amazing support of the LLL this school will have its first students walk through the door in January 2012. LORDS will be a Kindergarten – Year 12 School located in Pimpama, Queensland.

The LORDS community and Principal (Ms Jodie Hoff) are very excited about the school being an avenue of service and ministry to the local people. As Jodie says, "LORDS is not just about buildings. It is about growing, developing and nurturing students so that they can be the best they can be, to make a difference in the world. That is the core of a good education. That will be a LORDS education."

The future students, staff and families of LORDS thank you all for your ongoing support and we look forward to sharing our story with you all in the future. Please go to our website www.lords.qld.edu.au to find out more about LORDS.



Wodonga – Victory Lutheran College

By Cain McDonald

Victory Lutheran College offers education for students from Prep to Year 12 and is located in Wodonga, Victoria. In 2004, the College introduced its first secondary class and began double streaming the primary section of the school. Now in 2011, we have double classes from Prep through to Year 9 and single classes from Years 10 to 12. In 2012, we will begin a third stream at Year 7, with a total planned enrolment in six years of approximately 800 students.

Inevitably the growth in student numbers has meant that we have sought contributions of funding from a range of sources. First and foremost we thank our parent body for the contributions through school fees, fundraising efforts and building fund donations.

Secondly, we give thanks to both the Federal and State Governments for the many grants we have been given over the past 7 years. The total of these grants throughout this time period is over \$5million. We were indeed blessed in 2009-2011 with the Federal Government's stimulus package that provided us with a \$2.5 million cheque for a Multipurpose Hall.



During the 2010-2011 financial year we have again relied on the LLL for loans to allow the College to contribute funds on top of government grants. In addition to the grant we received for our Multipurpose Hall, the LLL graciously provided the College with a further \$750,000 loan that we contributed to this project.

As the site of the Multipurpose Hall was on an area of the school grounds that was largely undeveloped, significant ground works were needed, including storm water drainage, roadway and carparking. These works alone totalled almost \$1million. In addition, we were able to design and construct a Hall that is truly multi-functional. It boasts a full-size competition basketball court, two classrooms, a stage area complete with wings, lighting, sound and data projection, a staff office, industrial kitchen, four storage rooms, change rooms, showers, and two sets of toilets!

In 2010-11 we also constructed a second science room and two general purpose classrooms for our Senior School. In addition to a government grant for this project, we were also granted another \$750,000 loan from the LLL. These rooms have allowed for our additional students to continue to have first-class, modern facilities and have provided a dedicated learning space for our senior students.

As we move into the second half of 2011, we are about to commence construction on another two general purpose classrooms for our Senior School and the first stage of a Visual Arts Centre – yet again with a loan from the LLL!

We have a long and positive relationship with the LLL and would not be able to provide Christian education to the number of students that we do today, without the ongoing support provided by the LLL. Give thanks to God for the dedicated staff and Board of the LLL and to all members who contribute so willingly to allow projects such as ours to come to fruition and bring glory to God each day.



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May God continue to bless us in the work we do for Him

Lutheran Tract Mission Fund

The Lutheran Tract Mission

For many decades, the LLL has encouraged the publication of mission literature. The original 'LLL Tract Mission' has ultimately become a significant resource in the life of the LCA. It is possible to make a direct donation to the work of the LTM and it is also possible to put a donation or a legacy into the LLL Lutheran Tract Mission Permanent Fund which will provide an annual grant to the LTM forever.

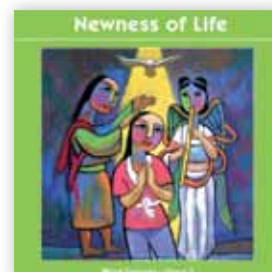
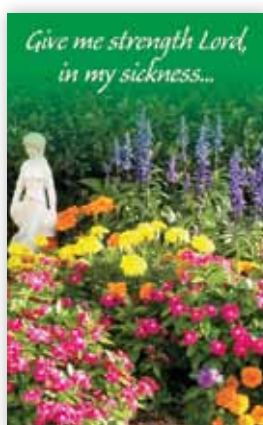
By Anne Hansen

Lutheran Tract Mission (LTM) continues to be active in resourcing our church with tracts that can be used in all areas of ministry. In producing new tracts we endeavour to have something each print run for all types of people to use in their daily lives: the elderly, those who are sick, Pastors, children, schools, large print, and always the seasonal tracts.

This last financial year we had two main print runs in which 67 new tracts were produced. Included in these print runs were tracts for congregations to use for Faith Inkubators, tracts with Lutheran school children's artwork, a new tract "Noah's Story" written in cooperation with Aboriginal Missions of SA and many seasonal tracts utilizing different art forms. We continue to have many photographers and artists send us their pictures for use in tracts. This brings an important ownership of LTM by members of the Lutheran Church.

There are over 500 titles in stock at the LLL... some of which date back 20 years. As such, we have begun the process of evaluating each tract – the older ones we will either refresh and rewrite, or delete from stock. This is a painstaking process, but a necessary one to remain relevant to our people. The Tract Mission display at the front of the LLL office has also been moved around and we are planning to refresh that whole area. Along with the LLL and its new branding, Tract Mission has also taken on a new branding which will be used on the back of new tracts. Our tracts have also been re-categorized and our website re-worked into an easier to use system. Please have a look: <http://tracts.lll.org.au/>

I feel so truly blessed to be a part of Lutheran Tract Mission and the LLL and the ministry that it provides for our church and the community. May God continue to bless us in the work we do for Him.



Mission Lay Helper Fund

Board for Lay Ministry

By James Doecke

Lay workers are lay people who have been installed into a defined ministry position by a congregation or agency within the LCA. The position may be a paid one, or occupied on a voluntary basis.

The Board for Lay Ministry's primary focus is to support lay workers and their employers. The Board also recognises a broader responsibility to encourage all God's people to be involved in ministry. All God's people are called to mission and to participate in the ministry of bringing the gospel to those who come into their lives. Therefore the Board is committed to encourage, resource and affirm these people wherever it is possible and practical to do so.



The Board for Lay Ministry Focus Areas:

† Primary focus

Lay workers and their employers.

† Secondary focus

The priesthood of all believers. All God's people are called to mission and to participate in the ministry of bringing the gospel to all people who come into their lives. Therefore the Board is committed to encourage, resource and affirm these people wherever it is possible and practical to do so.

The Board's 2010 -2015 Strategic Plan focuses on career pathways for young people through Christian ministry programs that could lead to a person having a long term career in the church as a lay worker, teacher or pastor. Key areas include:

- developing integrated career pathways e.g. Cert IV Christian Ministry & Theology – BATHeology
- encouraging individuals across the LCA to explore their gifts, abilities and vocational calling

- ensuring the employer has adopted effective ministry and employment practices
- equipping our lay people to be effective in their ministry
- ensuring a suitable life coach/mentor is identified to offer on-going pastoral care, mentoring and general support for the lay worker at the local level.

Through the generous support of the LLL, the Board assisted 76 registered lay workers and 120 ministry partners (volunteers) with training grants totalling \$39,284 in the last year. The training included formal courses of study undertaken for credit towards lay worker accreditation, short courses for ongoing professional development of accredited lay workers, and 1-2 day programs aimed at improving ministry skills of ministry partners.

Funding that has been allocated to employ a lay worker included the following:

- Immanuel Buderim Qld – Youth & Young Adult Worker
- Moorabbin/Dandenong Vic – Pastoral Ministry Assistant

We thank and praise God for the LLL Board, for its prayers and ongoing financial assistance, and for the LLL Mission Lay Helper Permanent Fund. Without this support it would not be possible for Lay Ministry to adequately support, equip and mentor lay people for ministry and service across the Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Media Ministry Support Fund

Lutheran Media Ministry

Using media to connect people to Christ

By Pastor Richard Mau

Giving non-Christians and Christians a reason to live through messages of new life in Jesus.

Many people are struggling to cope with life as a result of drought, floods, cyclones, earthquakes, plagues, violence, financial hardship, and relationship and health issues. God continues to bless up to a million Australians every week through our messages of hope and new life in Jesus. Many of them express their thanks and support for how Lutherans are using media to connect them to Jesus Christ.

Radio

Face to Face – 15 minute program on 500+ stations.

- Audience grows with more commercial stations in Queensland now broadcasting Face to Face.
- Our presenters continue to communicate God's love for all with their unique messages and stories.
- Listeners appreciate the monthly interview style programs which allow those interviewed to help others facing similar difficulties and issues.
- More radio stations are now downloading programs for broadcast from the Internet.
- The www.facetoface.org.au website offers program downloads and free booklets on topics discussed.
- We work closely with Linda Macqueen to broadcast program topics at the same time as 'The Lutheran' magazine is dealing with the topics.

Face to Face – One minute program now on 15 commercial stations.

- The programs focus on real-life issues and include comments from interviews and offers of booklets dealing with the issues discussed.
- 16 programs are broadcast each week on the hour between the News and Weather, and as fillers, with plans to further extend coverage in the future.

On The Spot – 60 sec and 30 sec on 80+ stations

- 8 spots per month are produced for broadcast over 80 stations.

Television

- Red Boots for Christmas was shown on the NINE, WIN, and IMPARJA Networks, and along with other Christmas films on the Australian Christian Channel at Christmas.
- On Main Street is broadcast every Saturday over the Australian Christian Channel on Optus, Foxtel and Austar.
- Website www.onmainstreet.org.au

DVD Worship Resource

- The LCA is offering a complete Worship service each week to congregations without pastors and to any individuals who would like to receive a worship service. The service will be supplied on DVD during the week after it is recorded. To receive a DVD phone FREECALL 1800 353 350 or go to www.lca.org.au and register your interest.
- Our thanks to the LLL for financing the equipment necessary for filming services at Good Shepherd Toowoomba and St Michael's Hahndorf.

Internet

- The LCA Website www.lca.org.au plays an important role in providing news, information and devotional messages to people worldwide. It is a vital way to reach large numbers of people quickly in our world of instant communication. Web Manager David Mau is working together with Linda Macqueen to upgrade the content, design and functionality of the site. This is the third revamp of the website and will help it to better serve people within the church and beyond. We expect the traffic to grow significantly in the future.
- The Happyland website for children aged 4-7 years www.happyland.com.au is attracting a lot of interest. The feedback from parents and grandparents continues to be very positive and encouraging. Children are enjoying the games, Bible stories and activities. Our free Christmas cards promoting Happyland were very popular and we have printed a third card. All three cards are available for sharing Jesus this Christmas. We are adding further Bible stories from the Purple Puzzle Tree, children's talks from Pastor Rob Sellars, and activities to satisfy the urgent need for a safe place for children to play and learn on the web. Our planning includes developing a Facebook page and apps for children to play some of the games on their phones.
- Our DVD Worship service resource is advertised on the Commission on Worship's Worship Planning Page which is very popular.
- The Redboots for Christmas website was available during the Christmas season/ school holidays.



Celebrating 65 years of broadcasting the Good News. L to R: David Mau, Kathryn Heavyside, Andy Voigt, Dr Douglas Rutt, Ian Liddell, Pastor Richard Mau.

- Easter resources including Easter E-cards were available during the time leading up to and including Easter at www.lca.org.au/easter
- We maintain the website for Faith Inkubators and are working with other departments to assist them to upgrade their pages. We maintain the ALWS site and are looking at ways to help congregations build their own sites.

Audience relations

- Requests for booklets keep pouring in over the phone, via the internet and by post. Our dedicated staff and volunteers serve in a caring and gentle way to minister to the many people who ask for help.
- Our 2011 Scripture Calendar has proved popular and feedback indicates that many are using the daily Bible Readings.
- We are working with the Lutheran Tract Mission to edit and print a series of booklets.

Promotion and fundraising

- Funding is always a major challenge but God continues to provide the funds needed to serve people through media ministry. We are particularly thankful to the LLL for its generous gift in recognition of the church's 65 years of continuous broadcasting of Gospel messages, and for its support through the LLL LMM Support Fund, and for the monies received via LLL's non-interest-bearing accounts and Mission Aid. God continues to provide us with many opportunities to share the good news of hope in his Son Jesus Christ with as many people as possible via media.

We thank God for the LLL as it assists the LCA to carry out God's great commission to share Christ's love via Lutheran Media Ministry and look forward to many more years as partners working together to share God's love with many more who don't know him.

Youth Ministry Fund

Board for Youth & Family Ministry

By Leah Cronin

The LLL Youth Ministry Permanent Fund plays a vital role in supporting ministry to children, youth and families across Australia. The generous gifts donated to the Youth Ministry Permanent Fund influence the lives of literally hundreds of children, youth and their families every year. We thank God for the influence of the projects funded during the 2010/11 financial year:

Understanding young people – \$2,850.00

- Joint research with the Bible Society SA to identify how the church can engage young people with the Bible.

Equipping parents to be the primary faith educators of their children – \$15,400.00

- Support for Faith Inkubators to develop additional ministry resources
- Funding the distribution of the Faith Family resource in NZ

Developing our volunteer leaders – \$6,000.00

- Subsidies for young adults to attend leadership training events in SA/NT
- Seed funding to provide leadership training workshops as needed in SA/NT
- The development and facilitation of a leadership development course for 16-30 year olds within the Lutheran Church of New Zealand (LCNZ)

Growing the ministry capacity of District Youth Departments – \$3,000.00

- Seed funding given to the Lutheran Youth of Western Australia to develop a part-time 'Ministry Coordinator' position to grow the influence of youth ministry in that state.





LCA General Church Council Fund

Annually the LLL contributes \$100,000 to the LCA to be used for special ministries that are not in the budget. The following projects are some that have been funded in the last financial year.

- Strategic Planning expenses
- Operation Connect expenses
- Special Ministry Pastor Training
- Purple Puzzle Tree
- Travel expenses for LCA visitors from overseas
- Travel and attendance costs for various overseas conferences

Administration Services

Through the decades since the 1940s, the LLL has relieved the church of many administration costs. During the last financial year we provided administrative services to the LCA which included:-

- Australian Lutheran College (ALC) – Payroll Services
- LCA Disaster & Welfare Fund – Receipting of flood donations
- LCA Event Management System
- LCA Insurance Fund
- LCA National Office – Accounting & Payroll Services
- LCA Online Donations & Payments facility
- LCA Pensions, Provident & Car Grants Funds
- LCA SA/NT District – Accounting & Payroll Services
- LCA Subscriptions – ‘The Lutheran’ & ‘Lutheran Theological Journal’
- Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) – Accounting & Payroll Services
- Regular Electronic Giving (REG)

How can you help?

Every **LLL Savings Account** helps the Lutheran Church of Australia by providing funds that can be lent to approved projects.

Perhaps you would like to make a more specific donation – to your congregation, local Lutheran facility, district group, or one of our national ministries. That can be done by making a donation or leaving a legacy through the **LLL Permanent Funds**.

To leave a gift to the LLL, the following wording can be used in your Will:

I give to The Lutheran Laypeople's League of Australia Inc., of 175 Archer Street, North Adelaide, South Australia,

.....
(Insert your gift amount. This can be an amount of money, a percentage or portion of your estate, a property or other specific items.)

to be used by the League in support of the mission and ministry of the Lutheran Church of Australia.

Some depositors make their LLL Savings Accounts non interest-bearing and so decide to forego the interest on their account. Instead, a grant is made to a project of their choice, based on 5% of total non interest-bearing deposits held for the project. A total of \$1,087,648 in grants was paid to LCA projects in the last financial year as a result of LLL depositors holding **non interest-bearing accounts**.

If you would like to open an LLL Personal Savings Account, please complete the Personal Savings Account Application and post it to the LLL, Reply Paid 45, North Adelaide, SA, 5006.

If you would like to learn more, you could visit our new website lll.org.au or contact the LLL toll free on 1800 556 457 or email lll@lll.org.au for details on any of the above.

If in the future you would like to receive an electronic copy of the ‘Together in Mission’ booklet and/or the LLL Annual Report, please email us or go to our website and register under Contact - Online Enquiry.

Personal Savings Account Application

Please return this form to (no stamp required):
LLL, Reply Paid 45, North Adelaide SA 5006

Date / /

OFFICE USE ONLY

Account Number:

1. Account Information

[a] Account Type (tick one)

- Individual Complete Section 1 (a, b, c) and Section 2(a) and 3.
 Joint Complete Sections 1 (a, b, c) and Section 2 and 3.
 Child Complete Sections 1 (a, b, c or d) and Section 2 and 3.

Refer to Terms and Conditions over the page.

[b] Account Name (please detail Signatories opposite)

Title

Surname

Given Names

Residential Address

Postcode

Correspondence Address

Postcode

Phone ()

Email

Withdrawals to be signed by: (tick one)

- ONE signatory TWO signatories

[c] Tax File Number (TFN)/ Exemption Details*

Signatory 1.

Signatory 2.

[d] Child Account Only (see below for Important Information)

Child's Tax File Number

Child's Date of birth / / Male Female

Important information for Children's Accounts

Child TFN/ Exemption: For a child under 16 years the Signatory has the option of either quoting the Child's details above OR the Signatory's details in Section 1[c]. You should make the selection according to whose money it is (Tax Ruling IT2486).
• Claiming an exemption for the child (if they are under 16) will only apply if they earn income below their taxable income threshold.
• If you quote your own tax file number (in Section 1[c]) you become responsible for the interest earned on the account and may need to report it as taxable income.
Please use a separate Personal Account Application form for each child.

2. Account Signatories

[a] Signatory 1

Title YES, I require internet access#

Surname

Given Names

Date of birth / / Male Female

Residential Address

Postcode

Postal Address

Postcode

**Medicare No.

Specimen signature 1
X

[b] Signatory 2

Title YES, I require internet access#

Surname

Given Names

Date of birth / / Male Female

Residential Address

Postcode

Postal Address

Postcode

**Medicare No.

Specimen signature 2
X

If more than two additional signatories are required, please attach another Account Application Form.

3. Special instructions

Matching Deposit
Name of Lutheran Project

Non Interest-Bearing
Name of Lutheran Project

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