



News



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Welcome

This is the second edition of our new format LLL News. We are very pleased with the positive comments and encouragement received from our supporters for the first edition produced and distributed in September 2016. We will continue with the aim of providing you with an informative and interesting six monthly publication that explains how the wider Lutheran Church of Australia is assisted by the LLL.

Feel free to share this newsletter with other like-minded supporters of the LLL.

If you received a hard copy of the newsletter and would prefer a copy via email, just send an email to the address below.

We hope you enjoy this publication and we would welcome any feedback by emailing promotions@lll.org.au or phoning 1800 556 457.

LLL Children's Savings Account

An LLL Children's Saving Account is in the child's name, but it is a guardian account which means the parent or other adult is in control of the access to the account until such time as they feel the child is old enough to manage it themselves.

So when is it the right time?

The LLL doesn't have a set age to relinquish guardianship but generally guardians consider handing over control of the account to the child at around 12 – 13 years of age.

It is important to remind parents or guardians that when they believe the time is right they will need to contact the LLL and request a **Relinquish Guardianship form**. Once the form has been completed and returned to the LLL, the child will then become the operator of the account with full access.

The LLL actively encourages parents to continue to engage with their children to provide them with the essentials of financial literacy.

- » The 3 S's - SAVING, SPENDING, SHARING.
- » Importance of saving, especially for a particular goal.
- » Needs versus Wants

Teaching them to save before they learn how to spend is easier when you have a savings account that pays you not charges you.

LLL grants for mission in LCA congregations

The LLL has announced to the LCA districts that both the Mission Stimulus Grants and Mission Resource Grants are again offered in 2017.

Steen Olsen, Director for Mission LCA SA/NT District, said, 'Mission Stimulus Grants and Mission Resource Grants fit two very different niches. Mission Stimulus Grants have enabled congregations to take new mission initiatives that would otherwise not be possible for them. Mission Resource Grants are particularly useful in smaller congregations in mission situations which would otherwise have difficulty meeting fundamental resource needs'.

Mission Stimulus Grants of up to \$25,000 are available in each district. A congregation can apply for a Mission Stimulus Grant using their district's application process.

Pastor John O'Keefe, Director of Ministry and Mission LCAQD, suggested, 'Your congregation may decide to begin the application process early and start formulating a 'mission project' in your community that you would like some financial assistance to get started or you may already have a project that would welcome financial support'.

LLL Mission Resource Grants are also available again in each LCA district. Congregations can apply through their district for a mission resource grant of up to \$5,000.

Pastor Brett Kennett, District Pastor for Congregation Support LCA - Victorian District, said, 'The Mission Resource Grants have been incredibly helpful. In Hobart, for example, the congregation conducted a weekend training workshop with Matt Thomas, District Pastor for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, as well as a missions training weekend with Dean Eaton, Church Planting Mentor'.

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Many uses for new hymnal

The reprint of the Western Arrarnta Lutheran Hymnal (pictured) in 2015 has been really valuable.

The hymnal is used for Sunday worship, as the liturgies and 359 hymns are presented in its pages.

The hymn book is a rich resource for choir members.

It is also essential for confirmation students; the catechism is there as well.

Another section is devoted to prayers and daily devotions, which some families use very regularly.

So the hymn book is an important resource for Western Arrarnta speakers: Hermannsburg and outstation people, and Western Arrarnta people living in other places like Alice Springs.

The hymn book is an archive and library of hymns translated and revised over the decades. There are some contemporary compositions and translations in the last section.

So when the hymn book was out of print for three years, we can understand that there was a sense of loss.

The number of copies in existence slowly went down in number. There were just a few old, battered copies in church.

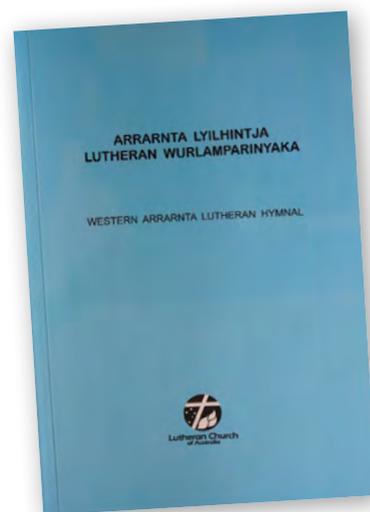
The reprint of the Western Arrarnta Lutheran Hymnal gives life to our church activities, and provides the ability for us to encourage others in their walk with the Lord.

That is why we are so grateful for the LLL Mission Resource Grant support for this reprint. The hymnal is a resource that is immediately useful and important. Thank you!

David Roennfeldt
Secretary, Bethlehem, Hermannsburg

The LLL Mission Resource Grant was received through the South Australia/ Northern Territory District.

Extract from an article in Together in mission 2016. To view the full article and others highlighting LLL support, visit the LLL website www.lll.org.au.



...an important resource for Western Arrarnta speakers...

'Have a Go' Fund



Under the **50.500 faith.freedom.future** initiative approved by General Synod in 2015, congregations, schools and ministry groups could receive a grant of up to \$25,000 from the brand-new 'Have a Go' Fund for their project or activity.

The 'Have a Go' Fund is one way during this synodical term to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the LCA in 2016 and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. Through this the national church is encouraging congregations, schools and communities to adopt a future focus in their mission and ministry planning – and providing some practical assistance as well. Eligible projects were encouraged to apply for funding throughout 2016 with a closing date of 30 November.

The 50.500 panel were excited by the sheer number of expressions of interest - which exceeded the funding budget available by well in excess of 100% - and by the diversity of mission proposals. This presented the panel with the delightful dilemma of endeavouring to ascertain God's leading in providing financial support for the various proposals with a limited resource pool. They are now assessing the twenty-eight applications that have been received from all around Australia (2 x NSW; 15 x Qld; 6 x SA; 1 x Vic; 1 x WA; 3 x national projects).

The LCA is grateful to the LLL for generously making these funds available. This enables the national church to support the God-given mandate we have to join in with the work of the Trinity, as noted in John 20:21-22, as one who is sent.

We urge you to keep an eye out for exciting announcements regarding the 50.500 projects later this year.

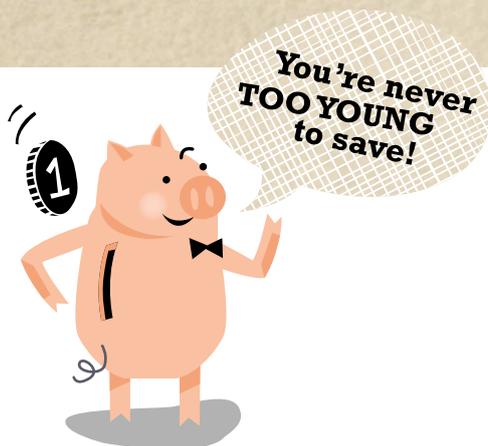
Tania Nelson
Executive Officer – Local Mission

*The LLL is a significant financial supporter of the **50.500 faith.freedom.future** initiative and we encourage all LLL supporters to get involved with the many activities as they continue to be held.*

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Help your child to understand the value of money...



Children's SAVINGS account

When you introduce your child to saving at an early age, they can learn the importance of saving money, how to develop saving goals and how savings accounts work.

The LLL pays a \$5 gift to the first savings account for the child.

For more information on LLL Savings Accounts including Children's Savings visit www.lll.org.au/savings.

This contains factual information and does not constitute financial product advice.

ACLE5 Conference 2017

Every four years Lutheran Education Australia (LEA) and the respective regions organise a major conference to celebrate Lutheran Education in Australia.

This conference is named ACLE, Australian Conference on Lutheran Education. The ACLE5 Conference 2017 will be held in Adelaide from 5 – 7



People Planet Purpose

Reformation starts with us

July. This year's conference theme is People, Planet, Purpose – Reformation starts with us! 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

The LLL is pleased to support this major LEA event as a platinum

sponsor. If you are involved with Lutheran Education make sure you come and visit the LLL exhibition booth at the ACLE5 conference.

For more information on ACLE5 visit acle2017.aomevents.com.au

Lutheran Tract Mission - Update

Development Officer moves north

Our Development Officer Anne Hansen has been on the move during the Christmas/New Year season relocating from Loxton in South Australia to Noosa in Queensland. In late 2016, Anne's husband Rev Mark Hansen accepted a Call to Good Shepherd, Noosa, and he was installed on 22 January 2017 (photo).

We continue to be thankful for Anne and her ministry through the LTM.

Despite the move tracts are still being developed with a new shipment recently delivered to the LTM office in Adelaide. Make sure you check out all the new

resources on our website: www.ltm.org.au and take note of all the new Easter tracts to add to your ministry this Easter season.



Change of LLL Congregation Contact details?

Please complete this form and return to us, via email promotions@lll.org.au or by post to LLL Promotions, Reply Paid 45, North Adelaide, SA, 5006.

Congregation: _____

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss Name: _____

Postal address: _____

Suburb/Town: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

New Projects Supported by the LLL

ACLE5 Conference 2017 - Platinum Sponsor

Good Shepherd congregation, Para Vista SA – Loan for 'Connect Project' (facilities upgrade and extension)

St Martin's College, Mt Gambier SA – Loan for Stage 1 of Master Plan

Grace Lutheran College, Rothwell Old – Land purchase for future development

Concordia College, Highgate SA – Loan for new science block

Lutherans for Life – grant from Special Ministry Fund for website upgrade



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