LEA branding

The Board for Lutheran Education Australia has resolved to rebrand LEA as outlined above. This new LEA brand will be phased in from August onwards and follows the rebranding of LESER to LEVNT in 2014 as follows:

It clearly reflects the closer alignment of LEA and the regions as we unite in support of all Lutheran ECEs and schools across Australia.

LCA General Synod

The LCA General Pastors Conference was held in Hahndorf recently. This conference focused on Women and the Call to the Office of the Public Ministry. Click here if you wish to read the materials from the Pastors Conference discussions.

LEA is invited to provide six principal delegates to General Synod. These principals are nominated via the regions (two each) and we are pleased to confirm the 2015 LCA General Synod principal delegates as follows:

- Shane Jurecky (Good Shepherd College, Hamilton Vic)
- Thomas Brennen (Sunshine Christian School, Sunshine Vic)
- Heather Vogt (Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes SA)
- Steven Wilksch (Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda SA)
- Janelle Turner (Peace Lutheran Primary School, Gatton, Qld)
- Jodie Hoff (LORDS, Ormeau Qld)

During Synod, LEA will present three 15 minute breakout sessions. In advance, we wish to acknowledge Jenni Krenske (Principal, Redeemer Lutheran College, Biloela Qld) and her team for preparing a video based on her school's ministry and worship programs.

Dr Neville Highett (BLEA chairman), the six principal delegates and I will also present briefly on key aspects and developments in Lutheran education.

CoD —— NLT: more than a name change

Many principals may have worked with Steve Atkinson (Atkinson Consulting) in the development of the LEA Leadership and Formation Framework or in regional planning exercises.

Last year Steve began working with the College of Directors (CoD) in both strategic planning and team building exercises. His support continued into 2015 and has resulted in a significant CoD recommendation to the Board for Lutheran Education Australia at its June 2015 meeting when the Board resolved to ‘endorse the name change from College of Directors to National Leadership Team and the change of approach to the leadership of Lutheran education’.

In making this recommendation the four directors considered the following:

- for Lutheran education to be an effective system it needs to put individual interests aside and work together nationally as a whole
it is the right time for NLT to play a proactive leadership role in designing and creating an inclusive national strategy for Lutheran education – something that has not existed before.

the directors felt that a new approach was needed, starting with providing clarity on what NLT actually stood for and did. The group determined that it (CoD) should be re-named to reflect its new collective national focus.

Now CoD is called NLT. What does this mean?

NLT’s purpose is:

- strategic and future focussed – co-create cohesive and integrated strategy at national and regional level
- drive strategy, excellence, mission and Lutheran education (LE)
- ensure effective mechanisms and tools (such as policies, practices, protocols and templates) for operational decision making and initiatives are created and working well.
- Ensure strategy is executed in the most effective, equitable way – this includes ensuring regional strategies and agendas are clear and transparent, ensuring accountability across the LE system (including taskforces and national reference groups), executing strategy in the most effective, efficient way possible – including identifying and addressing duplication and waste. Holds accountability for taskforces.

NLT also recognises that there will be numerous occasions when key resource people will be invited to join NLT for a specific project or discussion. This broadening of NLT will enable a broader base of expertise and improved inclusiveness for key people to enhance our support to Australian Lutheran education.

Living Faith Lutheran Primary School, Murrumba Downs Qld

Find a link below to a recently released video By LFLPS supporting the Agile Learning Plaza at Living Faith Lutheran Primary School  

https://vimeo.com/131736929

Lutheran Tract Mission (LTM)

LTM have produced 48 new resources which may be of interest to schools – 21 new leaflets, 2 new postcards, 16 text cards and 9 bookmarks. There are ten new Christmas resources including:

- Keeping ‘Christ’ in Christmas … leaflet of ideas for families to share in Christmas
- God’s Gift… Christmas greeting leaflet
- God’s Christmas gift for you … Christmas greeting leaflet
- Hosanna in the Highest … large print Christmas greeting leaflet
- Jesus … Christmas Postcard
- Jesus: God is with us … Christmas Bookmark
- Jesus is born … Christmas Bookmark
- All creation rejoices … Text card
- Christmas child’s drawing … Text card
- Peace on earth … Text card
- … and 17 other leaflets covering varying topics including:
  - Daily Bible Readings for 2016 … follow the church year through daily Bible readings
  - Wishing you birthday blessings … large print leaflet celebrating birthdays
  - Have an exciting Birthday … birthday tract for boys
  - Get Well Soon … large print for those who are sick
  - In His hands … New look for a popular tract

Visit the LTM website to find details of all resources LTM have available

LEA Assistant Director: Leadership [Shane Paterson]

LDP

a) LDP participants across the three regions are in the process of beginning their second unit, offered by ALC, Education and Theology in Dialogue. This unit challenges the participants to explore and reflect upon how Lutheran theology (theology of the cross / glory, creation theology, and law and gospel) impacts on decision making process in schools. The workshops have also included a number of school leaders who are completing this unit to gain their leader accreditation (Al).

b) With the release of results from the first unit, LDP participants are now able to claim 25% of their course cost ($475) from their school. Participants will need to supply the school with a copy of the course result and receipt for fee payment (alternatively the confirmation email from LEA should suffice). Please contact LEA if there are any questions around this.
Valuing Safe Communities
As mentioned previously the VSC modules are currently being adapted so that delivery incorporates both online and face to face delivery. The volunteer module (which will now also cover relief staff) is nearly finished and we are looking for schools to trial this resource. If you are interested in trialling this with some of your volunteers or relief staff could you please contact me. We also require some principals / VSC accredited trainers to trial this as well. If trialling you will be expected to provide the working group with feedback. This module is entirely online and will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Upon successful completion a certificate will be issued (downloadable) as proof of completion.

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