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**Lutheran Church of Australia**

**Board for Lutheran Education Australia**

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

The LEA Service Award is for presentation to:

* persons who retire from, or cease substantial service to Lutheran education in public recognition of extended years of distinguished service;
* next of kin of persons who die while in service to Lutheran education in public recognition of the extended years of distinguished service by the deceased.

To be considered for this award, a person:

* will have served Lutheran education for more than 20 years;
* will have demonstrated a loyal commitment to Christian education in Lutheran education;
* will have given dedicated and exemplary Christian service and ministry to Lutheran education;
* is deserving of grateful recognition by the Lutheran Church of Australia through the Board for Lutheran Education Australia for excellence and faithfulness in the performance of duty, for valued contributions in service and in this way furthering the ministry and mission of the Church.

The Board for Lutheran Education Australia, Regional Education Councils and school governing authorities may nominate to the Board for Lutheran Education Australia on the BLEA nomination form provided, persons for consideration as worthy recipients of the service retirement award. Nominations of deceased persons must be made within three months of the nominee’s death.

The LEA Executive Director will determine who the recipients of the service award will be and will be responsible for arranging a suitable time and occasion for a formal presentation of the award.

**Lutheran Education Australia**

**LEA Service Award**

**Nomination Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Record of services to Lutheran education (give place of service, years of service and positions held)

Statements of service recognition:

(give evaluative descriptive comments on the nominee’s service to Lutheran education. This information will be used to prepare the citation to accompany the LEA Service Retirement Award plaque. Please use the sample citation on the following page as a guide for the information required.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Title of Office \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Board/Council/Committee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Following is a sample citation to be used as a guide for completing the LEA Service Award**

**LEA SERVICE AWARD**

**MARTIN LUTHER**

For service to Lutheran education

1975 - 2014

**CITATION**

The Lutheran Church of Australia thankfully acknowledges the faithful and committed service of Martin Luther to Lutheran education for 40 years.

Martin commenced his service in Lutheran education in 1975 when he was appointed as Special Needs teacher at Trinity Lutheran Primary School, Southport Queensland. After five years he moved into a leadership role as Deputy Principal at Concordia College, Highgate SA. In 2002 Martin moved to Immanuel College, Novar Gardens SA, as Principal.

Martin’s clear, analytical and strategic thinking, as well as his courage and determination, saw each school in which he served develop into a strong educational institution. His ability to communicate to ensured parents, staff and students all clearly understood the Christian nature of Lutheran education. Martin’s own commitment to his Christian faith and his ability to show this through his decision making and daily relationships has been a shining example to many people.

Martin’s service to Lutheran education broadened in 1996 following his election at General Synod as a member of the Board for Lutheran Schools, now known as the Board of Directors, Lutheran Education Australia Ltd. In 2004, Martin was elected as Chairman of the Board and served continuously in that capacity until the end of 2014.

In the classroom, Martin purposefully developed a positive learning climate and established a strong rapport with his students. His interpersonal skills with students, parents and the wider community was apparent every day. His natural ability to treat students fairly and with justice is to be admired. When working with students and communicating with parents, Martin is honest, responsible and empathetic.

Martin will be remembered by his colleagues for his caring support. He was willing to take time out to discuss any issues of concern with his staff whenever needed. Martin epitomised true servant leadership and showed genuine interest and concern for the welfare of his staff.

Martin’s faithful and conscientious service to his Lord and the Lutheran Church of Australia, through his service in Lutheran education, has been outstanding and is humbly recognised through this Award.

**Asoc Prof Lisa Schmidt**

**Executive Director**

**Lutheran Education Australia**

Further citations are available on the LEA website