



Lutheran Church of Australia Mission International

Jesus was an advocate of service learning!

Jesus sent his disciples out to serve holistically in the surrounding community and brought them back to reflect on the experience (take a look at Luke 9: 1-10, and Luke 10: 1-24 in the MESSAGE). Jesus was all about face to face encounters with people - touching and healing the leper, feeding hungry people (lots of them!), healing the sick, 'living love' and sharing the message of God's love. He lived a life of service and told the stories that made people ask questions – the 'questions of life'. The LCA Board for Mission and its team are passionate about encouraging service learning in people of all ages – life-long learning about Jesus and about being his followers – both here in Australia and overseas.

Partnership with God in his mission

The LCA Board for Mission team seeks to encourage people from all works of life, congregations and Lutheran schools to join in God's mission in this troubled and hurting world, with the belief that this is best done in partnership with others - Churches and people - through the work that they are already doing in their countries and with their near neighbours.

Partnership with overseas Lutheran Churches

As individuals or even as a small church or school we can't do everything, but the LCA Board for Mission believes that we can do something and do it well as we work with a particular emphasis on supporting the Lutheran Churches and their agencies in our near neighbours of Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Malaysia, Sabah, Thailand, Indonesia and Cambodia as they carry out their mandate. We are keen to help facilitate connections and the development of relationships for you between communities here in Australia, and with the LCA's overseas partner Churches.

Partnership with Lutheran Schools, congregations and individuals

The LCA Board for Mission team is committed to working collaboratively in partnership with the other agencies and departments of the LCA and believes this is the most effective way of carrying out holistic ministry and mission. These relationships are marked by inclusiveness, transparency, and acknowledging each other's giftedness in our sharing and cooperation.

We can come to you

The LCA Board for Mission team is keen to share the stories and opportunities for service learning with you in person, and will come to you to speak with staff, students in chapel, school assemblies or in the classrooms in order to share the great stories of what is already happening and how you might join in with what God is doing.

Getting Started

We'd love you to phone: 08 8267 7334; visit our website www.lcamission.org.au email bfm@lca.org.au or call into the LCA Board for Mission office at 197 Archer Street North Adelaide to discuss the range of possibilities available for you and your school community for service learning through the existing partnerships of the LCA, here and overseas. The possibilities are many! Your involvement in God's mission and ministry can change the course of history. You and your school community can make a lasting and eternal difference in the lives of many people as you engage in service learning. We'd love to walk this journey with you.