



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA
SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND NORTHERN TERRITORY DISTRICT INC.

Forty Fifth Regular Synodical Convention

Love Comes to Life



ADDENDUM

6-7-8 July, 2012
OLSH Catholic College
Sadadeen St, Alice Springs

Convention is hosted by:
Alice Springs Lutheran Church



MINUTES

of the Forty-Fifth Regular Synodical Convention
Lutheran Church of Australia,
South Australia and Northern Territory District Inc.,
at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, Alice Springs
Friday 6 – Sunday 8 July, 2012

THEME: *Love Comes To Life*

TEXT: *“The Lord make your love increase and overflow”*
1 Thessalonians 3:12

FRIDAY 6 JULY, 2012

EVENING SESSION
7.30pm

1. OPENING SERVICE

Liturgist: Pastor David Kuss, Convention Chaplain

Preacher: Pastor David Altus, President, LCA SA/NT District
Sermon Text: 1 Thessalonians 3:12

Bible Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Noreen Inkamala (Arrarnta)
Devony Boskell (English)

Songs: Sing to the Lord, all you people everywhere
Dear Christians, one and all rejoice (Pitjantjatjara / English)
Where love comes to life
Lift up your heads, you mighty gates (Pitjantjatjara / English)
Thuma Mina (Arrarnta / Pitjantjatjara / English)

Music: Pastor Basil Schild, Pastor Simon Dixon, Pastor Adrian
Kitson, Olga Radke

Welcome to Pastors new to SA/NT District: President Pastor David Altus welcomed the following pastors into the SA/NT District:
Michael Lockwood, Mike Steicke, Peter Ziersch, Ben Mogg, Gallasch, Adrian Kitson, Paul Hannola, Ben Pfeiffer, Tom Harry Picket, Greg Page, Wayne George, Jade Koehler.
Chris Hoffmann,
Bauer, Andrew

3.2 CONFESSION OF FAITH

Included in the opening service.

3.3 CONSTITUTING OF CONVENTION

President Pastor David Altus conducted an Opening Rite for Convention and declared open the 45th Convention of the LCA SA/NT District, during the opening service.

2. WELCOME

Tim Higgins, Chairperson, Alice Springs Lutheran Church, welcomed delegates to Convention.

Damien Ryan, Mayor of Alice Springs, welcomed delegates to Alice Springs.

3.4 WELCOME

President Pastor David Altus welcomed delegates to Convention.

3.6 GREETINGS / APOLOGIES

Greetings and apologies were received from:

Dignitaries: Adam Giles, Member for Braitling, Alison Anderson, Member for Macdonnell,

Congregations Dean Colin Macpherson, Association of Latvian Lutheran

Pastors: Pastor David Paech

Lay Delegates: Alex Impols, Salisbury Lutheran Church

CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED THAT Steven Thomas be appointed as Chairperson for Convention.

PRESENTATION: CHURCH RESOURCES

Damian Jardine made a presentation on behalf of Church Resources.

CONGREGATIONAL PRESENTATION

Pastor David Kuss and members of Alice Springs Lutheran Congregation made a presentation about life in Alice Springs and its Lutheran congregation.

CLOSE

Session closed at 9.10pm.

SUPPER

SATURDAY 7 JULY, 2012

EARLY MORNING SESSION

8.45am

OPENING DEVOTION

Chaplain: Pastor David Kuss

Text: Mark 10:28-31

Song: Hosanna (Arrarnta / English)

CHAIRPERSON

Steven Thomas

Chairperson acknowledged that Convention is meeting on the land of the Central Arrarnta people.

3. PRELIMINARIES

3.1 REPORT ON ATTENDANCE

The Director of Administration, Judi Sykes, announced that a quorum was present, consisting of:

73 pastors

192 lay delegates

265 total

3.5 APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made:

3.5.1 Minute Secretaries: Pastors Matthew Wilksch, Ben Pfeiffer, Tristan Klein

3.5.2 Committee for Checking Minutes: Robert Fielke

3.5.3 Electoral Committee: Pastor David Eckermann and Clive Wundersitz

3.5.4 Sessional Chairpersons: Steven Thomas, Pastor David Altus

3.6 Greetings / Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Pastors: Ben Hentschke, Eric Braunack-Mayer, David Christian, Dan Rooney, Russell Bryant, Richard Haar, Jade Bauer, Keith McNicol, Ron Buchold, Noel Kluge, Chris Mann, Andy Kowald, Thomas Bohmert, Peter Welke, Peter Traeger, Alwin Schirmer, Peter Fuhlbohm, Byron Klein, Paul Hannola, Steve Liersch, Robert Voigt, Trevor Keller, Tim Kowald, Brian Keller, Anthony Price, Rodney Witmitz, Avito da Costa, Kym Mills, John Hoopmann, Peter Hage, Wayne Boehm, Rolly Stahl, Rodger Atze, Peter Fagotter

Lay Member: Matthew Johns, Chairman of Aged Care Council

3.7 Late Proposals

The Director of Administration, Judi Sykes, advised that no Late Proposals were received.

BUSINESS

4.1 TERM OF PRESIDENT

ALTERATION TO ARTICLE VIII. CLAUSE 2 OF BY-LAWS PART B REGARDING LENGTH OF TERM OF OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT PRESIDENT BEING EXTENDED FROM THREE (3) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS.

RESOLVED THAT Article VIII. Clause 2 of By-laws Part B of the District Constitutional Handbook be altered to delete

“The term of office of the President of the District shall be three (3) years” and substitute in lieu thereof:

“The initial term of office of the President of the District shall be four (4) years, and he shall be eligible for re-election for one or more two (2) year terms.”

4.2 ALTERATION TO THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT.

RESOLVED THAT Synod grants an extension of two (2) years to the term of office of the current President of the District who was appointed for a three (3) year term at the 2009 convention of Synod.

The President accepted that extension to his term of office.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION OF 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The nominations for position of 1st Vice President were read. Pastor Tim Klein and Pastor James Winderlich were nominated.

ELECTION FOR POSITION OF 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

The ballot was taken.

4.3 DCC PROPOSAL FOR A DEPARTMENT FOR CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Convention affirm the decision of the District Church Council of the SA/NT District of the LCA to form one new chaplaincy department called the Department for Chaplaincy Ministries with a Director to resource and oversee the department.

THIS PROPOSAL WAS TABLED.

DECLARATION OF ELECTION OF 1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Pastor Tim Klein was declared elected as 1st Vice-President of the LCA SA/NT District.

LOCAL PRESENTATION: FINKE RIVER MISSION

Brenton Schild and members from Finke River Mission made a presentation about the work of the Mission.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: LUTHERAN SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION

John Proeve, Director of Lutheran Schools Association, made a presentation about the work of the Association.

Dr Andrew Mirtschin, Principal of Yirara College, made a presentation about Yirara College.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for John Proeve and Andrew Mirtschin and the work of LSA.

MORNING TEA

10.30am – 11.00am

LATE MORNING SESSION

11.00am

CHAIRPERSON

Steven Thomas

STRETCH AND SING

Love divine all loves excelling (Arrarnta / English).

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Pastor Basil Schild addressed convention on the topic of 'Twenty-one things I did not know before coming to central Australia.' He was joined by several members of the Aboriginal Town Camp Ministry.

President, Pastor David Altus thanked Pastor Basil Schild.

4.3 DCC PROPOSAL FOR A DEPARTMENT FOR CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

THE PROPOSAL WAS LIFTED FROM THE TABLE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Convention affirm the decision of the District Church Council of the SA/NT District of the LCA to form one new chaplaincy department called the Department for Chaplaincy Ministries with a Director to resource and oversee the department.

RESOLVED THAT PROPOSAL 4.3 BE TABLED UNTIL AFTER PROPOSAL 4.11 IS DEALT WITH.

4.11 AFFIRMATION OF TERTIARY MINISTRY

WHEREAS the LCA SA/NT District has supported tertiary chaplaincy since its inception; and whereas other Christian denominations no longer support tertiary chaplaincy on the majority of campuses in the District: the need for tertiary chaplaincy is as great as ever and therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the LCA SA/NT District reaffirms its support of frontline tertiary ministry through ongoing finance for a full time ordained chaplain.

RESOLVED THAT PROPOSAL 4.11 BE TABLED

RESOLVED THAT PROPOSALS 4.3 AND 4.11 BE DEALT WITH AFTER LUNCH

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: DEPARTMENT FOR MISSION

Dr Steen Olsen and Dennis Canute made a presentation on behalf of the Department for Mission.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for Dr Steen Olsen and Dennis Canute and the work of the Mission Department.

IN MEMORIAM DEVOTION

Pastor David Altus led convention in devotion based on Revelation 21:1-5. The following people were remembered: Maureen Wooller, Erica Strelan, Linda Schmaal, Pastor Elmore Harms, Pastor Clem Minge, Pastor Ken Woidt, Clair Harms, Pastor Lloyd Spike, Pastor Vic Schubert, Margaret Hampel, Dawn Klein, Mavis Fischer, Ruby Kriewaldt, Frieda Doehler. The hymn Nearer my God to Thee was sung (Luritja / English).

TABLE GRACE

The hymn 'Spread Our Table' was sung (Arrarnta / English).

LUNCH

12.35-1.35pm

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:35pm

CHAIRPERSON

Steven Thomas

STRETCH AND SING

Gathering together as one praising the Lord (Luritja / English)

PRESIDENT'S PRESENTATION

President Pastor David Altus presented his report, and thanked retiring 1st Vice President, Pastor Paul Fielke, for his work in that position.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for President Altus and the District Office staff.

NOMINATIONS FOR POSITION OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The nominations for position of 2nd Vice President were read. Pastor Stephen Trautwein, Pastor Michael Lockwood and Pastor James Winderlich were nominated.

4.11 AFFIRMATION OF TERTIARY MINISTRY

THE PROPOSAL WAS LIFTED FROM THE TABLE

WHEREAS the LCA SA/NT District has supported tertiary chaplaincy since its inception; and whereas other Christian denominations no longer support tertiary chaplaincy on the majority of campuses in the District: the need for tertiary chaplaincy is as great as ever and therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED that the LCA SA/NT District reaffirms its support of frontline tertiary ministry through ongoing finance for a full time ordained chaplain.

THIS PROPOSAL in the following amended form was LOST.

THAT the LCA SA/NT District reaffirms its support of frontline tertiary ministry through ongoing finance for a full time ordained chaplain *until the 46th synodical convention of the LCA SA/NT District.*

RESOLVED THAT the LCA SA/NT District reaffirms its support of frontline tertiary ministry through ongoing finance for a full time ordained chaplain.

4.3 DCC PROPOSAL FOR A DEPARTMENT FOR CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

THE PROPOSAL WAS LIFTED FROM THE TABLE

RESOLVED THAT this Convention affirm the decision of the District Church Council of the SA/NT District of the LCA to form one new chaplaincy department called the Department for Chaplaincy Ministries with a Director to resource and oversee the department.

FINANCE REPORT

Mark Schwarz, District Finance Consultant, presented the finance report for 2011-12.

ELECTION FOR POSITION OF 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

The ballot was taken.

NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

The first reading of nominations was read.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE

Director of Lutheran Community Care, Helen Lockwood, and members of Lutheran Community Care, Alice Springs, made a presentation on behalf of Lutheran Community Care.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for Helen Lockwood and the staff and mission of Lutheran Community Care.

AFTERNOON TEA

3.50pm – 4.00pm

LATE AFTERNOON SESSION

4:00pm

CHAIRPERSON

Steven Thomas

STRETCH AND SING

When love comes to life.

DECLARATION OF ELECTION OF 2nd VICE PRESIDENT

Pastor James Winderlich was declared elected as 2nd Vice-President of the LCA SA/NT District.

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

The first reading of nominations was read.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: PORT LINCOLN

Mark Thiel made a presentation on the work of AbMinSA in Port Lincoln.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for Mark Thiel and the work of AbMinSA in Port Lincoln.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: AGED CARE COUNCIL

Ruth Pedler made the presentation on behalf of Matthew Johns.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for Ruth Pedler and the work of the Aged Care Council.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: ABMINSA & GAMA

Pastor Robert Schubert and Pastor Edmund Bilney made a presentation on the work of AbMinSA and the Greater Adelaide Metropolitan Area.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for Pastor Edmund Bilney and the work of AbMinSA & GAMA.

4.4 ABORIGINAL MINISTRY

RESOLVED THAT

- a. The SA/NT District continues to support Aboriginal ministry in our District.
- b. Over the next 2 years, congregations discuss how they might become more involved in Aboriginal ministry in the District.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA PRESENTATION

General President Pastor Dr Michael Semmler made the presentation with members from departments of the Church:

Pastor John Henderson, ALC Principal; James Doecke, Lay Ministry Director; Glenice Hartwich, Board for Mission Project Officer; Jonathan Krause, ALWS; Pastor Richard Fox, Lutheran Media Director; Andrew Waldhuter, LLL Promotions Officer.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for Pastor Dr Michael Semmler and the LCA representatives.

CLOSING DEVOTION

Paul Traeger led Convention in a devotion based on Ezekiel 2:1-5, and concluded with the singing of 'Wind is moving over water' (Luritja / English).

MUSICAL PRESENTATIONS

Musical presentations were made by the Hermannsburg Ladies Choir, the Areyonga Choir and the Mission Block Choir.

Day Session closed 6:50pm

DINNER

6.50pm

Grace was led by Pastor Paul Fielke.

EVENING SESSION

7.30pm

Allison Anderson, Member for MacDonnell, addressed convention about the role of the Church in Central Australia.

Musical presentations were made by the Hermannsburg Ladies Choir, the Areyonga Choir and the Mission Block Choir.

CLOSE

The session was closed in song at 8.30pm.

SUNDAY 8 JULY, 2012

EARLY MORNING SESSION

8.45am

SYNOD WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Liturgist:	Pastor David Kuss
Preacher:	Pastor Paul Fielke 1 Peter 2:9-10
Presiding Minister:	President Pastor David Altus
Readings:	Psalm 46 (sung by choir) Ezekiel 2:1-5 2 Cor 12:2-12 Mark 6:1-13 (Arrarnta / English)
Songs and Hymns:	O Morning Star (Arrarnta / English) Where love comes to life Hosianna (Arrarnta / English) Because we bear your name (Luritja / English) Kumbaya (Arrarnta / English) Tjungkuringkulala (Luritja) Wind is moving over water (Luritja / English) Father bless us as we go (English / Pitjantjatjara / Arrarnta)
Music:	Alice Springs Lutheran Church Band Pastor Basil Schild Pastor Adrian Kitson
Offering:	Aboriginal Ministry of LCA SA/NT District

MORNING TEA

10.40am – 11.05am

LATE MORNING SESSION

11.05am

CHAIRPERSON

Steven Thomas

Chairperson acknowledged that Convention is meeting on the land of the Central Arrarnta people.

NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

The second reading of nominations was read.

APPOINTMENTS

The following two appointments were confirmed:
Mel Zerner as District Church Council representative to the General Church Council.
Mark Schwarz as the District Finance Consultant.

BALLOT FOR DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

Ballot papers for the election of Pastor members were distributed.

NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES

The second reading of nominations was read.

ELECTION OF LAY MEMBERS OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Declared elected unopposed: Judith Jaensch, Sharyn Mooney, Mel Zerner, Craig Hall, Johanna Pietsch.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Declared elected unopposed:

ABORIGINAL MINISTRY SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Pastor Robert Schubert, Margaret Hunt, Anthony Rathjen, Sandra Hein, Shona Reid, Ivan Christian

CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Pastor Robert Sellars, Roger Collins, Bruce Evans, Gilbert Materne, Leon Zander, George Scherer

AGED CARE COUNCIL

Pastor Timothy Kowald, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Felicity Hage, Matt Johns

RIVERVIEW LUTHERAN REST HOME COMMITTEE, LOXTON

Pastor Darrin Kohrt, Lorna Auricht, Anne Battams, Ramon Edwards, Lorraine Fielke, Dawn Schwarz, Michael Zeppel

TANUNDA LUTHERAN HOME INC.

Pastor Max Stollznow, James Bartsch, Kathryn Hampel, Beryl Lindner, David Lykke, Dennis Noack, Raymond Obst, Christopher Pfeiffer, Nicholas Schuster

COUNCIL FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Pastor Philip Joppich, Pastor Benjamin Pfeiffer, Andrea Bowden, Tim Eckert, Kelly Kerber, Lauren Spilsbury, Garth Calder

LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CARE COUNCIL

Pastor Malcolm Pech, Jennifer Dickson, Nicholas Heyne, John Munchenberg, Josephine Monk, Simon Rodger

CONCORDIA COLLEGE COUNCIL

Pastor Dennis Obst, Graham Ottens, Ruth Beach

IMMANUEL COLLEGE COUNCIL

Pastor Peter Faggotter, David Thomas, Paul Weinert, David Zweck

COUNCIL FOR MISSION

Pastor Kevin Wood, Pastor Wayne Boehm, Colleen Andretzke, Dennis Canute

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pastor Mark Kaesler, Pastor Rodger Russ, Ruth Oestmann, Daniel Perkins, Eric Schubert

TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS MINISTRY COMMITTEE

Pastor Detlev Vosgerau, Pastor Ian Lutze, Karen Tromans, Ren Fairclough, Nathan Wessling, Anna Kleinig, Cathy Clark

4.6 MINISTRY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES

To acknowledge and work with the urgent mission field that is ministry to children, youth, young adults and families.

RESOLVED THAT

Synod encourages its congregations, schools, community care and other agencies to:

- Seek God's guidance;
- Actively encourage young adults to hold positions on church boards, councils, committees and make sure their opinions and thoughts are valued, respected and considered;
- Give funding priority to the ministry and mission of children, youth, young adults and families;
- Place high value on connecting young people into the faith community through: use of technology and social media, the promotion of CLW camps and events, and follow-up of young people after events;
- Consider ministry to young adults as equally important as ministry to parents and young children, and a vital part of the mission of the church

FOCUSING AND ENCOURAGING MISSION PRESENTATION

Dr Steen Olsen and Pastor David Altus introduced and explained the booklet: Focusing and Encouraging Mission.

4.5 FOCUSING & ENCOURAGING MISSION STUDIES

RESOLVED THAT Synod

1. endorse the study series *Focusing & Encouraging Mission*;
2. encourage its congregations, schools, aged care facilities and other missions, ministries and agencies to take up the studies in appropriate groups; and
3. request the groups to send the feedback to the district office so it can be collated and shared with the Church.

4.7 PARTICIPATION AND SERVICE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

RESOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING AMENDED FORM THAT the parishes, schools, and agencies of the SA-NT District of the LCA re-commit themselves to the participation and service of women in the life, worship and mission of the church.

4.12 RIVERVIEW LUTHERAN REST HOME COMMITTEE

RESOLVED THAT PROPOSAL 4.12, which was omitted from the Book of Reports, be included on the agenda.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: PSU, CHILDSAFE AND SAFEPLACE

Judi Sykes, Director of Administration, and members of District staff made the presentation.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Director Fiona Weckert and members of Children Youth and Family Ministry made the presentation.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for the work of Children, Youth and Family Ministry.

TABLE GRACE

Pastor David Kuss and Pastor Tim Klein led 'Be present at our table Lord'.

LUNCH

12.40-1.30pm

AFTERNOON SESSION

1.30pm

CHAIRPERSON

Steven Thomas

SYNOD OFFERING

Chairman Steven Thomas announced the Synod Offering was \$15,319.00.

ELECTION OF PASTOR MEMBERS OF DISTRICT CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastor Stephen Trautwein, Pastor Allan Wain and Pastor Eugene Minge were declared elected.

MISSION STIMULUS GRANT

Dr Steen Olsen, District Director for Mission, and President Pastor David Altus announced the winner of the LLL Mission Stimulus Grant as Bethany Lutheran Church's "Godly Play" ministry to families with young children.

Andrew Waldhuter, Lutheran Laypeople's League Promotions Officer presented a cheque for \$20,000 to the Chairman of the Bethany congregation.

President Altus prayed for the Bethany / Tabor parish as they use this grant.

LOCAL PRESENTATION

Wayne Kraft made a presentation "Where to go with Krafty".

CONSTITUTION

4.8 WHEREAS the current Section XI. - DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT is not in conformity with the Model Constitution for a District as provided for in the Constitution of the Church as amended by the Synod of the Church in October 2003, and which Districts are required to follow

BE IT RESOLVED that the current Section XI. – DISSOLUTION OF A DISTRICT as follows:

SECTION XI. – DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT

If any change to the number or boundaries of Districts has been approved by both the General Synod of the Church and the Synod of the District(s) concerned, each shall take any steps required to implement such change, including making any changes required to incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act 1985 or other relevant legislation.

Any decision for dissolution, or for the amalgamation of the District with one or more other Districts, shall be made in accordance with the following procedure:

- (1) Notice of a proposed special resolution to dissolve the District or amalgamate with one or more other Districts (the proposal) shall be given to the delegates to the District Synod in writing not less than four weeks before a convention of the District. Any such proposal must address the use and disposal of all the District's real and personal property, and, where relevant, the proposed rules of the amalgamated Association.
- (2) A copy of the notice shall be forwarded to the General Synod of the Church at the same time that it is given to delegates.
- (3) The special resolution, which must address the matters referred to in sub-clause (1) above, must be passed at a duly constituted District Synod, by a majority of not less than three quarters of those who are delegates of the District Synod.
- (4) The District Synod shall advise the General Synod of the Church of the resolution passed, as soon as practicable.
- (5) The District Synod shall take all steps required to implement the special resolution, including the making of changes required to incorporation under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985 (SA)* and/or other relevant legislation.
- (6) Such a resolution will come into operation when all changes required to incorporation by the *Associations Incorporation Act 1985* and/or other relevant legislation come into operation.

be replaced by the Article provided in the Minutes of Synod 2003, pages 34,35 as follows:

Article XI. DISSOLUTION

1. For dissolution initiated by
 - a) the Church: The Church in consultation with the District Church Council and/or its Synod shall outline the reasons and purposes for such a proposal to a General Synod for approval.
 - b) the District: The District through its Synod shall outline the reasons and purposes for its dissolution to the General Church Council. Upon agreement, the General Church Council shall present a proposal and subject to the agreement as required in the Constitution of the Church, Article IX. 1, submit the proposal to a General Synod for approval.
2. Any resolution for dissolution shall be made according to the following procedure:
 - (1) Notice of a motion to dissolve the District shall be given to the delegates of the General Synod.
 - (2) At least thirty [30] days written notice of a General Synod, specifying the intention to dissolve as a special motion, shall be given to the delegates of the General Synod.
 - (3) The motion must be passed at a duly constituted General Synod by a majority of three-quarters of all the registered delegates of the General Synod.
3. In the event of such dissolution, the District shall recommend to General Synod the use or disposal of the assets.

THE PROPOSAL WAS TABLED.

4.9 WHEREAS the Church has determined at Synod 2009 that the whole of Section VII C Procedure in Transacting Business of the By-laws of the Church be included in the Constitution of the Church, By-laws Part A of the Districts, BE IT RESOLVED that the current parts 3 and 4 in the By-laws Part A, Section VII The Synod be renumbered 4 and 5, and that a new clause 3 be added as provided by Resolution 39 in the Minutes of Synod 2009, page 36 as follows:

Procedure In Transacting Business

3.
 - (1) The business of a convention of the District Synod shall be chaired by the President, or at the President's request, the Vice-President. If they are unable to act, the convention shall elect its own Chairperson.
 - (2) The Chairperson shall ensure that a quorum is present at all times.
 - (3) In addition to the voting members and the consultants, the right to speak may be exercised by recognised official visitors, by any additional members of the teaching staff of Australian Lutheran College present, and, when the reports of a board are before the convention, by any member of the respective board. Any other member of the District present who desires to speak may do so at the discretion of the Chairperson.
 - (4) Persons entitled to speak and desiring to exercise such right shall ask for the floor by raising their hand or otherwise indicating to the Chairperson their desire to speak, and when called upon to speak they shall stand and address themselves to the chair. No interruption to speech shall be permitted, except upon a question of order.
 - (5) All proposals on the Agenda shall be placed before the convention for discussion and decision, unless withdrawn.
 - (6) All reports published in the official book of reports or in supplements thereto shall be regarded as received by the convention by virtue of that fact.
 - (7) A motion or amendment, including any proposal stemming from the reports of councils or boards, may be discussed and voted on only after it has been moved and seconded by a delegate.

- (8) At the request of the mover and seconder, and with the consent of the convention, a motion or an amendment may be withdrawn.
- (9) A proposal which has not been moved may be withdrawn by the body from which it originated. A proposal which has been printed in the agenda of the convention, but which has not been moved, may be withdrawn by the body from which it originated, with the consent of the convention.
- (10) Only one amendment to a motion shall be before the chair at any time. After the same has been agreed to or rejected another amendment may be moved. Notice of further amendment may be given at any time.
- (11) Every amendment shall be relevant to the motion to which it refers.
- (12) Proposers of amendments and of any motions not previously printed shall submit them to the Chairperson in writing either in advance, whenever possible, or when requested to do so by the Chairperson.
- (13) Those taking part in a debate shall be limited to one [1] speech on a motion or amendment, except to clear up misunderstanding or in exercising the right of reply, or except the meeting grant permission.
- (14) A right of reply is only allowed to the mover of the original motion. It concludes the debate unless there are one or more amendments, in which case it may be exercised at the conclusion of the debate on the first amendment.
- (15) Seconded amendments are new questions and persons who have spoken to the motion shall be permitted to speak again.
- (16) The mover of any motion shall be permitted to speak for five [5] minutes, and three [3] minutes shall be the limit for all other speakers unless a resolution granting extension of time be granted by the convention.
- (17) The Chairperson shall give ample opportunity for speakers for and against a motion or an amendment to be heard. If there are no speakers against it shall be put without right of reply.
- (18) As a general rule motions and amendments shall be read before a vote is taken, and the Chairperson shall if necessary briefly explain their meaning.
- (19) No motion may be brought forward which is the same in substance as a matter which has already been resolved by the convention unless a motion calling for a reconsideration of the matter previously decided is moved and seconded by persons who voted with the majority when the matter was originally put. If the motion to reconsider is carried the previous vote is thereby cancelled, and the original motion is again before the convention in the form in which it was put to the vote. A matter may be reconsidered only once at the same convention.
- (20) A motion shall be decided by a show of hands unless a ballot is required by the Chairperson or demanded by a delegate and granted by resolution of the convention. In the event of a disagreement as to the result of the vote, a recount or second vote may be demanded.
- (21) If in the opinion of any delegate an irregularity of procedure occurs the delegate may immediately without asking permission from the chair rise to a 'point of order' and shall be heard forthwith. The delegate shall explain the point of order clearly and briefly without introducing new matter. The Chairperson shall decide either to uphold or disallow the point raised, and it shall not be debated unless an appeal be made against the ruling of the Chairperson.

- (22) Deference shall be paid to the Chairperson's authority. All present shall be seated whenever the Chairperson rises to speak, and the Chairperson shall be heard without interruption, except when a point of order is raised.
- (23) The Chairperson may call attention to continued irrelevance or tedious repetition on the part of a speaker, and may direct the speaker to cease speaking.
- (24) If disorder should arise the Chairperson may announce an adjournment of the convention and leave the chair, and by that action the convention is immediately adjourned for a period that shall not exceed one-half hour.
- (25) The Chairperson may speak briefly for the purpose of giving some desired or necessary information. If, however, the Chairperson wishes to take an active part in a debate, a Vice-President or some other appointed person shall take the chair.
- (26) (1) Unless otherwise stipulated, a majority of those delegates voting shall decide the motion, and in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairperson shall in addition to a deliberative vote have a casting vote, or refer the motion for further discussion.
- (2) A non-delegate chairperson has neither a deliberative nor a casting vote at a District Convention of Synod. Only the President or Vice-President acting as Chairperson has the right to exercise a casting vote.
- (27) No formal motion may be moved or seconded by anyone who has moved, seconded or spoken to the motion or any amendment. The following formal motions may be moved and seconded and are not debatable:
- (a) A motion may be superseded for that particular convention by the acceptance of either of the following motions:
 'That the debate be adjourned';
 'That Synod proceed to the next business'.
- (b) A motion may be superseded for the time being by the motion 'That the question lie on the table'. There can be a subsequent motion either at the same or a later convention to take the motion from the table.
- (c) The convention may be adjourned by the motion 'That the convention adjourn'. Debate may take place if the motion or amendment states time, date and place of the adjourned convention.
- (d) Debate on a motion or an amendment may be closed by the motion 'That the motion be now put'. If in the opinion of the Chairperson the motion has not been sufficiently discussed, such motion may be refused.
- (28) [This clause of the By-laws of the Church is not applicable to the District.]
- (29) Any of the By-laws in Section VII. 3. may, if the need arises, be suspended in respect to any business of the convention by a two-thirds majority of those delegates present.
- (30) Any motions coming before the convention may be referred by the Executive of the District Church Council prior to the sessions, or by the convention during the sessions, for study and for report to the convention.
- (31) All proceedings shall be entered into a minute book, with the exception of unseconded motions or amendments.
- (32) The District shall not be bound by any statements or plans contained in a report, but only by specific resolutions on matters arising from such report and carried by the District Synod.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in view of the first part of this resolution By-laws Part B, Section VII The Synod be amended to remove the heading C. Procedure in Transacting Business, including all its parts and that the subsequent parts D and E be renumbered C and D.

THE PROPOSAL WAS TABLED.

4.10 WHEREAS the Church has determined at Synod 2009 in Minute 36, pages 28-31, as follows: RESOLVED that the terms used in reference to voting in the Constitution of the Church, Districts and the various models be amended as follows (words to be removed – strike through; words to be added – bold).

BE IT RESOLVED that as a consequence, amendments be made to the Constitution and Bylaws of the District as follows:

- (1) Constitution Article XII. By-laws
 3. Where a convention determines, without prior notice on the agenda of a ~~proposal~~ **motion** to amend, alter, add to or repeal a By-law, to deal with any such matter, the President has absolute discretion to defer consideration thereof and voting thereon until the next day.

- (2) Constitution Article XIII. Alterations to the Constitution
 2. Notice of any **motion to** ~~amendment, alteration, addition to~~ or repeal **any of the rules** shall be given on the agenda of the convention, and any such ~~petition~~ **motion** shall require a two-thirds majority of ~~the total number eligible to vote according to Article VII.2. of the Constitution~~ **all the registered delegates at the Convention**, unless the ~~petition~~ **motion** relates to an amendment, alteration, addition or repeal already approved or recommended by General Synod or General Church Council of the Church, in which case the ~~petition~~ **motion** shall require a majority of those voting.

- (3) By-laws Section IV. Membership - Withdrawal from Membership
 1. A congregation may withdraw from membership in the Church by adopting the following procedure:
 - (1) The resolution **of a congregation** indicating desire to withdraw must be adopted at a legally constituted meeting of the congregation by a two-thirds majority of **all the voting members of the Congregation**, and shall be submitted to the President of the District within fourteen [14] days of adoption.
 - (2) The President of the District or the President's appointed representative shall negotiate with the congregation for at least ninety [90] days after receipt of the resolution.
 - (3) After such negotiation the formal and final vote shall be taken at a legally constituted meeting of the congregation, the purpose of which has been published and at which the President of the District or the President's representative shall be present.
 - (4) ~~If the vote~~ **The final motion** to withdraw **shall require a majority of two-thirds of all the voting members of the Congregation. If it is resolved** in the affirmative, a copy of the resolution shall be forwarded to the President of the District, and upon its receipt the membership of the congregation in the Church shall terminate. The President shall forward notice of withdrawal to the Secretary of the Church, who shall publish it in the official publication of the Church.

- (4) By-laws Section VII. The Synod (**Note: This is currently clause 4 prior to renumbering**)
 5. The method of electing the President and thereafter in their order the Vice-Presidents of the District shall be as follows:
 - (1) The names of the nominees of the Pastors' Conference shall be submitted to the convention of the Synod at which such elections are to take place, and shall stand as the list of nominees unless the

convention determines by resolution after the reading of the relevant nominations that additional nomination or nominations may be made. For inclusion on the list each proposed additional nomination shall separately require ~~the a~~ majority approval of ~~the those~~ district delegates present, the vote being taken by show of hands.

THE PROPOSAL WAS TABLED.

4.12 RIVERVIEW LUTHERAN REST HOME COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitution be changed from 2 non-Lutherans to 'the majority of Board Members to be Lutheran with the minority being elected from members of mainstream Christian Churches'.

THIS PROPOSAL WAS REFERRED TO THE AGED CARE COUNCIL AND THE CONSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE.

STRETCH AND SING

Thuma mina (Luritja / English)

DARWIN PRESENTATION: CHURCH LIFE IN THE TOP END

A slideshow "Church Life in the Top End" was shown.

SYNOD SONG COMPETITION

Pastor Tim Klein and Pastor Tim Koch announced the results of the Synod Song Competition. Pastor Adrian Kitson's song "Where love comes to life" was declared the winner and awarded a prize of \$500. The two runner-up songs were announced: "Love comes to life" by Jamie Fewster, and "The Greatest Comfort" by Breeanna Witmitz. The two runners-up were awarded \$250 each.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: TERTIARY MINISTRY

Victoria Coxhill, President of Lutheran Student Fellowship, Cameron Seidel, Pastor Michael Pietsch and Pastor Ian Lutze made a presentation about tertiary life and ministry to tertiary students.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for those involved in Tertiary Ministry.

DISTRICT PRESENTATION: LUTHERAN DISABILITY SERVICES

Janine Lenigas, CEO of Lutheran Disability Services, made a presentation about Lutheran Disability Services.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for this work.

PRESENTATION: YALATA / CEDUNA COMMUNITIES

Pastor Robert Schubert and Mark Thiel made a presentation about ministry in the Yalata / Ceduna communities.

Prayer: Pastor David Kuss prayed for all who travel in their work and generally.

CONSTITUTION

RESOLVED THAT PROPOSALS 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 BE LIFTED FROM THE TABLE

RESOLVED PROPOSALS 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 BE REFERRED to the General and District Constitutions Committees and the General and District Church Councils.

RESOLVED THAT any further issues surrounding motions 4.8, 4.9, 4.10 be referred to the District Constitutions Committee, the Standing Committee on Constitutions of the Church, The District Church Council and the General Church Council in order to investigate any further matters that may affect constitutional requirements.

FINANCE REPORT

District Finance Consultant Mark Schwarz presented the finance report and budget.

RESOLVED THAT Convention direct DCC to consider the challenges in the finance report and report to Synod.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE SA/NT DISTRICT INC. 2011 WERE ADOPTED.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE HOLIDING COMPANY WERE RECEIVED.

THE 2013 BUDGET WITH A DEFICIT OF \$157,210 WAS ADOPTED.

Prayer: Pastor David Altus, President, prayed for Mark Schwarz.

REPORTS

All reports in the Book of Reports were regarded as having been received according to the Rules for Transacting Business, page 4 of the Book of Reports.

VOTE OF THANKS

Chairman Steven Thomas offered thanks to District Director of Administration Judi Sykes. Nevin Nitschke, District Mission Facilitator, proposed the vote of thanks to the Alice Springs church, to the indigenous Christians of the Centre, Chairman Steven Thomas, Pastor Basil Schild and musicians, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College, President Pastor David Altus and all who contributed to the 2012 Convention.

The vote was affirmed with acclamation.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION

The next Convention of Synod is planned for 2 – 4 May, 2014, at Endeavour College, Mawson Lakes, South Australia.

CLOSING SERVICE

4.00pm

Leader:	Pastor Tim Klein & Pastor Simon Dixon
Preacher:	Pastor Tim Klein
Sermon Text:	Matthew 25:34-40
Hymns / Songs	Love divine, all loves excelling (Luritja / English) His love overflows Now thank we all our God (Luritja / English)

Installation of District Church Council

Pastor David Altus, President, installed and blessed the members of District Church Council.

CLOSE OF CONVENTION

Pastor David Altus, President, declared the 45th Synodical Convention closed at 4.30pm.