

WA DISTRICT SYNOD—‘CERTAIN IN CHRIST, BOLD IN ACTION’

By Karen Crouch

Excerpts from the Popular Report

Held at Bethlehem Morley in March

The whole weekend; we were blessed to have great singing lead by fantastic musicians and singers. The theme song “O Church Arise” was a stirring call to action to put our armour on and heed the call of Christ our captain; we sang this a few times over the weekend and got better at it each time.

Hope is built on the confidence we have in Jesus which leads us to boldness. We are bold in the knowledge that God helps us get up when we fail. We need to face challenges with boldness not fear as there is nothing to fear in the way of grace. Not everything we try, personally or as church, will work but we need not fear.

Bishop Mike challenged us with the question “What is to stop us from being bold?”

Grab the full report from the link below:

<https://www.esbconsult.com/lcawanews/ConventionPopularReport2019.pdf>



Bishop Mike Fulwood with Martin Luther in 2 sizes

See all the photos at these links:

Colour PDF—49MB (warning)

<https://www.esbconsult.com/lcawanews/Synod2019Photos-Colour.pdf>

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Pastor Matthew
Bishop leads
worship on Sunday
morning

ST PAUL'S MORAWA CLOSES

Summary from local paper report

About 100 people attended the closing service at St Paul's Lutheran Church in April 2019.

Pastor Matt Bishop, the nephew of Pastor Paul Zweck, who laid the foundation stone in 1958, reminded the congregation that a lot had been achieved in the past 60 years and nothing that is done for the Lord is done in vain.

Bible readings were presented by Graeme Lienert, the son of a former pastor and Terry Sellner, the son of a founding member.

Many of the sacred items from the building will be donated to a church in central Australia.

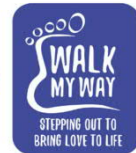
To see all the great photos of this event, use the link below:

sunsetoverafrica.wixsite.com/morawalutheranch/photos-7-april-19-morawa



100 KMS FOR 100 KIDS

Taken from St John's Contact and LCA website



While most Walk My Way participants found treading one course in the ALWS community event enough of a challenge, St Johns Perth's Pastor Peter Hage now has three such treks of more than 25 kilometres under his soles – and is eyeing off a fourth, all in the name of supporting refugee children to go to school.

Pastor Peter, who is also chair of the ALWS Board of Directors, on Saturday joined 47 other registered walkers in the 25-kilometre Western Australia event from Warnbro to San Remo in Perth's southern suburbs, having completed the 26-kilometre Pioneer Women's Trail through the Adelaide Hills only two weeks before.

He is now keen to take on the 25-kilometre Sunshine Coast Walk My Way course on 4 August. Add that to the fact he did the Perth course prior to the official walk as part of the event's risk assessment, and he's looking at walking 100 kilometres to match the 100 children his fundraising efforts will help send to school. Every \$26 raised helps to support one child living in refugee camps in Kenya and Djibouti in Africa to go to school for one year.

Pastor Peter said he understood some people would think he was 'a glutton for punishment' for doing more than one Walk My Way. 'My

goal was to raise enough to support 100 children to go to school – and I reached that on the Friday evening before the (Perth) walk', he said. 'It was a joy to participate with the big group in Adelaide and again here in Perth. I wanted to raise money for 100 children, so perhaps I should walk 100 kilometres to do it!' As of 30 April, Western Australian Walk My Way participants had raised \$21,425 for the cause, part of an overall total of \$164,755 raised by more than 450 walkers including people in Northern Territory and Victoria – which will support education needs for 6336 children.

In addition to Pastor Peter, three other pastors took up the challenge in Perth: Western Australia District Bishop Mike Fulwood, Pastor Matt Bishop and Pastor Andre Meyer. Between them, they have raised \$8487 to date. Participants in the latest walk ranged in age from their 80s to toddlers, while more than 20 volunteers helped in a variety of ways, including preparing and serving food, marshalling and giving directions, first aid and bus driving.

It's not too late to donate.

Go to <https://walkmyway.org.au/donate>



Above is the team of WA walkers posted on Facebook by Bishop Mike.

Kirra Lewis from ALWS shared some important numbers about the WA effort

- ✝ total WA Walkers: 49
- ✝ money raised: \$25,153
- ✝ refugee children who can now go to school: 967

Awesome
effort WA
Love coming
to life

Day 1

Big day as delegates, visitors, and guests from the LCA churchwide office gathered in Morley for the convention.

Our theme, "Certain in Christ, Bold in Action" has been central to our worship time. Hope in Christ is based on the certain promises of God. Certain of grace we can act without fear and in boldness.

Check out the theme song of convention here : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZmS81yLjMg>

Synod resolved to continue with a half time District Bishop after hearing reports of the increased effectiveness of the role under this model.

An updated constitution was adopted. Changes were made to comply with updates to the Incorporations Acts for WA and changes in the LCA model constitution.

Young people from Manuela Scharlach (Parkwood), Erin Geurds-Cook (Rockingham) and Eden Bishop (Morley) reported on their Grow Leadership experiences.

Obang Girma reported on his work in translating Bible based literacy material into his native tongue with the support of Duncraig Lutheran Church.

Delegates have been encouraged by reports of our common work in the LCA in areas as diverse as Aged Care, International Mission, Children and Youth Ministry, New and Renewing Churches.

Francois Pienaar was introduced as the new principal of Living Waters Lutheran College and shared his vision for the school.

Day 2

Elected to serve the District for the Synodical Term were :

- ✚ Bishop - Mike Fulwood
- ✚ Assistant Bishop - Peter Hage
- ✚ Secretary - Tracy Adams
- ✚ Treasurer - Lester Dreckow
- ✚ DCC Members - Chris Antonini, Graeme Lienert, Keri Manuel

We welcome a number of new DCC members (Tracy, Keri and Chris) to the team for the first time. Thanks for your willingness to serve.

The convention also farewelled with thanks four retiring DCC members - Fred Kroeger,

Volker Hopfmueller, Monika Tropiano and Simon Pfitzner. Together they totalled 38 years of service on the DCC.

The District budget for 2019/2020 (July to June) was approved.

Highlights of the budget were -

- ✚ Increased income from fundraising (\$8000 from the Bishop's Reserve wine fundraiser)
- ✚ Faith for the Future project contributing a gift of \$10,000 per year to District income (thanks St Johns Perth)
- ✚ An overall reduction in staffing expenditure to reflect District needs
- ✚ PA assistance for the bishop reduced
- ✚ Increase to LYWA Support worker funding

All this led to a final budget that keeps the income required from congregations at the same level as 2018/2019 budget.

New Professional Standards Officer for WA District Bill Mansas was introduced to the Convention and installed to his role. Bill replaces Monika Tropiano in this position and will be working with congregations to continue to make our congregations Safe Places.

The District will continue to employ a half time Bishop and half time Locum Pastor. The placement of the locum role will be determined by DCC after consultation with congregations. St Luke's Parkwood has indicated its desire to continue to host this role.

Synod concluded with a rousing closing worship.

The theme of Synod "Certain in Christ, Bold in Action" can inspire our work in this current Synodical term. Because of the promises of God and our certainty in his grace in Christ we have every reason to be bold in action-loving, witnessing and serving.

Thanks once more to our hosts Bethlehem, Morley who provided an exceptionally well organised venue, delicious food and warm hospitality all weekend.

Thanks to Pastor Matt and Serica who were at the pointy end of the team - please pass on our thanks to your team.

Thanks also to the church family at St Luke's Parkwood who hosted Saturday night's Synod Dinner. Great evening, great team.

LWWA 50TH JUBILEE CONVENTION

By Jenny Forrest

Around 120 women, men, Pastors, Bishops and visitors attended the 50th LWWA JUBILEE CONVENTION at Bethlehem Morley Lutheran Church on May 4th 2019.

The theme was "Women in Faith through the generations". Ephesians 3: 20-21

It turned into a beautiful day weather wise after an early shower. Everyone was greeted by the committee with a little golden pack containing a golden biro, and a survival kit for eternal life which included:

In the name of the Eternal father (a ring) and His Son Jesus Christ (empty cross) Our risen Lord (a butterfly), together with the Holy Spirit (dove magnet), we have been set free (chain), more precious than gold (a coin), I am bought at a price By His resurrection and His great love for us (a gold heart). Stay close to Him (a paper clip) and He will give you the crown of Life, (a crown). Also in the bag was a hand- made cloth carry bag in various colours made by Maureen Turner the new incoming editor of the LWM. A tract was also inserted along with a postcard that ladies could write down any memories of ladies fellowship days that they wanted to share and left in a basket for collection.

A booklet of the memories of former state presidents was a very interesting read for everyone.

The LWWA President Roslyn Zadow who was still recovering from a severe infection, so from her wheel chair welcomed everyone to convention including the Bishop John Henderson, Bishop Mike Fulwood WA , LWA President Wendy Hable and immediate past president Tuula Contarino , the deputy mayor Mr Chris Cornish of Bayswater City Council and many visitors from interstate SA, QLD and VIC and of course pastors, ladies and men from our WA fellowships totalling around 120 which is the largest gathering we have ever had.

Pastor Glenn Crouch led us in the Bible study "In the year of the Jubilee" the word Jubilee comes from the Hebrew word for the trumpet made from a ram's horn, and we shall see it blown at the start of this year. Which is supposed to occur every 50 years! The year of the Jubilee is also tied to the Sabbath Year which is tied to the Sabbath itself. The texts Exodus 20: 8-11, Deuteronomy 5:12-15, Leviticus 25:1-7 and various other Leviticus texts focused on the Sabbath and the Jubilee. Along with the third commandment

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy."

Projects for LWWA for this year are Sonshine Radio, Bible Society, Hannah Schulz Bible translator and Adult and Teen Challenge.

Collection for the day was split between ALWs and ALC for student assistance fund.

Fellowship day will be set for Saturday August 24th 2019.

We sang a variety of songs including our theme song "the Pentecost Prayer". Then enjoyed a soup and subway lunch with much catching up. The beautiful cake was cut by Hanno Kemeny the 1st President of LWWA. Along with past presidents standing with her. There were guest speakers Suanne Tikoft- the Aboriginal Women's support worker in Alice Springs. Passing the faith through generations as spoken by Desma Kuchel, Tracey Adams and Rachel Hage. Erin Kerber from LCA international missions. Maureen Turner from LW Magazine and last of all LLL/ LTM- Marie Pawsey.

During the closing service, the incoming committee were installed by Bishop John Henderson; President Ronda Hahn, Vice-President Debbie Dreckow, Secretary Karen Crouch, assistant secretary Tracy Adams, Treasurer Angela Ziersch and the extra members Pirkko Snare and Dianne Adams. As the in memoriam was read out a large candle was lit.

Convention closed and a dinner was held later a suburb away and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Bishop John Henderson, Graeme Lienert, Wendy Hable (LWA President),
Angela Ziersch

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF WA CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

On this our Golden Jubilee
We give all glory and thanks to Thee
For fifty years of blessings and your love
For guidance and strength and favour from above

*With thankful hearts and loud voices we sing
To our Saviour, our Lord our Heavenly King*

For the strong women of faith who shared their life
For your loving protection in harm and strife
For the warmth and fellowship each woman provides
For their giving hearts and their smiles so wide

*With thankful hearts and loud voices we sing
To our Saviour, our Lord our Heavenly King*

For their faithful service to the people they meet
For the countless hours spent on stalls in the street
Their love knows no bounds as our hearts we now raise
For you are our Father who we worship and praise.

*With thankful hearts and loud voices we sing
To our Saviour, our Lord our Heavenly King'*

What Inspired Me to Write the Jubilee Poem

By Angela Ziersch

I think when I saw our now past LWWA President Ros Zadow bring out all the "Golden" bits and pieces she had gathered to go into give away bags it got me quite excited for our 50th Anniversary celebrations.

I lay in bed early one morning after my husband left for work at around 5.40am and I thought about how we could praise God and celebrate the wonderful women of WA who had served so faithfully on committees and in their parishes across the state.

Women in WA are scattered by distance but have enormous generosity and love for their Saviour and this is what inspired me the most.

God our Heavenly Father has given our WA women an extra measure of tenacity, strength, courage and faith in abundance. I greatly admire many of our WA ladies for these gifts and have close and dear friends who display these qualities each and every day.

SAVE THE DATE

2nd May 2020

LWWA Convention 2020 will be
hosted by St Paul's Lutheran
Church, Kalgoorlie-Boulder for the
very first time.

Consider a train trip or a little
caravanning holiday to the
Goldfields!



Debbie Dreckow and Karen Crouch with the 50 collage



ABOVE—Presidents over the last 50 years Ready to cut the cake
Rosemary Davidson, Jennie Edwards, Debbie Dreckow, Vera King, Desma Kuchel, Audrey Brook, Hanno Kemeny, Fay Roocke, Glenys Waldhuter, Claire Robins, Sherry Fairbairn, Roslyn Zadow

BELOW—New committee with the special anniversary banner
Debbie Dreckow, Wendy Habel (LWA President), Ronda Hahn, Karen Crouch, Tracy Adams, Pirkko Snare, Angela Ziersch



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<https://www.esbconsult.com/lcawanews/HolyLand2019.pdf>

https://www.esbconsult.com/lcawanews/Oberammergau_2020.pdf

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