

LEA national ministry conferences 2019

A conference in each region

LESNW 9-10 May 2019 | LEQ 18-19 July 2019 | LEVNT 25-26 July 2019
Faith Tanunda | ACU Brisbane | Templestowe

God talk in schools and ECSs

God talk or practical theology is at the heart of Lutheran education. It is what we do. However, with the ever-increasing diversity and complexity of societal issues, Lutheran schools and early childhood services (ECSs) can often feel challenged in knowing how to talk about God or relate theology to practice. Beginning with the topic of human sexuality, the 2019 conference will engage participants in a theological action research framework where they will have the opportunity to listen and dialogue with each other as they navigate their way through a number of societal issues. The conference will model ways we can bring together theology, beliefs and values into practice.

The conference will also launch *Connect* (previously *Pathways*) and provide professional learning for *Connect* facilitators.

This conference is for early childhood service directors, school principals, school pastors, chaplains, pastors of congregations (connected to an ECS and/or school), current and future *Connect* facilitators and all those involved in Lutheran education ministry. If you are unable to attend the conference in your region, you are encouraged to attend the conference in another region.

Program outline

[A detailed program will be sent to delegates closer to the event]

Day 1	Day 2
Sessions 9.00am – 5.00pm Prof Wendy Mayer and Rev Dr Stephen Haar will speak about action research and relate this to topical issues encountered by Lutheran schools and early childhood services 6.00pm Conference dinner	Sessions 8.30am – 4.00pm National and regional leaders will provide training for facilitators of the <i>Connect</i> program, one of the new staff formation programs being introduced in 2019.



Lutheran Education Australia is pleased to support the LEA national ministry conferences being held in 2019. I encourage ECS directors, school principals, school pastors, chaplains and pastors of congregations connected with an ECS / school to plan to attend. The aim of the conferences is to provide an opportunity for personal and professional growth and also to facilitate reflection on ministry in each participant's ECS / school. I look forward to seeing you at one of these conferences in 2019.

Assoc Prof Lisa Schmidt, LEA Executive Director

Cost

To enable as many people as possible to attend these conferences the registration cost has been set at \$250 per person excluding travel and accommodation. Financial assistance towards the cost of travel and accommodation is available for ECSs / schools requiring assistance. Please contact lea@lutheran.edu.au

Registrations

Online registrations are now available at: <http://www.lutheran.edu.au/2019-lea-national-ministry-conference-registrations/>

South Australia	Queensland	Victoria
Registrations close 26 April 2019	Registrations close 5 July 2019	Registrations close 12 July 2019

Venue

LESNW:

Venue: Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, Faith Lutheran College, Tanunda
Accommodation: Barossa Weintal, 235 Murray Street, Tanunda.
Use promo code "0905LFE" to receive a 10% discount for bookings between 8-10 May.

LEVNT:

Venue: Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe
Accommodation: Templestowe. Please email Josie Muratore (josie.muratore@levnt.edu.au) for room bookings.

LEQ:

Venue: Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane
Accommodation: Holiday Inn Express Brisbane Central is offering Lutheran Education a group rate of \$135 per room per night for the Ministry conference from 17-18 July 2019. To book [click here](#) and enter your required dates
Must be booked by 31 March 2019



Speakers



Rev Dr Stephen Haar is the Dean / Vice-Principal at Australian Lutheran College. He is the college's Senior Lecturer in Theology.

Following graduation, he was ordained at St Paul Lutheran Church, Box Hill and served for 26 years as pastor to congregations in Queensland and South Australia. From 2005 to 2006 he enjoyed a rich mix of experiences that involved studies in education, teaching in seminaries of partner churches in Indonesia and Malaysia, and being a scholar-in-residence at Luther Seminary, Minneapolis, USA. In 2007 he commenced work at Australian Lutheran College as Lecturer in New Testament and Pastoral Studies. He was appointed Academic Dean in 2008 and Dean/Vice-Principal in 2010. He is married to Janet and they have four adult children and seven grandchildren.



Professor Wendy Mayer came to ALC in 2017 to take up the new full-time position of Associate Dean for Research. She is trained as a classicist (in Greek and Latin language and literature) and gained her doctorate in Studies in Religion at University of Queensland in 1996. Since gaining her doctorate she has mostly been working with a team of researchers as they built the international reputation of the Centre for Early Christian Studies at Australian Catholic University. Her career has been research focused, and fostering and mentoring a research culture that opens up and explores questions of relevance to the contemporary world is her passion. Ask her about why history is relevant and she could talk for hours! Her latest ARC (Australian Research Council) grant (with Prof Bronwen Neil, Macquarie University; Prof Pauline Allen, ACU; and A/Prof Chris de Wet, University of South Africa) is titled: *Memories of Utopia: Destroying the Past to Create the Future (300–650 CE)*.