

A Brief report of the 39th Annual Convention & AGM of Lutheran Men of Australia South Australian District.

Held at Australian Lutheran College 104 Jeffcott Street North Adelaide
June 25th 2005

Opening Devotion by Dr. Andrew Pfeiffer, Matthew 16; 15 / 17 "Who is the SON of Man". Official Welcome by College Principal Pastor Michael Hassold who told us that the College is a School of Pastoral Education, Theology & the Education of Teachers.

L.M.A.S.A.D. President John Zadow introduced our Study Leader - L.C.A. General President Rev. Michael Semmler with the Theme being "**The Augsburg Confession**" as today is the 475th Anniversary of June 25th 1580 it is most fitting.

The Paper that President Mike handed out for discussion gave us plenty to think about, he asked questions of how much did we know about the topic. There were some revealing answers on how much we did not know (or had forgotten) he reminded us "The Augsburg Confession" along with the Book of Concord & the Creeds are the solid foundation of the Lutheran Church.



Pastor Mike Semmler
Addressing the men on the
"Augsburg Confession"

Prior to lunch John Schwerdt gave us an insight on R.E.G. & now how many Congregations are using this facility since R.E.G. was introduced 9 years ago. Regular Electronic Giving (REG) continues to grow & currently over 246 congregations across Australia are offering over \$3,500,000 annually.

Andrew Waldhuter Promotion's Officer for L.L.L. gave us details of the amount of money that is in use.

- Current deposits are approximately \$430 Million
- Current loans to approved church projects are approx. \$192 Million, of which approx. \$140 Million of these loans are with Lutheran Schools.
- Low interest LLL loans of 5% saved the LCA nearly %3.5 Million last year.
- Nearly 7.000 account holders now have access to >LLL@home<Internet access & over 200 remote (or internet) transactions are occurring daily.
- In 2003/2004 the LLL was blessed with the receipt of over \$990.000 of Legacies.

Pastor Richard Mau told us of the great outreach that the Media Ministry is to the people, through Radio, T.V. Video, & the Web Site. Radio with Face to Face, On the Spot, these go out through 200 Stations. T.V. "On Main Street" through the Australian Christian Channel, there are also Videos/DVDS. The LCA Website lca.org.au has daily Psalms & Bible Verses, Devotion, Face-to-Face news etc. Pastor Richard then invited those interested to a Tour of the Media Ministry Offices & a View of the Web Site in operation.



David Pfeiffer presenting
Pastor Richard Mau with a
Cheque from Lutheran Men
of Australia

Devotion following lunch was given by Executive Member John Seidel with a reading from Galatians 2: 11-16

President Mike then continued with paper 2 on **“The Augsburg Confession”** this led into more practical questions on the subject; the Triune God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit—the One in Three Persons God: Article 1 Original Sin Article 11. The Son of God Article 111. Justification Article 1V. The Church Article V11. Baptism Article 1X. The Holy Supper of Our Lord Article X. Repentance X11. the Use of the Sacraments Article X111. Faith and Good Works XX. If we read **“The Augsburg Confession”** booklet we can study the balance of the 28.

Perhaps we need to refresh our Hearts with these Article’s as we remember the teachings of the Church.

An Offering for LMA Projects was taken up amounting to \$392-20.

There were 48 signed up for the day & 45 remained for the AGM.

Bob Craig Secretary L.M.A.S.A.D.