THEME: Relationships, Relationships, Relationships

Relationships are crucial to the mission and ministry of Lutheran education. Relationships are difficult to develop if we don’t understand each other. Mark McCrindle will help us gain a deeper insight of youth culture. Dean Eaton will help us understand what it means to be on mission with God in this current cultural setting. This will then lead in to a discussion on why and how we worship in the current climate.

This conference is for early childhood service directors, school principals, school pastors, chaplains, pastors of congregations (connected to an ECS and/or school) 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.

To minimise cost and maximise attendance the one conference is being held in each of the three regions

LEA national ministry conferences 2017
A conference in each region

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Day 1
9:00am Registration
9:30am Welcome to country and opening devotion
10:00am Mark McCrindle part 1
11:00am Morning tea
11:30am Mark McCrindle part 2
12:30am Lunch
1:30pm LOVE LIFE – seeing and being on mission with God
Dean Eaton
3:30pm Afternoon tea
4:00pm Growing deep [stories from the coalface]
Staff growing deeper [accreditation: looking for your advice on shaping formation programs]
5:00pm Conclude
5:30pm Pre dinner drinks & nibbles
6:00pm Dinner

Day 2
8:30am Opening devotion
9:00am LOVE LIFE – growing deeper in your mission with God
Dean Eaton
11:00am Why worship in a Lutheran ECS / school?
LCA Bishop John Henderson
1:15pm Worship in Lutheran ECSs / schools – sharing of ideas
Anne Dohnt – LEA Director of Formation
Stuart Traeger – LSA Spiritual & Cultural Leader
3:30pm Conclude

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 the LEA Executive Director (LEADirector@lutheran.edu.au)

Registration:
Queensland
Registrations close 13 Jan
South Australia
Registrations close 10 Feb
Victoria
Registrations close 21 Apr

Accommodation: Reasonably priced accommodation options are detailed on the following page.

Lutheran Education Australia is pleased to support the LEA national ministry conferences being held in 2017. 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 self-reflection and also to facilitate reflection on ministry in each participant’s ECS / school.

Many students, families and staff come from non-faith backgrounds and may experience Lutheran ECSs / schools as their first and/or primary expression of ‘church’. Ministry personnel in each school need to have a clear definition of what ‘church’ looks like in their context, how it functions and what it can provide spiritually and structurally to the ECS / school community.

I look forward to seeing you at one of these conferences in 2017

Stephen Rudolph – LEA Executive Director
Mark McCrindle is an award-winning social researcher, best-selling author, and influential thought leader, and he is regularly commissioned to deliver strategy and advice to the boards and executive committees of some of Australia’s leading organisations.

Mark will give a bird’s eye view on the changing nature of spirituality and dominant social themes within Australian society which may influence how we approach mission in Australian schools. This will enable us to explore our mission concepts.

Dean Eaton is Lutheran Church of Australia Church Planting Mentor and Mission Facilitator. He is a former senior lecturer and principal of Tabor Adelaide. He has lead twenty two new church plants in Australia and Japan. He enjoys kayaking and producing music.

LOVE LIFE – seeing and being on mission with God

The LEA Growing Deep leadership and formation framework describes the foundation of Lutheran education. In this session Dean Eaton will explore the following aspects of the Lutheran lens.

- Lutheran schools and early childhood services, as part of the mission of the Lutheran church, are communities of worship and service, sharing and living the good news of Jesus Christ
- Lutheran schools and early childhood services are communities that recognise that God has intentionally created each person and that each person is uniquely gifted to live in relationship with God and others

This workshop will provide participants with an integrated knowledge of how missional communities can maintain or birth new congregations in the context of a Lutheran ECS / school.

LOVE LIFE – growing deeper in your mission with God

In this session Dean Eaton will explore the various missional methodologies and contemporary case studies in light of these aspects of the Lutheran lens.

- Lutheran schools and early childhood services are communities where grace abounds. While recognising the brokenness of humanity, they reflect the unconditional love of the Father, revealed through the saving work of his Son, Jesus.
- Lutheran schools and early childhood services are communities open to the influence of the Holy Spirit, who invites and equips for a life of worship, learning and service

This workshop will engage participants in constructive dialogue with a variety of missional methodologies and contemporary case studies. ECS Directors, principals, pastors and chaplains will develop a missional ministry matrix map to facilitate the implementation of what they discover.

### Accommodation

**South Australia**
- All on the main street of Hahndorf
- Call Nicole Baker (Accommodation Manager) on 08 8388 1000 for all 3 options

**South Melbourne**
- Attendees wishing to stay at the Holy Cross Centre, Templestowe conference venue are asked to book this when they register. It will be part of the registration process and must be done as a ‘group booking’

**Queensland**
- Maroochy Waterfront Camp and Conference Centre
  - 2/46 David Low Way, Marcoola QLD
- Queensland attendees wishing to stay at the conference venue are asked to book this when they register. It will be part of the registration process and must be done as a ‘group booking’.