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ANNUAL APPEAL

2025

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens
Ecclesiastes 3:1 NIV

Dear Supporter

As ALC prepares to leave the North Adelaide campus at the end of June and move to new premises, this verse serves as a timely reminder that everything has its appropriate time and purpose, and that changing circumstances are part of life's journey.

Changing circumstances were the reason that the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Australia originally purchased the North Adelaide campus in 1922. The desire to train pastors locally rather than continue to source them from overseas was one of the motives behind the purchase. Changing circumstances are also the reason that the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand (LCANZ) has now sold the North Adelaide campus.

While the campus has served the church well over many decades and is fondly remembered by students and staff as a hub of Christian community and spiritual growth, it is now largely underutilized, too costly to maintain, and no longer fit for purpose.

Nowadays, students are not required to move to Adelaide for their studies. Instead, all ALC students learn, grow and reflect on their learning from where they live, with the support of ALC staff, local mentors, their family and their local faith community – their network of support. Where possible, ALC also provides opportunities for its students to physically gather for engagement, encouragement and education through workshops and intensives.

One thing that has not changed since 1922 is the church's desire to train its own pastors here in Australia. ALC exists to ensure that this is possible and stands ready to serve, however, providing tertiary education is an expensive exercise and so we are reliant upon your support.

You might be wondering why ALC is holding an annual appeal again this year, when you've heard that the campus sold for millions of dollars? The truth is that the property was owned by the LCANZ and ALC does not directly benefit from the sale.

ALC remains reliant upon the LCANZ to subsidise its operational costs. While we are grateful for this support, ALC will have a budgeted shortfall of over $200,000 in 2025. Adding to this situation is the fact that ALC is facing significant additional one-off expenses this year, associated with vacating the campus and relocating the library.

Your donation will ensure that ALC can continue to have the necessary resources to train and prepare God's people to serve as pastors, teachers and church workers. **Excitingly, this year's intake includes 18 students who have embarked on an ordained ministry pathway with the aim of serving the LCANZ** as either a general ministry pastor or as a specific ministry pastor! Look out for some of their stories in the June/July edition of The Lutheran.

As we go forward in this time of change, making our human plans as best we can, we at ALC stand assured that God will guide us. And as we step from this season into the next, our hope is that you will continue to journey with us, pray for us, and partner with us in all that we do.

Yours in Christ's service

Tim Stringer

Rev Dr Tim Stringer
ALC Principal

P.S All donations $2:00 and over are tax-deductible.

ALC will be moving its operations into the new 'Church House' at 139 Frome Street, Adelaide later in the year. As this building will not be ready when ALC needs to vacate the North Adelaide campus at the end of June, ALC staff will be working remotely for several months. During this period, the best means for contacting the College is via email: alc@alc.edu.au or phone 1800 625 193.

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