

ALC

Annual Appeal

2026

*'Praise the LORD! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good!
His faithful love endures forever.' Psalm 50:14*

Dear Ministry Partner

Each year ALC appeals to members of the LCANZ to help us to prepare pastors, teachers and church workers for service in congregations, schools, aged and community care organisations.

Last year ALC was thrilled to be able to report a growth in student enrolments with many new students embarking on a pathway leading to pastoral ministry. In 2026 we are equally excited to report that we have 44 active ministry and theology students. These students – 19 females and 25 males - are situated within all districts of the LCANZ and attend classes online from where they live. Twelve of these students are discerning a General Ministry Pastor pathway and 15 students are engaged in Specific Ministry Pastor training opportunities. In addition, ALC has 11 students undertaking a Bachelor of Counselling degree and 26 students participating in studies as part of LEA's Leadership Development Program (LDP), which is run every two years.

We give thanks to the Lord for all these students!

It used to be that the majority of ALC's students were preparing to commence service in the church after they completed their theological studies full-time and had graduated. This is no longer the case. The majority of our students are now undertaking part-time study while already serving in congregations, schools or agencies of the church across Australia and New Zealand.

Chances are, you may already know one of them.

In the Queensland District, Joanne Corney is studying to be a Specific Ministry Pastor (SMP) while serving in various roles in her local Lutheran church community and in church engagement work for Lutheran Services in conjunction with LCAQD communities.

In the New South Wales/ACT District, Zak Huggett-Wright is studying to be an SMP while serving as a pastoral intern at Good Shepherd Community Church Tuggeranong.

In the Victorian/Tasmanian District, Erin Grainger serves as Congregational and Migrant Ministry Support Facilitator in the District Office, while completing theological studies with ALC.

