

- 08/12/01 Second serious accident of Pastor Patrick Maweu in Kenya, after another accident about a year before.
- 27/12/01 Death of Pastor Patrick Maweu in Kenya, The congregations in fellowship with the AELC raised a significant sum to cover his hospital and funeral costs. Tonny Naila Patrick subsequently indicated his wish to continue his father's work, and has begun studies with Pastor Vern. Grieger. Clarification had to be made about the support of the CLC to Kenya several years previously, without knowledge of AELC.
- 01/06/02 Discussions with Pastor Tuffin and representatives of Kallangur about the church and the ministry at Troy's Road.
- 21/07/02 Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at All Seasons Convention Centre, Toowoomba to mark the tenth anniversary of the AELC.

For accounts of the doctrinal issues that have concerned the AELC see the following:

- "The Open Letter Fiasco" (Luther Rose Publications, September 1990)  
 Pastor M Grieger, *The Exodus* (July 1991)  
 Pastor M Grieger, *Division in the LCA*, and subsequent *Epilogue*.  
 Allen Beutel, "The Oakey Dilemma", 30/03/93  
 The Historical Introduction to *The Word Shall Stand* (published separately)  
 "Why We Are What We Are"  
 "What We Believe"  
 "History of St Paul's Lutheran Church, Greenwood 1899-1999..." pages 37-44  
*Statement of Faith*  
 Pastor P Mueller, "Australian Evangelical Lutheran Church is Ten Years Old" in the Bethlehem Toowoomba Bulletin, June/July 2002.

## Chronicle of Events Connected with the AELC 1992-2002.

The history of the work of the church is often marked by regret for what might have been. We remember that what has been truly significant over the past ten years has been the regular preaching and teaching of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments in our congregations. As we list the following chronicle of events, we do so with prayer for God's forgiveness and mercy for Jesus' sake, and thanks and praise for His undeserved goodness.

- June 90 *The Word Shall Stand* printed.
- 26/10/90 President Renner declared that membership of St Mark's Hivesville in the LCA had been terminated.
- July 1990 LCA Pastoral Conference at Canberra discarded close communion for what was called "responsible communion practice." This statement was distributed as official at Pastoral Conference at Maroochydore, 29/04/92.
- 30/11/1991 Greenwood received permission to leave the Goombungee Parish after refusing attempts to realign in a parish until doctrinal concerns were addressed. It continued as a separate congregation within the LCA without a pastor until it joined the AELC.
- Early 1992 Aubigny and Oakey wrote letters to Qld District Church Council opposing membership in QCT.
- 01/05/92 LCA Qld District Convention at Caloundra voted to join Queensland Churches Together.
- 25/05/92 Pastors M Grieger, V Grieger and C Priebbenow wrote a draft for a new constitution. A prominent emphasis was the autonomy of local congregations.
- 31/05/92 Aubigny voted to leave LCA, and invited congregations to join the AELC. It also voted to establish a preaching place in Toowoomba. The decision to leave was confirmed three months later. Members who wished to remain with the LCA were adequately compensated.
- 01/06/92 Greenwood voted to leave LCA and to join AELC. The decision was confirmed three months later. Eleven members who wished to remain with the LCA were invited to make claims, and signed a document that they were satisfied.
- 14/06/92 Vote at St Paul's Oakey to join AELC lost 24 votes to 21.
- 21/06/92 Trinity, Marburg voted by 2/3 majority to leave LCA and to join the AELC.
- 21/06/02 St John's Minden voted unanimously to leave LCA and join AELC.

27/06/02 Pastor Priebbenow moved from Oakey to Wayne Ritter's Mount Tyson.

07/07/92 Downs representatives meet with solicitor in Brisbane.

19/07/92 Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at Toowoomba Showgrounds (Sermon: Pastor C Priebbenow). Since the LCA bylaws required an additional meeting to ratify secession from LCA, this was not yet an AELC service, although there was a firm conviction about a return to Lutheran basics. Lloyd Priebbenow was elected chairman. Both Paul Hoopert, who was elected secretary, and Noel Wieck, who was elected treasurer, have been serving in those positions up to the present. The intention was announced to establish a seminary to train pastors. From this date the AELC was understood unofficially to be in existence.

02/08/92 Members at Oakey wishing to join the AELC left St Paul's with nothing. They had already reorganised as Trinity Lutheran Church, Oakey on 28/06/92, and, after being frustrated from using St Paul's church for worship in spite of promises, met for services at the CWA Rest Rooms, Oakey.

16/08/92 First AELC service at Laurel Bank Hall for Toowoomba people. Weekly services were held after that. The congregation subsequently adopted the name "Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Toowoomba."

18/09/92 Declaration of fellowship between the Orthodox Evangelical Lutheran Church and St Mark's Hivesville. In 1999 the OELC rescinded this fellowship

Late 1992 Patrick Maweu of Kenya wrote to Pastor Vern. Grieger, reacting favourably to *The Word Shall Stand*.

10/01/93 Meeting at Maidenwell to discuss AELC constitution.

19/01/93 Meeting at Oakey discusses property on Hamlyn Road for a church building.

28/01/93 Second meeting at Maidenwell to discuss AELC constitution.

14/02/93 Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at Toowoomba Showgrounds (Sermon, Pastor V Grieger).

14/02/93 In the inaugural convention of the AELC in the afternoon, letters of assurance were received from Aubigny, Hivesville, Marburg, Greenwood, Oakey, St John's Minden and Toowoomba and the AELC was formally constituted. There was a strong desire evident to be mission-minded. Lloyd Priebbenow chaired the meeting and continued as chairman of the CoC until 18/06/94.

10/03/93 Downs Parish moves Pastor Priebbenow from Wayne Ritter's place to Kingsthorpe.

12/03/93 AELC representatives met American representatives of ELS and

Tanunda, SA. Owing to difficulties in selling his house at Glasshouse Mountains, he could not move there immediately.

May 1999 Pastor P Ziebell was called to St Luke's, Holland Park.

May 1999 Pastor P Ziebell established AELC website [www.aelc.org.au](http://www.aelc.org.au). Sermons and Short studies are posted every week, and the site includes the *Statement of Faith* and other information on the AELC.

06/06/99 Installation of Pastor P Ziebell at St Luke's Holland Park. He has also continued to serve as co-pastor of the Downs Parish.

22/08/99 Installation of Pastor M Rosenzweig at Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Tanunda SA.

10/10/99 Members of AELC congregations attended Greenwood Centenary service.

29-31/10/99 Youth Camp at Mount Tambourine.

04/01/00 Printing of *God's Eternal Word, New Testament*.

29/01/00 Purchase of new computer with email facility for Newsletter editor approved.

27/02/00 First service conducted by Pastor M Rosenzweig at St Martin's, in Enfield Community Centre, SA.

28/02/00 St Martin's Adelaide applied for membership in the AELC.

16/05/00 Application of Peace Lutheran Church Tanunda for membership in AELC.

21/05/00 Service of praise and thanksgiving arranged by Oakey, and held at Greenwood (mission sermon: Pastor P Ziebell). There was a discussion about mission in the afternoon.

28/06/00 Reception of St Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Adelaide into AELC.

09/07/00 Installation of Pastor M Rosenzweig at St Martin's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Adelaide SA

29/9-1/10/00 Youth Camp at Caloundra.

05/11/00 Members of AELC congregations attended Clifton's fiftieth anniversary service.

13/01/01 Missions committee report presented on mission objectives of the AELC. Eric Jericho elected as chairman of the CoC.

14/01/01 Reception of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church Tanunda into AELC.

12/02/01 Pastor C Priebbenow began part-retirement, serving the Downs Parish part-time.

12/05/01 Recognition that CoC is a committee for SE Queensland only.

10/06/01 Dedication of new Hall at Trinity, Oakey. It was made possible chiefly by a donation from Os. and Kate Pfitzner of Gilgandra.

08/09/01 Free conference with ELSA at Kallangur on church and ministry.

01/06/97	Communion service and Christian interest seminar at Marburg. Andrew Tuck spoke on "The persecuted church."		
12/07/97	Pastor M Rosenzweig accepts call to St Luke's Lutheran Church, Brisbane.		
11/09/97	Death of CoC Chairman, Rowland Ziebell, and burial at Greenwood, 15/09/97.		
27-28/09/97	Youth camp at Caloundra.		
21/02/98	Eric Richards elected as Chairman of the CoC. He had previously been Vice-Chairman.	April 1993	Pastor M Grieger and David Mattiske visited concerned people in the NSW, SA & Vic.
Feb 1998	Pastor C Priebbenow and Allen Beutel visited concerned people in the NSW, SA & Vic.	April 1993	Peter Ziebell began seminary studies.
05/04/98	First service of Pastor M Rosenzweig at Horsham. He then conducted quarterly services there before his installation the next February.	May 1993	Independent congregation at Murray Bridge served by Pastors R Footner and L Grieger.
18/04/98	Forum at Aubigny on Christians' duties to civil authorities and on Bible translations.	June 1993	Preparation of "Why We Are What We Are."
April 1999	Visit by Pastor P Ziebell to concerned people in NSW, Vic., and SA.	June 1993	Pastor C Priebbenow and Harold Priebbenow visited concerned people in the NSW, SA & Vic.
April 1998	Mr Dieter Winkler called to independent Lutheran congregation at Murray Bridge SA.	Mid 1993	Michael Rosenzweig, in Enfield SA, began seminary studies by correspondence.
26/04/98	Ordination of Pastor Dieter Winkler at Murray Bridge, SA.	June 1993	Philip Mueller began study in Dogmatics with Pastor M Grieger by correspondence.
03/05/98	Formation of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Horsham, Vic.	14/08/93	Conference at Aubigny on church music, Bible translations, and church practices.
26/07/98	Ordination of Pastor Patrick Maweu at St John's Minden. He also visited congregations of the AELC.	10/09/93	Recommendation by CoC to congregations to receive Steadfast Truth, Nambour, as member of AELC.
Aug 1998	Student Peter Ziebell completed Seminary studies.	Sept 1993	An independent congregation, St Matthew Lutheran Church began to meet regularly at Montague Farm, Pooraka, SA, with Pastors R Footner and L Grieger.
Aug 1998	Pastor M Rosenzweig visited concerned people in the NSW, SA & Vic.	Sept 1993	Youth win first prize for a float in the C division of the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers.
Aug 1998	<i>Statement of Faith</i> published as a booklet.	Sept 1993	Pastor and Mrs C Priebbenow visited concerned people in the NSW, & Vic.
11/10/98	Student Peter Ziebell called as co-pastor of Downs Parish. He had also been called to serve Steadfast Truth, Nambour.	Oct 1993	Computer and scanner purchased for Seminary use.
25/10/98	Reception of St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Horsham, into AELC.	29/10/93	David Mattiske appointed as Newsletter Editor.
22/11/98	Ordination and Installation of Pastor P Ziebell at Aubigny as co-pastor of the Downs Parish.	Nov 1993	LCA Minority group at Trinity Marburg initiated legal action to claim church property. The final incredible decision was that the congregation had never left the LCA and that Pastor V Grieger was the pastor of the whole congregation!
Dec 1998	Congregations of AELC co-operated to send eight drums of material to Pastor Patrick Maweu's congregations in Kenya. The consignment resulted in tremendous difficulties in delivery. Finally Pastor Patrick bought them in auction after over a year in storage.	17-19/12/93	Youth Camp at Bunya Mountains.
14/02/99	Installation of Pastor M Rosenzweig at St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Horsham, Vic.	09/01/94	Re-dedication service at Trinity Oakey of the church building donated by Peranga.
15/03/1999	Pastor M Rosenzweig accepts a call to Peace Lutheran Church,	Jan 1994	First publication of AELC Newsletter, edited by David Mattiske.
		Feb 1994	Philip Mueller began seminary study full time.
		17/04/94	Dedication of the Chapter One Lutherans' site and building at 2
		20/03/93	WELS and Pastor Daniel Schroeder of ELSA at Kallangur on the church, the ministry, and fellowship. First meeting of Seminary Committee. Clem Grieger was Chairman to 29/01/00, and Allen Beutel from 29/01/00. Harold Priebbenow has been serving as secretary since inception, and Wayne Ritter as the treasurer. Since about 1997 the committee has been meeting together with the CoC.

- Troy's Road, Toowoomba. It has been the regular place of worship for Bethlehem Lutheran Church.
- 01/05/94 Communion service for AELC member, and then a series of speakers, including A Roberts, at Marburg.
- 18/06/94 Convention of AELC at Tingoora. One question still to be resolved was that the AELC had severed fellowship with the officials of the LCA, but still regarded itself in fellowship with members of the LCA who were concerned about the changes in doctrine and practice. It was recommended to congregations to call Dr G Zweck as a seminary lecturer. He was currently Tutor at Westfield House, Cambridge. It was reported that four students were studying for the ministry. Rowland Ziebell elected as Chairman. Rowly died on 11/09/97.
- 19/06/94 Formation of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Frankston by members who resigned from St Peter's Frankston. Worship services were held at the home of David Priebbenow, and on 19/09/94 the congregation ordained Pastor David Priebbenow as its pastor.
- During 1994 Pastor V Grieger was supervising the theological studies of Patrick Maweu in Kenya by correspondence.
- 16/07/94 CoC meeting received promises of support amounting to \$31,000 to fund a call to Dr G Zweck, and recommended that he be called as seminary lecturer.
- 28/08/94 Call sent to Dr G Zweck as seminary lecturer. He declined the call on 29/09/94.
- 30/10/94 AELC members attended a Reformation Day service at Greenwood.
- 16-18/12/94 Youth Camp at Mount Sylvia.
- 25/12/94 First sermon by student Philip Mueller, at Aubigny.
- 12/02/95 Service of Praise and Thanksgiving at Toowoomba Showgrounds (Sermon: Pastor V Grieger, talk on Kenya, Discussion on issues of concern).
- March 1995 Statement "What We Believe" produced.
- 02/04/95 First AELC service in Brisbane area, at Moorooka Primary School. Subsequent services were held at Dittmann's Music, Logan Road, Underwood. A congregation later formed as St Luke's, and have been meeting for services at Holland Park.
- 20/04/95 Funeral service of Pastor Melvin Grieger at Hivesville, and burial at Tingoora.
- 30/04/95 Communion service and Christian interest seminar at Marburg.
- July 1995 Student M Rosenzweig arrived to continue seminary studies full time.
- 26/08/95 Doctrinal conference at Troy's Road on the role of women in

- the church.
- 01-03 Sept 95 Youth Camp at Caloundra.
- 09/09/95 Conference with ELS at St John's Minden, on church, ministry, and fellowship.
- Oct 1995 Pastor V Grieger and Eric Richards visited concerned people in the NSW, SA & Vic.
- 21/04/96 Service of praise and thanksgiving at Aubigny. Afternoon lecture by Pastor V Grieger on church fellowship. In the evening student P Mueller presented two papers to serve as a colloquy on completion of his seminary studies. Congregations of the AELC supported him for several months until he accepted calls from Toowoomba and Hivesville.
- 26/04/96 After years of discussion about voting system at conventions, all of AELC constitution except confessional clause was suspended, and office of Pastoral President was abolished. In 1999 Congregations adopted revised Rules of the AELC, and added a paragraph about fellowship with other Lutherans. Later another section was added on the obligations of fellowship.
- 25-27/04/96 Youth camp near Miles.
- 26/04/96 CoC decision that led to the preparation of the *Statement of Faith*. It went through a series of revisions. It was prepared as an instrument for people wishing to confirm agreement as a basis for fellowship.
- 12/05/96 Communion service and Christian interest seminar at Marburg. Speakers included Jonathan Gray on the Ark of the Covenant.
- 22/06/96 Doctrinal discussion with ELS at St John's Minden on church and ministry.
- July 1996 Pastor & Mrs P Mueller visited concerned people in the NSW, SA & Vic.
- July 1996 Nambour called student M Rosenzweig part-time, and Toowoomba called student P Mueller.
- 18/08/96 Ordination of Pastor M Rosenzweig at Nambour. He served Steadfast Truth, Nambour, on a part time basis while completing his studies, and later served St Luke's, Holland Park as well.
- 31/8-1/09/96 Combined youth camp at Caloundra.
- Sept 1996 Pastor P Mueller accepted calls to Toowoomba and Hivesville.
- 20/10/96 Ordination of Pastor P Mueller at Aubigny.
- 03/11/96 Installation of Pastor P Mueller at Hivesville, at Tingoora church.
- 02/03/97 Services began for St John's Clifton at CWA Hall. Services began in the vacated St John's church on 8/06/97.
- 13/04/97 Service of praise and thanksgiving at Oakey Civic Centre. In the afternoon Pastor M Rosenzweig presented two papers.