

Women's ordination in Lutheran Churches

Women pastors
minister in
Lutheran
Churches
around the
world



Did you know:

- 1 There are over 10,000 women pastors in Lutheran Churches around the world
- 2 More than 30 women are Bishops or Church Presidents of Lutheran Churches
- 3 Worldwide, about 70 million Lutherans are served by ordained women pastors
- 4 Over 4 million Indonesian Lutherans belong to churches that ordain women
- 5 In 2000, over 90 Lutheran churches ordained women and since 2000 the number has increased each year



2012 Cameroon: Evangelical Lutheran Church ordains first women ministers



2012 Iceland: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland ordains its first female Bishop



2011 Hong Kong: Jenny Chan ordained as Head of Lutheran Church Hong Kong



2011 Ethiopia: Ethiopian Lutheran Church Mekane Yesus marks a decade of women's ordination

2011 India: South Andhra Lutheran Church ordains first women pastors

2010 Finland: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland elects First Woman Bishop



“Ordaining women goes to the heart of the Gospel”*

2010 Hong Kong: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong ordains first woman Bishop

2009 Great Britain: First woman Bishop of Lutheran Church of Great Britain is consecrated

2006 Norway: The Evangelical Free Church ordained its first Female pastors

2004 Taiwan: Lutheran Church of Taiwan ordains first women pastors

2009 Mexico: Mexican Lutheran church ordains first three women

2008 Sweden: Church of Sweden celebrates 50 years of women's ordination

2005 Zambia: Zambian Lutheran Church ordains its first female pastors

2003 USA: Evangelical Lutheran Church of America celebrated 35 years of women's ordination

* K. L. Bloomquist (2009), *Journal of Lutheran Ethics*, 9 (12)

Women's ordination in the LCA

The LCA ordains
its first women
pastors in
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The majority of the LCA Commission on Theology and Interchurch Relations (CTICR) concluded that: *"scripture and theology permit the ordination of women"*

Support women's ordination in the LCA

Send a delegate from your congregation and vote for women's ordination at the general Synod of the Lutheran Church of Australia, in April 2013

Did you know:

- 1 There are Lutheran women in Australia who have been ordained in overseas churches and are not able to work as pastors in the LCA
- 2 There are Australian Lutheran women who are theologically qualified or studying for ministry
- 3 There are Australian Lutheran women who are Lutheran pastors in other countries
- 4 There are a number of Lutheran women who are called to the ministry and are now exercising their ministry in other churches

Open ordination in the LCA to women now



Pastor Kathrin Koning, ordained in South Africa. Chaplain and Director of Christian Life, Immanuel Lutheran College, Buderim

Pastor Silke Moolman: Chaplain, St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly, 10 years as pastor in ELCSA



Kirstin Munchenberg: BTh, BPsych Chaplain St. Peter's Lutheran College, Indooroopilly



Jenni Wegener: BTh, MA, Chaplain & Director: Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education: Royal Melbourne Hospital

"I have been aware of a call to pastoral ministry since my early teens, but without opportunities within my own church I have sought to fulfill my vocation in broader ways and places. I have trained many men and women for pastoral ministry in the church and yet am denied the fundamental ministry of word and sacrament in my own. This is a sadness I carry and experience repeatedly as I continue to facilitate and celebrate the movement of others - men and women - into the ordained ministry, and as I minister to people in need of the comfort of sacramental ministry."

Dr Tanya Wittwer: BA, DipEd, DipREd, MDiv, PhD (preaching), taught preaching to UCA ministers and laity



Dr Margaret Hunt: BTh, PhD, served on the Lutheran - Roman Catholic Dialogue (1998-2012) and CTICR, member of Aboriginal Ministry (ABMINSA) committee



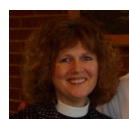
Sue Westhorp: BTh, BMus, Chaplain, Palliative Care, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Member LCA/UCA Dialogue



Heidi Smith: BTh, BA, DipEd, DipLuthEd, Chaplain, Immanuel Gardens Retirement Village, Buderim



Pastor Helga Jansons: Pastor in ELCA



"24 years ago I left my home, family and friends solely because the Lutheran Church in Australia does not ordain women."

"It is painful to be so far from my parents and extended family. I would love to come home and be a Pastor."