



## Governance Change Project Committee Executive – Communique 3

As you may recall, the LCAQD 2018 Synod approved the resolution to develop an implementation plan and other processes required to move to the proposed governance model.

We continue to work towards preparing proposals for the 2019 District Synod.

Three months into the governance change project, 44 people have been involved, representing staff, volunteers, congregations and agencies, and the governing bodies of LCAQD.

Together we share a commitment to the following [Governance Change Purpose Statement](#):

*This project exists to build a home for our church of the future that recognises and enables our participation in Christ's mission of bringing God's love into everyday life.*

*In developing contemporary and agile governance, we recognise the maturity and experience of our Lutheran communities and agencies, and the part each plays working side by side in a healthy church.*

### **What has been done so far?**

The working parties have developed an initial proposed governance structure, as a critical first step to achieve the project purpose. This is being closely followed by work in areas such as nominations, Bishop's role and ensuring all operational, legal and constitutional impacts have been considered.

### **What happens next?**

Although we are working with tight timelines to ensure that Synod delegates have the necessary information well in advance of next year's District Synod, the Project Committee is very happy with the progress to date.

We will continue to keep you informed of the progress of the overall project. If there are any questions or feedback please send these to [govchange@qld.lca.org.au](mailto:govchange@qld.lca.org.au)

You are receiving this communique as Christians around the world gather for the wonderful festival of Christmas.

As we look into a nativity scene, we see something that is at the heart of being Church. God surprises us by coming amongst us in ordinary places, like a stable, working through ordinary people, like Joseph and Mary and the Shepherds. God continues to do this, working through you and me as people called into God's service through our Lutheran Communities in Queensland.

God bless you, as you once again listen to the word of the Bethlehem Angels, "Glory to God in highest heaven and on earth peace amongst those whom he favours."

In Christ,

Paul Smith  
Bishop  
20th December, 2018

