



Streams in the desert Community

AIM: The Streams in the Desert Community is a growing network of every-day Lutherans who seek to create a community of people who have the time, heart, and energy to actively work to honour, support and enhance the contributions which women bring to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This community aims to bring about gender-inclusive doctrine and practice, including that of ordination, at all levels within the LCA/NZ. We also recognise the need to be working to facilitate the healing of our church as a critical part of this journey.

KEY GOALS:

1. Create, support and encourage a network of supporters of WO across Australia and the NZ (prayermail, Newsletter & Updates, website, specific projects) with representation in as many congregations as possible
2. At a local level, encourage individuals/congregations/regions to establish workgroups and/or
 - Make a congregational presentation around the issue of women's ordination
 - Hold a (formal or informal) congregational vote around support for women's ordination
 - Distribute resources and information as appropriate
3. At a national level, support, encourage and inform individuals and congregations to develop and circulate Synod and congregational proposals supporting the ordination of both women and men, and gender equity

MEMBER GUIDELINES:

Members are expected:

1. to seek always to follow Jesus through the guidance of God's word and the Holy Spirit, and bring glory to God in all that we say and do
2. to be respectful and supportive in conversation and actions, and to 'love our neighbour as ourselves
3. to always be mindful that this is a private group, and to employ appropriate confidentiality and discretion in discussing members, activities and materials with anyone outside of the group
4. to act and speak in a manner consistent with the Aims and Statement of Intent