INTRODUCING OUR COMMITTEE AND SUPPORTERS

Aboriginal Ministry South Australia committee comes under the umbrella of the SA/NT Mission Department.

**Our Director for Mission is Dr Steen Olsen**

He was a past President of the New Zealand District, is married to Ruth, and enjoys grandchildren who live in New Zealand!

They worship at St John’s Tea Tree Gully.

**Dr Andrew Pfeiffer**, Australian Lutheran College Consultant to the committee.

ALC is involved in teaching Indigenous pastors, evangelists, teachers and lay workers.

Supports AbMinSA answering questions of pastoral or lay education with which they can assist.

Enjoys especially participating in ‘bush week camps’ as part of the Finke River Mission program, and supporting AbMinSA.

Currently worships at Enfield congregation.

**Pastor Rob Schubert**, Chairperson since 2010.

Currently serving at St John’s Unley. Previously at Tatachilla College, Riverland and New Zealand.

Has been interested in Aboriginal ministry since studying at ALC (Seminary days) and field work with Pastor Clem Eckermann and Mark Thiel.

Rob’s sister taught at Hermannsburg NT which gave him, when visiting, an insight into Aboriginal culture and kinship ties.

Endeavours to gain understanding of history, culture and issues that confront Aboriginal fellow Lutherans in SA.
Dr Anthony Rathjen - Retired
Says his late wife ‘dobbed him in’ when she gave a talk on the history of Koonibba
Employed by Adelaide University researching new breeds of wheat – Bread wheat then Durums
This involved a considerable teaching role, both undergraduates and supervising postgraduate research students
Tony has been on the committee for many years and takes much interest in Aboriginal Mission history.
Married to Lois and members of Bethlehem congregation.

Dr Greg Lockwood – Retired ALC lecturer (2004-11)
Attended AbMinSA courses for Aboriginal pastors and evangelists
Represented ALC at Pastor Russell Bryant’s doctrinal interview, and attended his ordination at Yalata (June 2010)
ALC’s staff liaison for Aboriginal Ministry in SA/NT (2008)
Has led three ALC/FRM ‘bush courses’ in Central Australia
Since retiring, Greg has taken part in AbMinSA Retreat and the Fish ‘n’ Mission trip (2012)
Current congregation is St Mark’s Mount Barker.

Ivan Christian
Secondary schooling at Immanuel College, then four years at University while boarding at Luther Seminary (now ALC)
Taught at Immanuel College for six years prior to being ‘called’ to Hermannsburg (1976) for education and mission opportunities for three and a half years
Then Finke River Mission parish worker (SMP) for Aboriginal fringe camps.
This role was as a pastor with license for all duties.
Recommenced teaching at Immanuel in 1993
Married to Monica who teaches piano music. Luke and Bethany (Madigan) are both married giving three grandchildren
Ivan has had an interest in mission since he was young.
Attends St Stephens congregation in the city.

Jeff Roberts
Previously employed by Drug Arm Coordinator for 9 years, serving many council areas across Adelaide, with a strong emphasis on drug and alcohol problems.
Always interested in helping people with little or no voice in the community. He believes they need support by our church and Government Departments.
Currently worships at Tea Tree Gully and is their Mission
Sandra Hein—Minute Secretary

Has spent about ten years working at Hermannsburg Mission and Alice Springs Finke River Mission Alice Springs (1970's-90's)
Currently works at Concordia College in Administration
Is a member at Zion, Monarto.

Margaret Hunt (Gehling) spent the first 7 years of her life at Hermannsburg Mission
Returned to Hermannsburg to serve the Aboriginal community as a nurse and midwife (1970's).
In 1979 married John Hunt, and while their four children were growing up, she worked with Child and Youth Health as a parent educator.
Studied theology part time for 8 years at Luther Seminary.
Recently was a parent counsellor at an Aboriginal women’s shelter in the city
Now works with Lutheran Community Care as a support person for foster carers.
Worships at Bridgewater congregation.

Shona Reid, Eastern Arrunda Woman.

Program Manager for Department for Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division, for APY Lands and Far West Coast SA.
Visits, talks with community members, works with communities to advocate and assist them in achieving positive community and life outcomes.
Assists State Government in setting up appropriate and respectful policies aimed at closing the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.
Married to Wangkangurru man and they have 3 small children and 2 bigger ones, all who have been baptised (2 confirmed) in Ferryden Park congregation (Aboriginal Lutheran Fellowship).
Extended Anangu family visit from northern parts of SA and Northern Territory and worship at Ferryden Park.

Shona says:

Although I am new to the committee, I bring with me a deep connection to my Aboriginal culture and my connection to many Aboriginal people and community across many areas of this state. Having worked in Government for a long time, I have seen many projects and programs that are aimed at communities and families to assist them in achieving positive life outcomes. However, one component that seems to be missing from a lot of this work is connection to spirituality and religion, I am excited about being able to play a role (small or large) in being able to assist Aboriginal communities, families, and especially children and teenagers engage trustingly, fulfilling and passionately with this very important and indeed central component of their life.
RESPONSE FORM

I will pray for all involved with Aboriginal Ministries, SA

I would like to become a ‘Friend of Aboriginal Ministries, SA’ (if you would like your own personal copy of the E News please fill in your details below)

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