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QUEENSLAND DISTRICT

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2027 LLL Synod Art Competition and the Inaugural Synod Art Soirée

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The Lutheran Church of Australia Queensland District is delighted to announce the 2027 LLL Synod Art Competition to be held as part of next year's convention of the Synod. Proudly sponsored by LLL Australia, this competition seeks to inspire and celebrate creativity across our District, while embracing the convention theme for the year.

SYNOD THEME

Entrants are invited to create artworks reflecting the 2027 convention theme:
'Open Door to the World: The Harvest is Plentiful', *based on Luke 10:2* ***'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest'.***

Please see the Entrant Rules and conditions of entry on the next page.

INTRODUCING THE 2027 SYNOD ART SOIRÉE

To celebrate the fifth anniversary of the competition, we are introducing an exciting new feature to the Art Competition—the **2027 Synod Art Soirée**. The Soirée will provide an exciting gallery-style exhibition showcasing all competition entries, and will be held on Friday 4 June 2027, from 6:00pm - 8:30pm at Living Faith Lutheran College, 50-60 Brays Road, Murrumba Downs.

Artists and guests will be invited to view and appreciate the artwork while enjoying refreshments, conversation and fellowship. The evening will culminate in the presentation of prizes across **seven categories, including the new People's Choice Award.** Tickets will be on sale in the new year.



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ENTRANT RULES

- **Important:** Every participant's unique creativity is valued. Artwork must be original and created independently by the participant, without outside assistance from parents or others and reflect the values of the Lutheran Church of Australia and New Zealand.
- 2D artworks will only be accepted (i.e. paintings, drawings, collage, watercolour, mixed media, digital print*) on 16 x 20 inch wrapped stretched canvas, mounted on board or framed at similar size.
- Entrants must consider the next LCAQD convention of the Synod theme and provide their interpretation of the theme within the rules of the competition.
- Each artwork submission is to be accompanied by an **Artist Statement (150 words or less)** of the thought process, design elements and mediums used to create the artwork (Bible quotes not included in word count). **Statements should be provided as a MS Word document** ensuring the artist's name and category number is stated clearly on the Word document.
- The **Artist Statement** should explain:
  - Why you chose the process you used (do not provide a step by step of the process);
  - How have you interpreted the theme; and
  - Explain symbols used in your artwork.
- One submission per entrant.
- Entries are open to persons associated with:
  - Members of LCAQD congregations and members of their immediate families;
  - Schools of the District and LCAQD Congregation Schools (students and their immediate families);
  - Lutheran Services Aged Care and facilities (clients and their immediate family members);
  - Lutheran Youth of Queensland clients (e.g. LYQ camp or training event attendees).
  - Each entrant should briefly describe their eligibility at the end of their Competition Entry Application form. The Organising Committee has the right to seek clarification of the entrant's eligibility.
- The Organising Committee will appoint the judges. Artwork submissions will be judged just prior to the commencement of the annual LCAQD convention of the Synod, by a panel of qualified art educators selected from Lutheran Schools in Queensland.
- Entrants who win a category prize will be awarded their prize on the night of the Soirée.
  - Winners who are not present at the Synod Art Soirée, will have their certificate posted to them, and their prize money deposited into their nominated bank account.
- Entrants who have not been nominated as a category winner will be notified by the District Office and will need to arrange collection of their artwork.
- Condition of entry is that category winners will loan their artwork to the LCAQD for display at Lutheran Church House for 12 months. After this time, the Organising Committee will contact the artist to arrange the collection of their artwork.
- All decisions of the judges are final.

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PRIZE CATEGORIES

Category 1: Age group - 0 to 5 years
- Cash prize for the winner $200

Category 2: Age group - Primary School (ages 6 – 9 years)
- Cash prize for the winner $400

Category 3: Age group - Middle School (ages 10 – 13 years)
- Cash prize for the winner $600

Category 4: Age group – High School (ages 14 – 17 years)
- Cash prize for the winner $800

Category 5: Open Category
- Cash prize for the winner $1,000

Category 6: Seniors (65+ years)
- Cash prize for the winner $700

NEW Category 7: People's Choice Award
- Cash prize for the winner $500

*Digital artwork is accepted, provided it is the entrant's original work; **AI-generated artwork or artwork created using generative AI is not eligible for entry.**

Submission Deadline: Friday 23 April 2027 no later than 4pm.

Submissions to be delivered to:

Att: Linda Thomson
Lutheran Church of Australia, Queensland District
Suite 1, Level 3
24 McDougall Street
Milton Qld 4064

(Important: Please include the **Competition Entry Application form** (following page) along with your **Artist Statement as a MS Word document.** No handwritten statements please.)

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Attachment 1

Competition Entry Application (To be completed by entrant)

- Entrant's full name: _____
- Age at time of submission: _____
- Category submission: _____
- Contact details

  Email address: _____

  Phone number: _____

  Postal address: _____

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- Entrant eligibility described (e.g. I am a student at St Peters Lutheran College, or my mother is a resident at Immanuel Gardens at Buderim):

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- **Declaration:**
  ☐ By entering this competition, I agree to accept all decisions of the Organising Committee, including all decisions of the judges.

  ☐ I declare that this artwork is my own original work and that no other person has assisted in creating or completing the artwork on my behalf.

  Name/Guardian's Name: _____

  Date: _____

  Signature: _____

Please include a hard copy of this form with your art piece when you submit your entry.

For any questions or clarification please email: district@qld.lca.org.au with the subject line of: "Attention to Synod Art Competition Organising Committee" or phone 3511 4000 and follow the prompts to the District Office.

*** PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR ARTWORK ***