

- Cross-cutting themes on justice and advocacy together with the Department of Mission and Diakonia
- Virtual Training/ workshops

Local Level:

- Workshops on CE topics planned and discussed with congregations/ parishes and finalised with the Communion office.
- Limited funding of essential CE programs for member churches.

LUCSA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DESK

We are here to serve! For this reason we invite member churches to assist the CE Desk in rolling out programs by assigning to LUCSA - depending on the size of the church - one **Christian Education Regional Coordinator**, with whom the Communion Office will have regular communication and receive regular updates. We further wish to assist member churches in establishing or strengthening Christian Education offices/desks/ departments where applicable or so wished by a member church.

OUR MISSION

To build capacity for LUCSA, its member churches and society, with love and dignity, through reconciliation, transformation and empowerment.

OUR VISION

A Lutheran Communion committed in God’s mission through servanthood, partnership and sustainability to the church and society in embracing change, delivering impactful programmes, and working together for a just, peaceful, and reconciled church and world.



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Christian Education Desk Overview

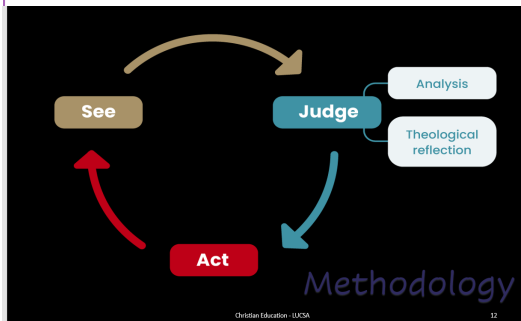
LUCSA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESOURCES

Life-long learning for all ages
 Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth and Adults



LUCSA is a sub-regional expression of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) serving 15 member churches in 10 southern African countries as they seek to participate faithfully in God’s mission of transformation, reconciliation and empowerment for the sake of the life of the world.

METHODOLOGY



LUCSA's Approach to Christian Education

Christian Education is one of the essential tasks of the church as directly instructed by our Lord according to the Great Commission as found as **Matt. 28:16-20**. The Christian Education Desks therefore sees Christian Education as a life-long journey of faith of all Christians to be equipped to participate fully in the *Missio Dei* (Mission of God).

Luther himself emphasized the importance of education, and LUCSA seeks to develop and promote a **dialogical** approach to education (SEE, REFLECT, ACT) where ALL are learners and teachers in a missional community.

AIM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN LUCSA (CEDEP)

- **Create** teaching and learning communities based on Bible texts that lay the foundation of Christian Education such as Deut. 6:4-9, Prov. 1:7, Prov. 22:6, Matt. 28:16-20, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Eph. 6:4 amongst others.
- **Equip** member churches (teaching & missional communities) for the work of active ministry (Eph. 4: 12) in their local contexts by capacitating in education, Lutheran identities, pastoral formation, ecumenism, and social justice/advocacy.
- **Develop** resources for continuous Christian Education and an African contextually based Worship, Liturgy and Music for worship life and service in church communities.
- **Provide** theological and liturgical resources and support to LUCSA activities and programmes.

LIVING TOGETHER—LUCSA RESOURCE BOOKS

LUCSA learning and teaching resources are based on scripture and the Lutheran confessions are relevant for the diverse context in our region.

The books are a product of collaboration with LUCSA's member churches with the distinct aim of supporting Trainer of Trainer (ToT) programs in member churches.

The target groups for these resource books are respectively:

1. Children's Ministry Teachers (Sunday School Teachers - Book 1-3)
2. Confirmation Ministry Teachers (Book 4)
3. Youth Resource Book. (Book 5)
4. Resource for Lay Leaders and Clergy
5. Resource for Leagues and Ministries
6. A HIV and AIDS teaching resource for leagues and associations, and the
7. Path Ways to Peace – Manual. A joint project with the Ecumenical Church Leaders Forum of Zimbabwe (ECLF).

WHAT DOES CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFER FOR MEMBER CHURCHES?

In line with our vision and mission statement, we know that church happens and lives at congregational level. Therefore the empowerment at that level is important to us. We are also cognisant of the fact that frameworks and organisational directions are workshopped at higher level/s, and thus we also offer workshops at those levels - circuit/ deanery; diocese & church-wide.

The following services are provided in line with the above:

Regional Level:

- Heroes of the South - A Reformation Celebration Event.
- CE Regional Coordinators workshop & planning sessions.
- Theological Training Forum - A Theological Training 'think-tank' on the state of theological education in the region.