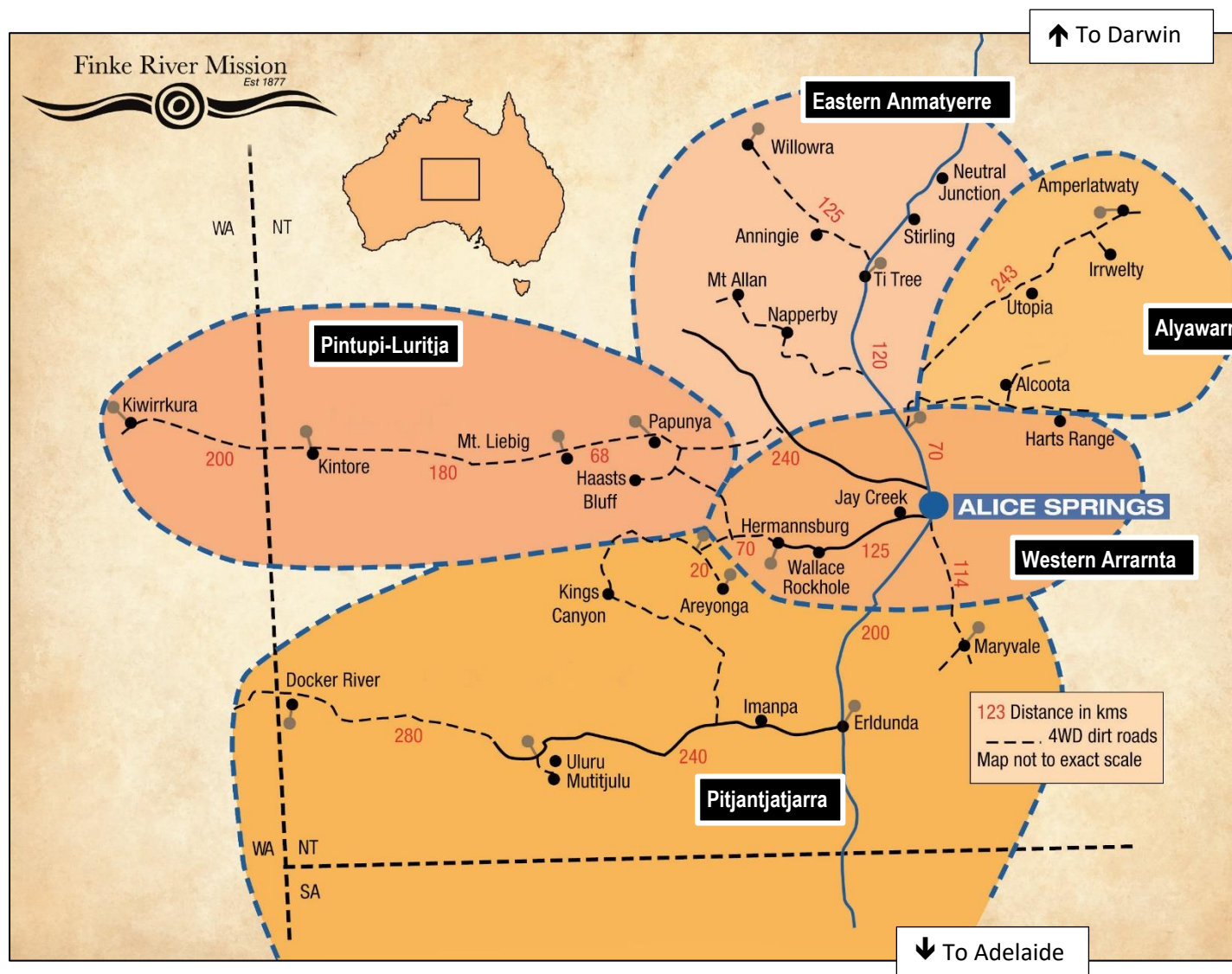


LCA Ministry with First Australians

Central Australia - Key Dates



Date	Event	Location
1875	September 16, Missionaries W F Schwarz and A H Kempe arrive from Hamburg, Germany in South Australia appointed to work with the Aboriginal peoples of Central Australia	Central Australia
1875 - 1877	October 1875 Missionaries Schwarz and Kempe and party travel more than 1,000 miles, from Bethany, via Bethesda (Killalpaninna) and arrive, June '77 at Hermannsburg (Ntaria), in central Australia to work with the Western Arramta (Aranda) Aboriginal peoples.	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1875-1910	Missionary, Pastor GA Heidenreich, (graduate of Hermannsburg Mission Society-HMS having arrived in South Australia was engaged as Hermannsburg Mission Superintendent. Provided hands-on oversight as he accompanied at various stages the 20 month journey from Bethany to Hermannsburg, ensuring financial resourcing that underpinned the eventual successful trek and initial viability of the Hermannsburg mission. (see Leske – For Faith and Freedom, pp74-76) and [Source]	SA Bethany to Hermannsburg

1880	Building of Hermannsburg (Ntaria) school-church commenced – work had commenced on documenting the Aranda language to support literacy amongst the peoples	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1887	7 Aboriginal baptisms aged between 13 and 17 at Hermannsburg (Ntaria).	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1890	Baptism of Moses Tjalkabota (Blind Moses) later to become a significant Christian influence amongst his and other Aboriginal peoples [Source] Spanning several decades Moses travelled teaching in many places including Horseshoe Bend, Idracowra, Mary Vale, Alice Springs, Deep Well, Undoolya, Arltunga, Alalbi and Jay Creek	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1894 -1922	Missionary Carl Friedrich Theodore Strehlow begins work at Hermannsburg 1894 which then spans the next 28 years. [Source] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant translations into Western Aranda of Old and New Testament stories, orders of worship, Luther's small catechism, prayers and hymns – used also for teaching literacy • Consolidation of the physical structures at Hermannsburg • Supported by the growth of Aboriginal leadership and evangelism, including Moses Tjalkabota (Blind Moses) 	Central Australia Ntaria/Hermannsburg
1895	Frieda (Friederike Johanna Henriette) Keysser arrives in Australia and becomes Carl Strehlow's wife, mother to his 6 children and supporter of her husband contributing significantly to the ministry amongst the Aranda women. [Source]	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1922	20 October, death of Carl Strehlow, Horseshoe Bend [Source]	Central Australia
1922 -1926	During the period between the death of Strehlow and the arrival of FW Albrecht, School teacher HA Heinrich continued the work at Hermannsburg and was ably supported by Aboriginal evangelists Moses, Abel, August, Martin, Rufus, Hezekiel and Nathaneal	Central Australia Ntaria/Hermannsburg
1926 - 1951	Friedrich Wilhelm Albrecht serving the Aboriginal people of Ntaria and beyond. [Source]	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1930s -1950	Aboriginal Pintupi man Kamutu Tjungurrayi (Kintore) contributions and influence on the growth of the church in the Papunya and Haasts Bluff area [Source]	Central Australia Kintore / Papunya / Haasts Bluff
1932	Pastor FW Albrecht first makes contact with the Pintupi people north/north west Alice Springs [Source]	Central Australia Pintupi language area
1935	Permanent Water supply for Ntaria (Hermannsburg) secured by the building of an 8 kilometre gravitational pipeline from Kupriya Spring (north-east of Hermannsburg). A joint venture by Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal peoples. Water flow commenced October [Source]	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1938	Land purchased in Alice Springs for the Church (Gap Road) – later to become the base for the expansion of the work of the mission. Aboriginal evangelists Moses and Martin worked amongst the Alice Springs peoples with Martin remaining in Alice Springs until his death 1959. Moses moved out to the Jay Creek serving in and around the community	Central Australia Alice Springs
1943	FRM was engaged to operate ration depot at Areyonga	Central Australia Areyonga
1946 -1955	Church building erected at Haasts Bluff. Pastor H Pech and wife Elizabeth commences missionary work in the Pintupi-Luritja area. During this time supported by Aboriginal evangelists, Alexander, Titus, Epaphras, Obed and Eugene.	Central Australia Pintupi/Luritja language area
1952 -1986	Pastor and Mrs Leo Kalleske serve the peoples in and around Areyonga for 34 years. This included areas such as Tempe Downs, Angas Down, Mount	Central Australia Areyonga

	Ebenezer, Curtain Springs, Uluru, Docker River, Imanpa, Henbury, Erdunda, Orange Creek and Undandita. Aboriginal co-workers in spiritual ministry during this time included, Wildred and Lucy Swift, Gustav Malbanka, evangelist and later Pastor Leo Tjukintja as well as Daphne Puntjina.	Pitjantjatjara language area
1957 -1982	Appointment of Pastor Paul Albrecht as FRM field Superintendent. [Source] The son of Pastor F.W Albrecht and Minna, Paul had grown up in Hermannsburg speaking fluent Aranda (Arrarnta) and with a deep understanding and appreciation for the Aboriginal culture. Significant and instrumental role in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • translation of scripture into local language • advocacy for the Aboriginal people of the mission • the transition to the self-determination role of the Aboriginal people • transfer of Land Rights back to the 5 clans on the Hermannsburg lease Retired 1998	Central Australia
1958 -1970s	Pastor Paul Albrecht and Garry Stoll began regular visits amongst the Alyawarr speaking areas Significant contributions from the Aboriginal people themselves in ministry to the Alyawarr peoples during this period: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Then evangelist (Pastor) Colin Malbunka • Pastor Conrad Raberaba (Ntaria/Hermannsburg) performed baptisms at both Utopia and Amaroo (Amplilatwatja) prior to Pastor Davey's ordination • Pastor Davey Inkamala (Ntaria/Hermannsburg), • Pastor Immanuel Rutjinama (Yuelamu / Napperby) accompanied Pastor Paul Albrecht on visits to communities 	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1959 -1975	New steel-framed church built at Papunya. Pastor EW Petering transferred to Papunya until his retirement in 1975. A pivotal role was played by Aboriginal evangelist, and later Pastor (5 May 1979) Obed Raggett during this period.	Central Australia Pintupi/Luritja language area
1964	November 15, ordination of first Aboriginal pastors at Ntaria/Hermannsburg, Peter Bullah and Conrad Raberaba by President Vic Roenfeldt (Source) LUTHERAN.1.BW-N6481.15-20	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1969	Aboriginal Pastor Cyril Motna [†] ordained (Alice Springs)	Central Australia
1971	Jul 11, Aboriginal Pastor Paulus Wilyuka [†] ordained (Alice Springs) Nov 7, Aboriginal Pastor Colin Malbunka [†] ordained (Ntaria/Hermannsburg)	Central Australia
1972 -1985	Pastor Max Stollznow serves the Alice Springs congregation (1972-1975) and as FRM Ministry Support Worker at Papunya (1975 – 1985), Pintupi-Luritja language area [Source]	Central Australia Papunya – Pintupi-Luritja language area
1972 -1982	Handing back, by the Government of 5 separate Land Titles, to the Aboriginal people of the Hermannsburg lease. Negotiation and mapping of these areas with the Aboriginal people themselves according to the genealogy of the Traditional Custodians of each of the 5 areas. The intention of the Government was for there to be one Land's Title to cover the Hermannsburg lease. The determination and resolve of the Aboriginal people, together with the advocacy and support by key leaders in the Finke River Mission at the time Pastor Paul Albrecht, Garry Stoll, and Rex Ziersch, enabled the Indigenous voices of those 5 separate areas to be heard and listened to with the government granting of the 5 separate freehold titles, June 2 1982. (Source)	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermannsburg
1975	13 Dec, Aboriginal Pastor Davey Inkamala [†] ordained with his ministry focussed in the Sandover area, 38 years, including Alcoota, Utopia, Ammaroo, Kwala Kwala, Mt Skinner and Wait River [Source] Dec 13, Aboriginal Pastor Eric Panangka ordained (Alice Springs)	Central Australia Alyawarr Language area

1977	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors – LCA President, E Wiebusch Oct 23: Pastor Leo Tjukuntji✠ (Alice Springs) Oct 23: Pastor Immanuel Rutjinama✠ (Alice Springs)	Central Australia
1979	May 5, Ordination of Aboriginal Pastor, Obed Raggett✠ (Papunya)	Central Australia
1981	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors – LCA President Dr L B Grope Jan 18: Pastor Traugott Malbunka✠ (Hermansburg/Ntaria) Jan 18: Pastor Nahasson Ungkwanaka✠ (Hermansburg/Ntaria) May 2: Pastor Timothy Dempsey✠ (Papunya)	Central Australia
Early 1980s - 1990s	Pastor Paul Albrecht translated the liturgy and parts of Scripture into Alyawarr language	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1980s-present	Daphne Puntjinai continues her ministry support work at Areyonga	Central Australia Areyonga
1982	Aboriginal Pastor Murphy Roberts✠ ordained, May 2 (Papunya)	
1982	The new testament in Pintupi language released [Source]	Central Australia Pintupi-Luritja Language area
1983	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors by LCA President C I Koch Sep 4: Pastor Theo Windi✠ (Alice Springs) Sep 4: Pastor Eli Rubuntja✠ (Alice Springs)	Central Australia
1984	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors Sep 11: Pastor Zimran Smithy✠ (Papunya) Dec 2: Pastor, Phillipus Tjakamarra✠ (Papunya)	Central Australia
1985	Apr 28: Ordination of Aboriginal Pastor Samuel Protty✠ (Docker River / Kaltukatjara)	Central Australia
1988 -1992	Bible translators, Andrew and Molly Jantke at Ampilatwatja (Alyawarr language area), transcribed the Liturgy into Eastern spelling.	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1992	David and Marie Blackman (SIL) at Epenarra. (Alyawarr language area) Feb 23: Ordination of Aboriginal Pastor Ron McNamaraa (Napperby)	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1992 -1994	Church worker Tim Klein, (Ampilatwatja)	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1993	Yirara College Alice Springs, established 1973 became a boarding college of the LCA in 1993. [Source 1]	Central Australia Alice Springs
1994	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors by LCA President David Paech Mar 26: Pastor Ron Price✠ (Alcoota) Jun 12: Pastor Trevor Wantama✠ (Mt Liebig)	Central Australia
1994	David Strickland (SIL) at Epenarra and Utopia, Assisted David Moore working with Aboriginal Pastor Frank Turner on Alyawarr translation.	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1995	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors Jun 25: Pastor Tommy David ✠ (Kaltukatjara/Docker River 10 years, Areyonga and Mutijulu) [Source] Jul 2: Pastor Paul Haines✠ (Ti Tree) Jul 2: Pastor Simon Gorey✠ (Ti Tree) Jul 2: Pastor Don Presley (Ti Tree)	Central Australia
1995 - 2007	David and Susan Moore at Ampilatwatja. Garry Stoll continued to visit the area and worked with David Moore training pastors to read the Arrarnta Bible Contributions of Aboriginal pastors during this time included : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Ronnie Price✠ (Lylenty - Mosquito Bore) 	Central Australia Alyawarr language area

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Peterson Stuart✠ (Atneltyey/Atniltji - Boundary Bore), • Pastor Simon Ross✠ and Pastor Frank Turner (at Irrultja) 	
1996 - 2001	Various Bible portions in Alyawarr published.	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1997	<p>Submissions by the Committee on Aboriginal Issues and Ministry, to the LCA 1997 Convention of Synod of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘We’re All People’ report and recommendations • ‘Out of the Shadows’ video of shared stories from within Lutheran Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander communities 	National
1997	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastor Djala Andrews Kurkara✠ (13 Jul) serving Areyonga community	Central Australia
1998	<p>Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors</p> <p>Jun 20: Pastor Reggie Baldock (Puntupi) Kintore’s first pastor [Source]</p> <p>Jun 20: Pastor Jim Brown (Kiwirrkurra)</p> <p>Jun 27: Pastor Graham Poulson (Papunya)</p> <p>Jun 28: Pastor Gregory Tjupurrula✠ (Haasts Bluff)</p> <p>Oct 4: Pastor Stewart Peterson✠ (Ti Tree)</p>	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1998	Aboriginal Pastor Jimmy Haines ✠ ordained (4 Oct) after ministering to the Ti Tree, Pimara Jutunta communities (190+ km north Alice Springs) as an evangelist for a number of years prior to this [Source]	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
1999	Aboriginal Pastor Hezekiel Tjingunya Jingoona ✠ was ordained to serve at Mutijulu as well as Imanpa, Ukalaa and Lila communities [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2000	<p>Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors by Mike Semmler</p> <p>Sep30: Pastor Frank Turner (Irrweltj)</p> <p>Oct 1: Pastor Casey Nelson (Ti Tree)</p> <p>Oct 1: Pastor Michael Tjapiard (Ti Tree)</p> <p>Oct 1: Pastor Christopher Tjanima (Ti Tree)</p>	Central Australia
2000	<p>LCA convention of Synod focus on Reconciliation led by LCA President Dr Lance Steicke and Pastor George Rosendale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rite of Reconciliation Service • The Acknowledgment and Apology • Response to the Rite of Reconciliation / Acknowledgement and Apology • The Lutheran records the event 	National Convention of Synod Tanunda (SA)
2002	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastor Simon Ross✠ (Irrewity) by LCA President Mike Semmler	Central Australia
2001	Field Worker, Pastor Paul Traeger joins the FRM ministry team	Central Australia
2003	First Alyawarr Mini-Bible published.	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
2004	<p>Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors – LCA President Mike Semmler</p> <p>Mar 26: Pastor Roy Yaaltjanki (Kaltukatjara/Docker River)</p> <p>Mar 28: Roderick Kantamara (Mt Leibig)</p> <p>Nov 14: Pastor Trevor Raggett✠ (Haasts Bluff) [Source]</p>	Central Australia
2007	<p>FRM Field worker Pastor Rob Borgas joins the ministry in Central Australia</p> <p>Ordination of Aboriginal Pastors – LCA President Mike Semmler</p> <p>Jun 1 7 Pastor Simon Dixon (Ikuntji/Haasts Bluff) [Source]</p> <p>Nov 25 Pastor Marcus Wheeler (Ntaria/Hermannsburg) [Source]</p>	Central Australia Pintupi-Luritja Language area
2008	<p>Aboriginal ordinations by LCAesidentMike Semmler:</p> <p>Apr 20: Pastor Charlie Chirrup✠ (Areyonga)</p> <p>Jun 14: Pastor Philip Wilyuka ✠ (Titjikala)</p> <p>Jun 20: Pastor Mark Mantjantja (Docker River)</p>	Central Australia

	Jun 20: Pastor Howard Smith✠ (Docker River) Jun 20: Pastor Mark Reid (Docker River) Jun 22: Pastor Lindsay Corby (Kintore) Jun 22: Pastor Joe Young (Kintore)	
2009-2013	Pastor Raymond Morris (9/09 – 12/13) FRM Anmatjere, Alyawarr language area Ministry support [Source] Contributions of Aboriginal Pastors during this time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Don Presley ✠ (Six Mile) • Pastor Ronnie McNamara (Napperby) • Pastor Frank Turner (Irrwelty) • Pastors Michael Tjapiard & Christopher Tjanima (Wilora/Stirling) [Source] 	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
2011	30 July consecration of restored Aboriginal Community Church at Lilla, serving the King Canyon communities of Ulpanyali, Wanmarra and Ukaka [Source] Installation of Aboriginal woman Rita Okai as church worker at Mutitijula [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2013-2014	David Kuss installed as FRM Pastor 24 Mar 2013 (Ntaria/Hermannsburg) 9/13-10/14 FRM [Source]	Central Australia Western Arramta area
2014	The passing of (Lincoln) 'Brother' Boko (Titjikala) [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2014-2018	Pastor Darryl Mattner (9/14-12/18) FRM Alyawarra language area Ministry support [Source]	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
2015	Mar 8 - Aboriginal Pastor Rodney Malbunka ordained by LCA Bishop Henderson [Source]	Central Australia Ntaria
2015	Sep 7, Death of Imanpa Aboriginal evangelist Tjuki Pumpjack [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2015	Aboriginal Pastor John West was ordained (15 Nov) Kiwirrkura (WA) [Source]	Western Australia Pintupi-Luritja language area
2015	Introduction to Finke River Mission of Central Australian Choir Boomerang Tour to Germany (Video)	Central Australia
2015	March 7 the newly constructed church in Tara Community was dedicated by Pastor Darryl Mattner assisted by then local Aboriginal Pastors Christopher Tjanima and Michael Tjapiard	Central Australia
2016	Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Ntaria/Hermannsburg) 50 th Anniversary Celebration, September [Source]	Central Australia Ntaria / Hermansburg
2017	'The Song Keepers' featuring the Central Australian Aboriginal Choir documentary premiered (6 Aug) [Source]	National Central Australia Ntaria / Hermansburg
2017	Marlene Abbott Installed as parish worker supporting Pastor Roy Yaltjanki at Kaltukatjara (Docker River) [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2017	FRM Ministry Support Work (Ntaria/Hermannsburg) Neville Doecke ordained [Source]	Central Australia Ntaria/Hermannsburg
2018	Aboriginal woman Kunpry Peipei installed (14 Jan) as parish worker at Mutijulu community supporting Aboriginal Pastors Hezekiel Jingoona✠ Mark Reid [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area

2018	Aboriginal cousins Janie and Margaret Campbell installed as church workers at Titjikala [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2018 –	Pastor Michael Jacobsen (ELCB / Germany), joins FRM as Alyawarr language area support worker [Source] Aboriginal Pastor Frank Turner continues to minister amongst the Alyawarr peoples	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
2019	Pantjiti Unkari McKenzie , Aboriginal woman from Docker River awarded OAM [Source]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2019	June, dedication of the new bush church at Engwala/Alcoota was dedicated [Source]	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
2019	Ordination of Aboriginal Pastor, Jeffrey Wheeler (Mt Liebig) Pintupi-Luritja language area [Source]	Central Australia Pintupi-Luritja Language area
2019	Aboriginal Support Worker Mark Thiel retires after more than 30 years ministry and working with Aboriginal peoples in both SA and Central Australia [Source]	
2020	January Passing of Aboriginal Pastor Philip Wilyuka [†] ordained, serving principally in Titjikala and surrounding communities. [Source 1] [Source 2]	Central Australia Pitjantjatjara language area
2020	Alyawarr Lutherans mark the 70 th anniversary of Lutheran mission amongst their people [Source]	Central Australia Alyawarr language area
2020	Aboriginal Pastor Stanley Roberts, Papunya, ordained serving the Pintupi-Luritja language area [Source]	Central Australia Pintupi-Luritja Language area
2020	The LCA Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan approved and endorsed by GCB and Reconciliation Australia	National
2021	Four Language Area Agreements with Central Australian Lutheran communities signed, paving the way for Aboriginal delegates aligned to each of the Language areas, to be nominated and participate in District and National Synods. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alyawarr • Western Arrarnta, • Pintupi-Luritja • Anmatyerre 	Central Australia