



NCLS Regional Coordinators

A Draft Guide for Denominations
and Regions

Guide to NCLS Regional Coordinators role

Introduction

NCLS Research serves over twenty two denominations and movements around Australia.

The NCLS team works in partnership with Denominational and Regional Leaders, to facilitate the five-yearly National Church Life Survey, as well as to provide ongoing resources to local churches and regional leadership.

As we seek to equip and resource a variety of denominations, we aim to cater for the diverse practices and structures of each one. Given the differing needs in many areas, we believe that working with a designated NCLS Coordinator within that denominational group, enables us to better individualise our resources, improve our communication and cater for specific needs.

From a logistical viewpoint, the NCLS Research team averages 5-7 staff members and in reaching over 7,500 churches and parishes, we partner with over 100 NCLS Regional Coordinators, to communicate with the churches in their region, state or denomination.

We also seek to foster a partnership where we listen to the needs of each of our Coordinators, as we support and encourage them in their role of overseeing and ministering to churches. From communication, to logistical arrangements and resource design and delivery, we value the input of our Coordinators and seek to compliment their unique styles of mission and ministry.

It is both a privilege and a challenge to serve the Australian Church on this scale, and we are grateful to our NCLS Regional Coordinators for working with us, in helping churches have life to the full.

The NCLS Research Team

NCLS Research is a joint project of ANGLICARE (Diocese of Sydney), Uniting Church in Australia NSW Board of Mission and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. The National Church Life Survey has been carried out on four occasions in Australia: 1991, 1996, 2001 and 2006. Twenty-two denominations participated in the 2006 NCLS.



What do Regional Coordinators do?

Regional Coordinators:

- maintain a liaison between the NCLS team and the churches within their denomination or region.
- promote the value and importance of Church Life Surveys to their churches.
- include information about NCLS Resources in regular denominational mail-outs, on website etc.
- liaise with denominational consultants or facilitators to equip them in assisting churches to make the most of their NCLS Church Life Profile and resources.
- update their denominational leaders, consultants and facilitators with the latest NCLS resources for Regional and Denominational leaders ie. Regional Online Profile Access.
- invite NCLS to present briefings or training workshops where and when NCLS can best serve their denomination.
- provide the NCLS team with ongoing feedback on resources, and suggest ways we can best equip them in their ministry context.
- ensure that key denominational leaders, such as heads of churches, or relevant denominational staff are kept informed about the activities of NCLS Research.
- act as the contact point for any financial arrangements between NCLS Research and their regional/denominational group.



For the National Church Life Survey project

Regional Coordinators:

- maintain a liaison between the NCLS team and the churches within their denomination or region.
- promote the value and importance of the Survey with the view to encouraging maximum participation.
(The higher the level of participation amongst churches, the more comprehensive and valuable Regional and Denominational reports NCLS can provide).
- include information about the survey in regular denominational mail-outs, on websites etc.
- establish which churches within their denomination will participate
- provide NCLS with updated church details, addresses, size estimates and survey orders for each church, usually via an online system.
- provide churches with instructions from NCLS on how to run the survey.
- encourage churches to complete the survey during the allotted time frame.
- ensure that payment for participation is made to NCLS Research.

After the Survey

- maintain a liaison between the NCLS team and the churches within their denomination or region.
- encourage churches to send back their completed surveys within the allotted time frame.
- follow up churches that are late in returning completed survey forms.
- inform consultants or facilitators about NCLS training events that equip them in assisting churches to make the most of their NCLS Church Life Profile material.
- organise workshops or training opportunities at which church leaders can be helped to make the most of their NCLS Church Life Profile report and resources.
- distribute NCLS Regional/ Denominational Profile reports to the appropriate Denominational Leader(s).

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