



## Sample Endorsements

### From Denominational Leaders

"For the past 20 years the National Church Life Survey has been an outstanding example of co-operation across denominations for the sake of furthering God's mission. It has been a world leader in the collection and analysis of data among church attenders, providing a rich resource base for longitudinal studies of trends and movements, beliefs and behaviour of ordinary churchgoers. NCLS is the envy of other national church bodies with its innovative and statistically sound methodology for capturing the strengths and weaknesses of the Australian church which church leaders can use for the benefit of their members and the extension of God's kingdom."

*The Rt Rev Dr Glenn N Davies, Bishop of North Sydney, Anglican Diocese of Sydney*

"The Australian Church is uniquely blessed by the outstanding work of the National Church Life Survey over the past two decades... In addition to providing information whose reliability and consistency is unparalleled in the Western world, NCLS provides insightful interpretation of recent changes in the religious landscape and offer innovative strategies for churches committed to evangelism, discipleship and advocacy. I cannot imagine writing or speaking about the state of the Christian Church in Australia without drawing on the work of NCLS. I would even go as far as saying that NCLS is a gift from God, such has been the positive impact of the organisation on the spiritual lives of individuals and the well-being of the Church."

*Professor Tom Frame, Director, St Mark's National Theological Centre, Canberra ACT*

"The National Church Life Survey offers a tried and tested instrument for description, analysis and planning for mission and ministry in contemporary Australia. It can serve as a window into the life of a church community and a description of the context in which that church seeks to share the gospel, address community needs and advocate for a fairer world. In this time of fundamental cultural and missional change such information and analysis is critically important if churches are going to respond faithfully, creatively and strategically to the challenges and opportunities that face us."

*Rev Alistair Macrae, President National Assembly Uniting Church in Australia*

"The 2011 NCLS will help churches to identify realities. A truly national survey can only take place with the collaboration of all the churches across the nation."

*Fr Brian Lucas, General Secretary, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference*

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## International commendations for NCLS

"Churches in Australia are immensely fortunate to be served by the National Church Life Survey. I know that participating takes time and effort. The information it produces is invaluable, though, not just to leaders of denominations but to individual congregations. It's turned Australia into a model that churches around the world are turning to for inspiration. The people at NCLS are practical visionaries. Your mission is their mission; please help them to help the church."

*Dr David Voas, Simon Professor of Population Studies, Institute for Social Change, University of Manchester, England.*

"It is hard not to sound over-enthusiastic about NCLS but it offers such a brilliant range of research-led resources for local congregations that it really should not be Australia's best-kept secret. The dedicated and expert team at NCLS Research have established themselves as market leaders in a relatively under-served area of Christian ministry and mission. A church that gets involved in any one of the NCLS range of mission audit programmes will find that it has an invaluable range of information about itself and its community that will point the way to new and rich possibilities."

*Revd Dr Darrell Jackson, Director, Nova Research Centre and Lecturer in European Mission, Redcliffe College, Gloucester, England.*

The work of the National Church Life Survey spreads beyond the shores of Australia as it is an invaluable resource for international scholars. Comparable data in other countries, such as the UK, can be explored alongside the data from Australia to compare and contrast the experiences of congregations and clergy across countries as well as across denominations.

*Dr Mandy Robbins, Senior Research Fellow, Warwick Religions and Education Research Unit, University of Warwick, England*

From a European point of view, more church leaders, congregations, and parishes should seriously consider to join this inspiring and fruitful endeavour which brings research to the faithful and facts about modern Christian faith to the social scientists.

*Professor Antonius Liedhegener, University of Lucerne, Switzerland*

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