



## Information about Presbytery's Mission Pathways Fund

The purpose of the Mission Pathways Fund Committee (MPC) is to ensure available Mission Funds are utilised to enhance mission and ministry across the Presbytery and to manage these funds transparently and fairly. The Mission Pathways Fund has the following four pathways:

### *Pathway 1 - Northern Presbytery Operations*

The first call on these funds is to support Northern Presbytery in meeting its operational goals for the year. The level of support required will generally be determined during the annual budget and levy setting process which requires agreement by the Northern Presbytery Council and adoption by Presbytery. These funds are not available to parishes.

### *Pathway 2 - Grants toward Loan Interest*

The purpose of this pathway is to support, parishes and camp trusts in the Northern Presbytery region through providing grants towards the loan interest costs for a period of up to 5 years where there are Presbytery and CPT agreed capital projects. Any grant will take account of the Applicant Parish's financial position and ability to meet its financial commitments and the levels of funds the Presbytery holds in Pathway 2.

### *Pathway 3 - Restructuring Proposal Agreements*

The purpose of this fund is to contribute to costs regarding parish restructuring, that may include dissolution where this is necessary to bring about more effective ministries and mission into the future. For matters of dissolution, in agreement with Presbytery, it is possible that an amount from a sale of property can be "tagged" for a specific project. Such projects would have been clearly justified in the parish mission plan and ultimately meet the necessary approval(s) criteria e.g. Property Trustees requirements.

*Pathway 4 - Mission Fund Projects*

Purpose is to provide an annual pool of funding of an amount of up to \$100,000, in total annually, to be used for assistance to small but innovative projects, especially for congregations with limited resources. There will be two rounds of applications for Pathway 4 each year, these being for submissions by 31 March and 31 August. There are two categories, these being:

Category One: for equipment / materials up to \$3,000, and

Category Two: for ministry and/or mission initiatives, up to \$8,000.

There is an application form for each of the two categories available from the Presbytery Office, or on the website.