

## **REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MISSION FUND COMMITTEE (2022/23)**

### **AND OTHER MATTERS**

The Mission Fund Committee in its present form was established at the beginning of 2018. Its terms of reference have gone through several modifications to address the changing situations that have arisen during those four years.

Given that the MFC processes, funding arrangements, and Church missional grant applications have matured over time, the Committee places a revised Terms of Reference for Council' agreement. (See attached document)

Experience has shown that the Committee's approach has had to be modified to encourage 'real' missional initiative applications from Churches that would have greater impact and involvement in Church community outreach. Close involvement of the Mission Enabler is crucial. Smaller grants for church projects, but not for "business as usual" items, are still considered.

Also important is the MFC's management of new Trusts: St Martins, St James and Elsie Steele. These increase the scope of the MFC and place specific responsibilities on MFC members.

The proposed revisions to the TOR provide greater clarity and guidance for churches and the committee members.

**Recommendation: that Council approve the 'Mission Fund Committee Proposed Terms of Reference 2022'**

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#### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE MISSION FUND COMMITTEE**

Currently the committee membership is structured as follows:

##### **Appointed**

Joanne Bremner (2018)

Malcolm Sproull (2018)

Pascal Brown (2018)

John Shadbolt (Convenor) (2018)

Anne Overton (2020)

Rev Ivan Martinez (2020)

##### **Ex-Officio (by role only)**

Executive Officer - Rod Watts

Convenor P&F - Cunny Atchison (voting member by agreement)

Treasurer - Neil Raines

Mission Enabler - Emma Keown

In keeping with PCANZ practice, members are initially appointed for four years, and can be extended for a further term.

**Recommendation: that Bremner, Sproull, Brown and Shadbolt be appointed for a further term of four years from 2022.**

As the responsibilities of the MFC widen, the revised terms of reference propose up to ten members may be appointed. It is also necessary to be cognisant of the need for a good spread of membership taking account of gender, ethnicity and age, as well as knowledge and experience. Two additional members are proposed – Rev Tim Lim and Masele Bakulich Tufea (Masele is a part time employee of Presbytery, but will be joining in her private capacity outside of Presbytery duties). This brings the appointed membership to eight.

**Recommendation: that Rev Tim Lim and Masele Tufea be confirmed as members of the MFC for a four-year term from 2020.**

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#### FUNDING OF MISSION FUND COMMITTEE GRANTS

For the financial year 2019/20 Presbytery allocated the MFC a budget of \$170,000 for each of three years to FY 2021/22 for the purpose of funding mission initiatives in Northern Presbytery churches. Although each year's budget has not always been fully allocated for church initiatives, there is a growing understanding by churches and the MFC that larger, sustainable initiatives of multiple years are likely to produce longer term outcomes for our churches. This is already resulting in a growing number initiatives spanning up to three years of funding, often related to the provision of human resources to deliver community outreach and mission impact. Council needs to give some thought to funding in the coming years from FY 22/23 onwards.

The MFC usually has two application rounds per financial year (around November and the following May). In the first round of current financial year (Nov 2021) we have:

Granted new	\$57,950
Committed prior	\$100,000 (20k of 3 year grant / 40k pending grant to be initiated)
Total	<b>\$157,950</b>

This effectively leaves \$20,000 new grants available for the second round in May 2022. This may be increased by some carry over from the previous financial year by agreement with the Treasurer.

With the incorporation of St Martins Trust it may be possible to re-allocate some of these funds, where certain western region churches are eligible in terms of the Trust Deed. This is limited.

Based on applications made this year, but not all approved at this stage, larger and longer term grants for missional projects are very likely in future.

Overall, existing longer term commitments for next financial year beginning July 2022 are \$120,000, before we consider two rounds of applications in 2022/23.

**Recommendation: that Council agrees budget funding for the Mission Fund Committee of \$220,000 for the three financial years of 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.**