

35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (TEMOC)

(A report from the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee.)

1. The Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (TEMOC) was formed in 2009 and is responsible for the distribution of funds allocated by Synod to ministries operating in Universities and Vocational Education and Training (VET) institutions. The Committee is committed to supporting the development of evangelical tertiary ministries within the Diocese in accordance with the statement of vision, strategic priorities and core principles detailed in its report to the Synod in 2010 (refer to Synod Book 2010).

2. These are summarised below –

- (a) Vision (paragraph 9, Synod Book 2010): Our vision is to grow Bible-based ministries on each university and Vocational and Education and Training (VET) campus in the Diocese that are –
 - (i) evangelistic,
 - (ii) preparing students for a life-time of Christian service, and
 - (iii) particularly concerned to raise up future generations of vocational Christian ministers.
- (b) Core Principles (paragraph 10, Synod Book 2010): In addition to the values in the vision above, we want these university and VET campus ministries to –
 - (i) serve churches in partnership through training and equipping their members,
 - (ii) as far as possible, work as a single united team on campus,
 - (iii) develop effective ministry across the whole campus, including segments such as commuters, international students, postgraduates, staff and residents,
 - (iv) have (Anglican) chaplains who will serve in these ministries, be recognized by the campus administration and advocate for the ministry.
- (c) Funding Model (Paragraph 11, Synod Book 2010): TEMOC funds are –
 - (i) to help initiate new work on tertiary education campuses,
 - (ii) to help resource campus based ministry traineeships to encourage the raising up of vocational Christian workers,
 - (iii) not to be the sole funding source for any campus ministry.

Funds are available under two schemes (*with the quantum of each grant declining over a 2 to 4 year trajectory*) –

- (i) theologically trained workers,
- (ii) ministry traineeships.

3. The members of the Committee are Professor Christopher Bellenger (Chair), the Rev Patrick Benn, the Rev Richard Blight (Secretary), the Rev Robert Copland, the Rev Stephen Gooch, Mrs Catherine Miers, Associate Professor Boyo Ockinga, the Rev Lisa Thompson (elected during the year) and Canon Mark Williamson.

4. Following the 2014 Synod, the Committee (having met on four occasions) has –

- (i) reviewed reports from 2014 grant recipients.
- (ii) confirmed funding allocations for 2015,
- (iii) called for and assessed grant applications for 2016,
- (iv) commissioned (with donated funds) the production of a short video illustrating the vital ongoing relationship between tertiary student evangelism and the ministry of the diocese.

5. The Committee was responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Synod allocation of \$100,000 to support Tertiary ministry in 2015. As in previous years grant applications were received for projects valued at more than twice the funds made available by the Synod. The committee considered each of the applications in accordance with the statement of vision, strategic priorities and core principles.

6. For 2015 a total of ten grants were distributed. Eight of the grants were distributed to support ministry on seven University campuses and one TAFE campus, plus two grants supporting multi-campus ministries in the Broadway education precinct. All University projects were initiated by Anglican ministries in consultation with evangelical student groups on campus. Grants have assisted in the creation of a new CVET ministry at West Ryde TAFE and several continue support for positions that are less than three years old. Two of the grants support women's ministers, one specifically supports work among international students and a total of 9 ministry trainees are being supported.

7. Funds were distributed as follows –

Tertiary Focus	Funds Recipient	Scheme	Ministry Focus	Project Contact	GRANT 2015
Multi-Institutional	St Barnabas Anglican Church Broadway	Theologically Trained Worker	Residential worker	Rev Mike Paget	\$5,000
Multi-Institutional	St Barnabas Anglican Church Broadway	Theologically Trained Worker	International worker	Rev Mike Paget	\$5,000
Multi-Institutional	St Barnabas Anglican Church Broadway	Ministry Trainees	Campus evangelism	Rev Mike Paget	\$5,000
University of Wollongong	AFES - Wollongong University	Ministry Trainees	Campus evangelism	Rev Rob Copland	\$14,000
University of New South Wales	Unichurch UNSW	Ministry Trainees	Student evangelism	Rev Carl Matthei	\$24,000
Meadowbank TAFE	West Ryde Anglican	Ministry Trainee	Student evangelism	Rev Mal York	\$9,000
UWS Bankstown	AFES – UWS Bankstown	Theologically Trained Worker	Women's Worker	Rev Richard Blight	\$18,000
UWS Penrith	St. Philip's Anglican Church, Kingswood (UWS Penrith)	Theologically Trained Worker	Chaplain	Rev Steve Gooch	\$7,500
UWS Penrith / Hawkesbury	AFES- UWS Penrith	Theologically Trained Worker	Women's worker	Rev Steve Gooch	\$5,000
UWS Parramatta	AFES – UWS Parramatta	Theologically Trained Worker	Staffworker	Sonny Singh / Rev Peter Hughes	\$7,500
TOTAL FUNDS					\$100,000

8. Several members of the Committee have direct involvement in student ministries on campus which from time to time are grant applicants, and on occasion and after due process may also become grant recipients.

9. The Committee maintains a Conflict of Interest Register and any member with a conflict of interest does not advocate for their application in committee or vote on its approval.

10. The Committee considered reports on all the projects funded in 2014. The reports confirmed the application of funds to the specified project and provided details of outcomes achieved from grant funding.

11. Following the reception of our 'TEMOC Report to Synod 2014 on TAFE and CVET Ministry' the Committee developed an information sheet on the range of options available for ministry in these areas and circulated it with the invitation to submit funding applications that was sent to all rectors in June this year. At least one parish is seeking to step up its work on a local TAFE in the coming years.

12. The committee has called for applications for new and continuing projects in 2016. A total of 13 applications requesting \$276,000 have been received for the first round review. Four applications are for new projects. Final decisions on grants will be made following the October meeting of Synod.

For and on behalf of the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee.

PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER R BELLENGER
Chairman

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