

2/15 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

(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). A short video illustrating examples of work supported by TEMOC is available at <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=kZT43tVDveQ>.

2. The priorities and principles of TEMOC 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
 - (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 recognised 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, the Rev Robert Copland, the Rev Stephen Gooch, Mrs Catherine Miers (Secretary), Associate Professor Boyo Ockinga, the Rev Lisa Thompson and Canon Mark Williamson. Three members retire at each session of Synod.

4. TEMOC arranged a meeting of all Anglican University Chaplains with Archbishop Davies on 21 September. The agenda allowed for discussion of a range of tertiary student ministry related matters. The Archbishop encouraged the chaplains in their work in secular tertiary institutions with insight from the Bible's use of Hebrews and Babylonian names for Daniel and his three friends. Hospitality was kindly provided by Robert Menzies College. TEMOC would like to repeat this meeting on a biennial basis.

5. Following the 2017 Synod, the Committee (having met on four occasions) has –

- (i) reviewed reports from 2016 and 2017 grant recipients,
- (ii) confirmed funding allocations for 2018,
- (iii) called for and provisionally assessed grant applications for 2019.

6. The Committee was responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Synod allocation of \$100,000 to support Tertiary ministry in 2018. 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.

7. For 2018 a total of 10 grants were distributed. All projects were initiated by Anglican ministries in consultation with evangelical student groups on campus. Continuing grants are assisting in the CVET ministry at Meadowbank TAFE, ministry trainees at 3 universities and trained male and female workers at

2 universities. New grants support ministry trainees at 2 universities, international and cross-cultural outreach workers and an expanded chaplaincy ministry.

8. Funds for 2018 were distributed as follows –

Tertiary Focus	Organisation	Project Contact	Scheme	Ministry Focus	Grant 2018
Macquarie University	Robert Menzies College	Rev Tim Mildenhall	Theologically Trained	Women's Chaplaincy	\$5,000
Meadowbank TAFE	West Ryde Anglican	Rev Mal York	Theologically Trained	Outreach to International Students	\$5,000
UNSW	Unichurch	Rev Carl Matthei	Theologically Trained	Commuter Ministry	\$20,000
UNSW	Campus Bible Study	Rev Carl Matthei	Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees	\$18,000
UNSW	Campus Bible Study	Rev Carl Matthei	New Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees	\$18,000
USyd	AFES	Rev Patrick Benn	Theologically Trained	Cross Cultural Outreach	\$10,000
UOW	AFES - Wollongong	Rev Rob Copland	New Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees	\$6,000
UOW	AFES - Wollongong	Rev Rob Copland	Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees	\$4,000
WSU Campbelltown	Campbelltown	Adam Richards	Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees	\$4,000
WSU Parramatta	Dundas Anglican and CBM Parramatta (AFES)	Rev Alistair Seabrook	Ministry Apprentice	Long Term Ministry Apprentice	\$10,000
TOTAL FUNDS					\$100,000

9. 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. 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 2017. The reports confirmed the application of funds to the specified project and provided details of outcomes achieved from grant funding.

11. Reports from 2017 Grants also reinforced the impact these grants are making in expanding ministry to tertiary students and raising up a new generation of gospel workers.

12. Some quotations from our grant holders –

“Next year I am planning to go to bible college, to continue training in ministry and then possibly head towards mission. The skills I have learnt through my apprenticeship in student ministry will be beneficial in any area of ministry in which I work in the future.”

“The TAFE students we are reaching are from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, often mature-aged, and most have been in Australia less than 5 years. Many have had no prior contact with Christians or evangelical churches.”

“One of the highlights has been seeing an international student become a Christian after a long time counting the cost”

“I am hoping to go into further ministry working as a chaplain or support worker in schools”

“We recruited two new and capable trainees to work in the residential students ministry”

“I am interested in serving at university campuses after graduating from Moore Theological College – whether in Australia or overseas.”

“One of the highlights was seeing students grow in their understanding of the Bible and their desire to reach their friends and their campus to share this understanding with them.”

13. TEMOC continues to encourage new initiatives in TAFE and CVET ministry and members are available to consult with any parishes considering outreach in this underdeveloped field.

14. The committee has called for applications for new and continuing projects in 2019. A total of 11 applications requesting over \$392,000 have been received. Final decisions on grants will be made following the October meeting of Synod. In 2019 TEMOC has been asked to help fund as many as 36 young graduate ministry trainees. We would appreciate the prayers of members of our churches that these trainees will continue the wonderful work of our previous recipients and fruitfully serve the Lord Jesus either in vocational ministry or as life-long gospel partners in church, family and work here in Sydney and around the world.

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

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Chairman

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