

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 some oversight of tertiary (university and VET sector) ministry across the Diocese. Part of the role of TEMOC is the distribution of funds allocated by Synod. The Committee is committed to supporting the development of on-campus evangelical tertiary ministries (especially Chaplaincy) within the Diocese in accordance with the statement of vision, strategic priorities and core principles detailed in its report to the Synod in 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 (Synod Book, 2010) –
 - (a) Vision: Our vision is to grow Bible-based ministries on each university and Vocational and Education and Training (**VET**) campus in the Diocese that are –
 - evangelistic
 - preparing students for a life-time of Christian service
 - particularly concerned to raise up future generations of vocational Christian ministers.
 - (b) Core Principles: In addition to the values in the vision above, we want these university and VET campus ministries to –
 - serve churches in partnership through training and equipping their members
 - as far as possible, work as a single united team on campus
 - develop effective ministry across the whole campus, including segments such as commuters, international students, postgraduates, staff and residents
 - have (Anglican) chaplains who will serve in these ministries, be recognised by the campus administration and advocate for the ministry.
 - (c) Funding Model: TEMOC funds are –
 - to help initiate new work on tertiary education campuses
 - to help resource campus-based ministry traineeships to encourage the raising up of vocational Christian workers
 - not to be the sole funding source for any campus ministry. Funds are available under two schemes –
 - theologically trained workers
 - ministry traineeships
 - the quantum of each grant will decline over a 2 to 4 year trajectory
3. The members of the Committee are, the Rev Patrick Benn (Chair), the Rev Scott Blackwell, 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. Our biennial meeting of all Anglican University Chaplains with Archbishop Davies is planned for early 2020. We are hoping to continue robust and productive discussions about the role and place of Chaplaincy within our tertiary campuses.
5. Following the 2018 Synod, the Committee (having met on four occasions) has – (i) reviewed reports from 2018 and 2019 grant recipients, (ii) confirmed funding allocations for 2019, (iii) called for and provisionally assessed grant applications for 2020.
6. 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.
7. The Committee was responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Synod allocation of \$100,000 to support Tertiary ministry in 2019. As in previous years grant applications were received for projects valued at more than two and a half times 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.

8. For 2019 a total of 7 grants were distributed. All projects were initiated by Anglican ministries in consultation with evangelical student groups on campus. Continuing grants are assisting in the ministry at Meadowbank TAFE, ministry trainees at four universities and trained workers at two universities. New grants support ministry trainees at three universities.
9. Funds for 2019 were distributed as follows –

Tertiary campus	Organisation	Project Contact	Worker	Funding scheme	2019 Grant
Meadowbank TAFE	West Ryde Anglican Church	Rev Mal York	Andrew Irving	Senior Trainer	5,000
CBM Penrith/Hawkesbury	Kingswood Anglican Church	Rev Cameron Howard	Stephen Smith	Trainee	7,000
Wollongong	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rob Copland	Various	Trainees	6,000
UNSW	Parish of Unichurch	Rev Carl Matthei	Various	Trainees	38,000
UNSW	Parish of Unichurch	Rev Carl Matthei	Tim Rowe	Senior Trainer	15,000
CBM Parramatta	Dundas Anglican Church	Rev Alistair Seabrook	Rachel Ewings	Trainee	5,000
Sydney University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rowan Kemp	Various	Trainees	24,000
Total					100,000

10. The Committee has also considered reports on all the projects funded in 2018. The reports confirmed the application of funds to the specified project and provided details of outcomes achieved from grant funding.
11. Reports from 2018 Grants also reinforced the impact these grants are making in expanding ministry to tertiary students and raising up a new generation of gospel workers. Some quotations from our grant recipients –
- Student ministry offers incredible opportunities for evangelism and raising up future ministry workers, which both serve the wider kingdom. Our desire is to train evangelists to serve in their churches and workplaces, and we are seeing fruit of this on campus. And there is a strong and growing group of students and graduates who are keen to train for vocational ministry - these are the next generation of gospel servants for the kingdom.
 - The work of evangelism, teaching and training university students has shown our trainees their need of a good quality theological education so that they are better equipped to serve the Lord Jesus in future ministry.
 - Reading the Bible with an unbelieving Indian student and an unbelieving Engineering student taught me how to structure reading the Bible with someone purposely.
12. 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.
13. The committee has already called for applications for new and continuing projects for 2020. A total of 13 applications requesting over \$438,060 have been received. Final decisions on grants will be made following Synod in the October meeting of TEMOC. Tertiary ministry continues to be a significant opportunity to continue to train the next generation of both lay and vocational leaders for the Diocese. TEMOC would like to remind the Synod of the significant opportunity to set aside greater funding for leveraging existing and developing tertiary ministry across the Diocese. One of the key expectations continues to be recruitment of future students into Moore Theological College.

14. In 2019 TEMOC has been asked to help fund as many as 44 ministry trainees - an increase of 8 from 2019. Many of these men and women are young graduates prepared to forgo other employment to be trained and equipped for kingdom service. Many are considering further study and are encouraged to consider applying to Moore Theological College. 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 the Sydney Diocese and around the world.
15. Finally we would like to recognise the long-standing and significant involvement in tertiary ministries by Prof Chris Bellenger who resigned this year as Chair of TEMOC after five years of service. We thank him for his significant service.

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

THE REV PATRICK BENN
Chair

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