

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, 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 and Canon Mark Williamson.
4. Standing Committee approved a change in the manner of election of members to bring TEMOC into line with the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations. Commencing in 2016 3 members will retire at each session of Synod rather than the previous situation where all 9 members retired every third year. Furthermore all members are now required to provide a signed copy of the Statement of Faith appended to the Governance Policy.
5. Following the 2015 Synod, the Committee (having met on four occasions) has –
 - (i) reviewed reports from 2015 grant recipients,
 - (ii) confirmed funding allocations for 2016,
 - (iii) called for and provisionally assessed grant applications for 2017.
6. The Committee was responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Synod allocation of \$100,000 to support Tertiary ministry in 2016. 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 2016 a total of eleven grants were distributed. All projects were initiated by Anglican ministries in consultation with evangelical student groups on campus. Continuing grants are assisting in the creation of a new CVET ministry at West Ryde TAFE, ministry trainees at 2 universities and a chaplain and trained male and female workers at 3 universities. New grants support ministry trainees at 2 universities, new international and muslim outreach workers and an expanded chaplaincy ministry.

8. Funds for 2016 were distributed as follows –

Tertiary Focus	Funds Recipient	Scheme	Ministry Focus	Project Contact	GRANT 2016
Multi-Institutional	St Barnabas, Broadway	Theologically Trained Worker	International Students	Rev. Mike Paget	9,000
UNSW	Unichurch UNSW / CBS	Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees (5)	Rev. Carl Matthei	12,000
UNSW	Unichurch UNSW / CBS	Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees (8)	Rev. Carl Matthei	10,000
UWS Penrith	St Philips, Kingswood	Theologically Trained Worker	University Chaplain	Rev. Steve Gooch	5,000
UWS Bankstown	AFES	Womens Staffworker	Theologically Trained Worker	Rev. Richard Blight	12,000
West Ryde TAFE	St Columbs, West Ryde	Ministry Trainee	Outreach Ministry	Rev. Mal York	8,000
UWS Parramatta	AFES	Male Staffworker	Theologically Trained Worker	Sonny Singh	4,000
University of Wollongong	AFES	Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees (3)	Rev. Rob Copland	7,000
University of Wollongong	AFES	Ministry Trainees	Ministry Trainees (2)	Rev. Rob Copland	2,000
Macquarie University	Robert Menzies College	Theologically Trained Worker	Chaplain	Rev. Tim Mildenhall	7,000
Sydney University	AFES	Theologically Trained Worker	Muslim Outreach Worker	Rev Paddy Benn	24,000
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 2015. The reports confirmed the application of funds to the specified project and provided details of outcomes achieved from grant funding. In one case some funds have been placed in a suspense account pending the return to work of a worker taking maternity leave.

11. Reports from 2015 Grants also reinforced the impact these grants are making in expanding ministry to tertiary students and raising up a new generation of gospel workers. In her annual report one ministry trainee from Wollongong said –

Many of the students that I've met with are becoming more solid in their convictions and are receiving valuable training for living out their faith in Christ beyond university. There's immense benefit in student ministry because of the way it can shape and equip people at such a pivotal stage in their life. As these students graduate and move off into other parts of the world they can do so with a solid foundation in the Bible and with skills and tools to help them be life-long disciples and ministers to others. I'm a case in point – I was a student who was challenged and grew so much in my faith through the bible teaching, training and encouragement I received. Because of this I made the decision to do a ministry apprenticeship at the uni where I'm now teaching, training and encouraging others about Jesus and the Bible. And it's something that I intend to do for the rest of my life.

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 called for applications for new and continuing projects in 2017. A total of 11 applications requesting \$193,000 have been received for at this stage for first round review. 2 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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