

## **Presbytery Funding of Mission Initiatives Guidelines**

The Presbytery will consider for funding proposals from Congregations and/or Clusters for ministry and mission projects that:

- 1** have measurable, clearly articulated and defined missional outcomes
- 2** demonstrate an effective and capable leadership team; active support from the church council/s and congregation/s prepared to commit to delivery of the project; appropriate administrative support; an achievable implementation plan; and a plan for transitioning from the initial project to longer term sustainability
- 3** are normally for up to three years funding; with a Presbytery contribution of less than 50% of the project costs; with such Presbytery funding reducing over the period of the funding; and where, in exceptional cases, funding beyond three years may be considered towards the end of the funding period
- 4** have a reporting regime of both a quarterly performance-based report on project outcomes and the implementation plan and an annual report to Presbytery through the Standing Committee on the project itself, the implementation plan, financials, and progress towards building sustainability (including stewardship), with this latter report forming the basis for confirmation of funding for the subsequent year/s
- 5** provide a basis for the congregation and/or cluster sharing their project learnings with the wider church
- 6** are consistent with the ministry and missional priorities set by the Presbytery in session

[Note: Such funding will not normally be provided, save in exceptional circumstances and for strong missional reasons, for a) existing placement costs and b) building or plant.]

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