

Strategy and Mission Planning Committee (SMPC)

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The above Committee members were elected by the meeting of the Presbytery in November 2016. The Commission co-opted Rev Don Dowling to serve as a member at its first meeting.

The Commission places on record its thanks for the service provided by Alice Boomer, as minute secretary and enabler of many practical tasks in preparation for and follow-up from each meeting.

Due to changes enacted by Presbytery and Synod in 2016 for the division of responsibilities of Presbytery and Synod and gave permission to SMPC at November Presbytery to develop our own rules to bring back to May Presbytery meeting for approval. In the interrim the November 2016 meeting of the Presbytery granted permission to the Commission to continue to operate under the existing rules for the Commission until May 2017. To ensure smooth process at the meeting, the draft of these new rules were provided to the Church Law Committee and to the Executive of the Presbytery on 30 March 2017.

The Commission held a two-day workshop to commence work on the rules and the future strategies for the Commission, this work was then collated by a sub-committee before approval by the whole commission.

The Mission Planner and the Commission engaged in further work on the development of a Mission Planning Template for use by congregations, agencies and faith communities and this is being prepared for publication.

The Mission Grants were approved for 2017. The Mission Planner and various members of the Commission are in regular contact with each of these communities to ensure ongoing encouragement in their mission activities.

The Uniting Church Congregations in Augusta Margaret River, Busselton Parish and the Wellington Regional Mission joined with the Salvation Army in Bunbury to host the first ever Mission Shaped Ministry (MSM) course in Western Australia, facilitated by Rev Greg Ross and

Rev David Kriel. Twenty three participants have engaged in the first eight units of this 24 unit course and this will continue throughout the year.

We are enormously thankful for the support of the Presbytery Minister for Mission and Education, Rev Dr Adam McIntosh, from the Presbytery of Port Philip West in the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, for encouraging and sharing the MSM resources that they have contextualised for our nation and denomination. The Committee is hopeful that several congregations in the metropolitan area will agree to work together and host Mission Shaped Ministry together.

The Mission Planner, Rev David Kriel, offered a brief 'taster' of MSM at Summer Spirit.

The Chair of the Committee and the Mission Planner were pleased to be invited to work with the Commission for Education for Discipleship and Leadership (CEDAL) in running with Rev Dr John Squires a two-day intensive 'Building a Missional Community.'

SMPC approached the Chair of the Resources Commission, Rev John Dunn, with the desire for a closer working relationship; one grounded in a theology of property and resources, and a goal to better resource mission across the Presbytery. Both groups agreed to share in a joint workshop day in August, to which we hope that Rev Dr McIntosh will attend and resource.

The work of the Committee with congregations, faith communities and agencies in serving and enabling coal-face mission always involves the matters of resources, which includes the assets of property, finance, people assets and the matter of stewardship as part of discipleship. The Committee is aware that both the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania and the Synod of New South Wales have invested time and resources into developing a resource which gives a solid theological and missiological foundation for the way in which they as 'stewards' care for these resources so that they can enable mission. Using these resources as a starting point, the Committee is working on developing a document like this for consideration by our Synod / Presbytery by the end of the year.

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