

P21 NETWORKS**STATUS**

P21.1 The Presbytery may establish and terminate from time to time Networks of persons with common interests in specific activities of the Church. [*Note the Presbytery Minutes 18 May 2019*].

ESTABLISHMENT

P21.2 A Network may be established by decision of the Presbytery or the Presbytery Standing Committee acting on its own initiative or at the request of persons desiring recognition by the Presbytery as a Network. The Presbytery shall determine the name of the Network and describe its area of interest or activity.

MEMBERSHIP

P21.3 The Network shall have a Convener appointed by the Presbytery for a one year term.

P21.4 Membership of a Network is open to any member or adherent of the Church who has an interest in the area of ministry encompassed by the scope of the Network.

P21.5 The Convener will maintain a contact list of all those who wish to be involved in the Network and ensure that they are informed of meetings of the Network.

P21.6 Presbytery or Synod staff will be members of any Network active in their area of responsibility and welcome to participate in any Network from time to time to assist a Network in the fulfilling of its purpose and responsibilities.

P21.7 The Chairperson of the Presbytery may, at their own discretion, attend and speak at any meeting of the Network.

MEETINGS

P21.8 The Network will meet at least three times each year.

P21.9 The meetings of the Network will be conducted in accordance with the principles and procedures of the *Manual for Meetings*.

P21.10 Network meetings can be conducted face to face or using any appropriate technology as agreed from time to time.

REPORTING

P21.11 All Networks shall report to the Presbytery at least annually, to the Presbytery Standing Committee when requested and forward the minutes or other record of their meetings to Presbytery Standing Committee.

ROLE

P21.12 The role of a Network is to include any or all of these tasks:

- (a) Promoting communication between people involved in a particular area of ministry.
- (b) Supporting, encouraging and sharing ideas and resources between those involved in a particular area of ministry.
- (c) Identifying needs, trends and opportunities for new ministry and mission development within their particular area of ministry, and communicating these to Presbytery staff and committees.
- (d) Ensuring that their voice is heard by communicating with and participating in Presbytery committees, actively advocating for the needs of their particular area of ministry.
- (e) Organising events which promote a particular area of ministry.
- (f) Requesting provision to be made in the budget for funding for the work of the Network.
- (g) Bringing proposals to any Presbytery meeting for consideration.
- (h) Undertaking projects related to their particular area of ministry at the request of the Presbytery or Presbytery Standing Committee.