

National Commitments Committee Report 2013

In my report last year I reported that “we have been advised by the Trust Board to be prepared for a reduced income next year” and, despite their excellent Stewardship and Management of Investments, that has happened to the tune of 8.7%. As a result, all Funding Committees of Synod have been faced with a significant reduction in Funds available to allocate.

After carefully considering the 5 applications for funding from the PCANZ, the National Commitments Committee juggling of the available resources saw the Ecclesiastical Fund this year take the larger share of the Academic Salaries Request of \$270,000. We are recommending the allocation of \$147,000 from the Ecclesiastical Fund with another \$63,000 coming from the Education Fund. Compared with last year, this was \$150,000 and \$75,000. The Total allocations for National Commitments this year is down \$27,000 from last year to \$298,000 in total.

We really missed, due to ill health, the carefully considered input from our Moderator and Convener of the Ecclesiastical Committee, Prof. Graham Hill but his views and influence were known to and felt by the committee.

My sincere thanks to the committee for their willingness to throw around ideas and possibilities and arrive at decisions which are well considered. Special thanks, as he concludes his long involvement with the Synod, go to Allan Paulin for his excellent contribution and guidance over the past 10 years.

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