

Report: Ecclesiastical Fund

The meeting of the Ecclesiastical Fund held on 20 February 2014 was constituted by the convenor John Willis. We welcomed two new members, Helen Martin and Chris Burgin (Moderator Designate) to the meeting and accepted the apology from the Moderator Bruce Fraser.

There were no applications to the College Fund or Heritage Fund for this year.

The Knapdale/Waikaka Parish are now considering a different proposal for a new Manse than they were when they applied for the allocations they received last year. In the current proposal the land is more costly and the building less costly so to give them more flexibility in the use of their allocation for their current proposal the committee decided that their allocations from last year be merged together.

The National Commitments Committee meeting held in January agreed to \$127,750 of the Ecclesiastical Funds for allocation in 2014 to be our share allocated to the academic salaries of the PCANZ Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership. This then left \$555,618 available for us to distribute among the applicants. From the schedule attached you will see that there were no payments during the year for either Building Reports or Insurance Valuations thus leaving the full amount to be allocated to the 15 applications from Parishes and Camps. The applications varied from health and safety, land purchase, new buildings, extensions to maintenance. As the applications totalled more than the funds available we are aware that there may be some disappointments. The attached schedule was unanimously decided after careful and prayerful consideration of the information presented to us.

Once again we ask that when filling out the application forms please ensure that ALL questions are answered in the application form. This then gives the committee an overall view to the work and mission of the Parish. This will be vital in the coming years for the committee as there is most likely to be an increase in applications as a result of parishes needing to address building issues raised by the Structural Engineering Reports. Thank you to all those that do fill in their applications clearly and fully.

I wish to thank the committee for their task in processing through the applications and to the Executive Officer of Synod, Fergus Sime, for the careful preparation to the detail and presentation of all information for our meeting.

John Willis
Convenor.