

Ministry Resource Committee

Annual Report 2014

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With 2 meetings under my belt I have well and truly got the hang of this committee...yeah right! Hence I am ever grateful to Fergus Sime, Bruce Fraser and Cheryl Harray for their guidance, help, support and friendship as I convene this committee.

Fergus, who is a wealth of knowledge and expertise in Synod matters - also has insight into dealings and associations with the wider church.

Bruce, with his passion for mission, eldership and worship has been an invaluable resource to the Synod region and beyond.

Cheryl, with her enthusiasm for Children's Ministry always brings vibrancy to our committee meetings as she informs us of upcoming events and reminds us of the importance of ministry towards the young.

This committee is indebted to our staff in the Synod office and Synod is well served and blessed. We welcome Brad Kelderman – our new Synod Youth Advisor and we look forward to working together with him.

As Bruce's moderatorial term comes to an end and he looks to retirement next year we want to sincerely thank Bruce for his passion, his love for God and God's people, and for his faithful servant hood as our Mission Advisor for almost 9 years...*my, how the years have flown!* We sincerely wish Bruce and Beverly all the best as they look forward to retirement together.

It is good to see the relationship between Synod Executive and Presbytery Council literally get closer as both now share the same base in Dunedin. Having Presbytery representation on our committee further enhances that relationship.

It is also good to have representation from the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership with Jason Goroncy attending and presenting a report from the Centre at our recent meeting.

The Ministry Resource Committee's purpose is: Making Mission Happen. To this end we have a budget of \$20,000 given to us by the Mission and Evangelism Committee. We continue to support the Men's and Women's annual retreats organized by Bruce Fraser and his team held at En Hakkore, near Ranfurly. It has been a blessed and restful time for those who attended. We also received an urgent request of \$3,500 to help an Asian & Taiwanese Youth Group who visited recently. The Southern Presbytery covered 50% of this cost and so we were happy to cover the rest. And finally, Cheryl Harray requested funding support for The Transformers Camp, which is about raising up young leaders.

Funding Requests approved and paid during 2013:

Cool Bananas underspent from 2012	(276)
Women's and Men's Retreats	6,269
Asian & Taiwanese Youth Trip	1,750
Transformers Camp	958

	\$8,701
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The Committee also seeks to be pastoral in nature by requesting reports from parishes in the Synod area as well as any prayer needs/concerns. Understandably a number of the recent prayer requests have reflected parish concerns over church building evaluations and the way forward. Time is allotted during the meeting where the committee prays for these in small groups.

Looking forward, a closer relationship with Presbytery can be a good thing and we have, and will certainly continue praying to that end. Communication is key in any relationship and so we look forward to the year ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank all my committee members for their support and commitment to the task at hand. It is my prayer that as we work together this year – not only will we be making mission happen but also that we would grow and function well together as a team.

Blessings,

Rev George Kopa

Convener