

National Commitments Committee Report 2014

This year I am delighted to be able to report that, as the result of the excellent work by the Otago Foundation Trust Board in making an increase of 25%, compared with last year, available for Synod to allocate, the pruning knife hasn't been used as extensively and severely as it has been in the past but, as usual, the Applications to all Funding Committees still exceed the amount available to allocate.

This year there were 8 Applications for allocations from the PCANZ and after prayerful discussion and consideration it was agreed that for Academic Salaries this year we allocate \$127,750 from the Ecclesiastical Fund, with \$101,250 coming from the Educational Fund and \$15,000 from the Mission & Evangelism Fund giving a total of \$240,000 for the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership.

From the Educational Fund we agreed to allocate \$125,000 of their total available funds to meet the applications from the Presbyterian Research Centre (formerly the Hewitson Library and the Archives).

There was also an application from the Moderator Designate for assistance to get Commissioners to General Assembly in October which the Committee referred to the Executive for further discussion.

Altogether this brings the allocation to the PCANZ this year to \$365,000 in total. This is an increase of just over 22% compared with last year.

My sincere thanks to the committee for their willingness to throw around ideas and possibilities and arrive at decisions which are well considered, and which will bring glory to God as we continue to do his work in the Synod area. Special thanks to our Executive Officer, Fergus Sime, for the excellent presentation of the applications and permutations of figures for our consideration.

Lyn Murray. (Convenor).