

COMMITTEE FOR NEW AND RENEWING CHURCHES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. NAME

Committee for New and Renewing Churches, referred to as “the Committee”.

2. RELATIONSHIP TO THE CHURCH

The Committee is a committee of the Council for Local Mission, referred to as “the Council”, and shall fulfil its responsibilities in keeping with the Constitution and the policies of the Church.

3. PURPOSE

- 3.1 The Committee shall assist the Council to grow and strengthen local communities in the Church and to support its ministries.
- 3.2 The Committee shall operate under the authority of the Council and shall
 - 3.2.1 work with and support the New and Renewing Churches Manager and the Department in its advocacy for growing a missional culture in the Church;
 - 3.2.2 identify communities with the potential for establishing and growing new missional communities; and
 - 3.2.3 provide specific information and advice to the Council.
- 3.3 The work of the Committee is to fulfil the mission of the Church in the world.

4. AUTHORITY

- 4.1 The Committee may recommend to the Council such approaches and actions based on its considered assessment of opportunity, priority and need.
- 4.2 The Council may delegate specific decision-making authority to the Committee under a written delegations policy.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of seven [7] members:
 - 5.1.1 a chairperson appointed by the Council who possesses experience and qualities appropriate to the task;
 - 5.1.2 one [1] pastor currently serving in a local congregation;
 - 5.1.3 two [2] members with expertise in diverse models of mission in new and established contexts;
 - 5.1.4 two [2] members who are practitioners in local mission in new and/or existing mission fields;
 - 5.1.5 one [1] member with experience in strategic planning or organisational management.
- 5.2 The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Council, based on recommendations from the Standing Committee on Nominations.
- 5.3 The Committee shall consist of people with a passion for ministry and mission.
- 5.4 The membership shall include a mix of backgrounds and perspectives which, together with the relevant skills, qualifications and experience will enable the Committee to fulfil its role.
- 5.5 The term of appointment for all members will be for a Synodical term.
- 5.6 The Executive Officer - Local Mission (EO-LM) and the Manager of the Department shall attend meetings of the Committee.

- 5.7 The Council chairperson may attend meetings of the Committee in an ex officio capacity.
- 5.8 Up to two [2] consultants may be appointed by the Council to contribute specialised knowledge that is not available among the membership when addressing specific issues.

6. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AND REPORTING

- 6.1 Meetings shall be convened by the Chairperson.
- 6.2 It is at the discretion of the Committee to meet face-to-face, by electronic means, or by other means of communication.
- 6.3 Email correspondence may be used for the distribution of minutes, advisory information or approval of documentation.
- 6.4 The minutes of the meetings of the Committee shall be submitted to the Council.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 7.1 The Committee shall focus on issues relevant to the growing of the Church which includes ensuring that missional opportunities of the Church are established, strengthened and grown within the financial and personnel resources available.
- 7.2 The Committee shall work with the Manager of the Department and the EO-LM to
 - 7.2.1 provide advice to the Council on relevant strategic directions and policies with respect to new and renewing churches;
 - 7.2.2 develop and recommend plans and ministry priorities, including the financial and resource support required;
 - 7.2.3 identify church planting opportunities and other mission possibilities, and act as a national point of reference in the Church for new churches and renewing churches;
 - 7.2.4 provide practical support for personnel involved in these ministries;
 - 7.2.5 develop effective communication to facilitate sharing of initiatives and mutual support between missional communities;
 - 7.2.6 prioritise and recommend recipients and sums of grants and/or scholarships;
 - 7.2.7 promote, review and monitor the work of new and renewing churches;
 - 7.2.8 review and monitor the work and well-being of the Department staff;
 - 7.2.8 support the performance reviews of the Manager of the Department by the Council; and
 - 7.2.9 support the recruitment of the Manager of the Department.

8. REVIEW

- 8.1 The Terms of Reference for the Committee shall be reviewed during each Synodical term.
- 8.2 Any changes to the Terms of Reference shall be approved by the Council, upon review by the Standing Committee on Constitutions.