

## **KAIMAI PRESBYTERY – MISSION INITIATIVES FUND**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**    Adopted by the Kaimai Presbytery 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2019.

[1] That the purpose of the Mission Initiatives Fund (MIF) be to further the objectives of the Presbytery's Strategic Plan and enhance the health and growth of local churches.

[2] That applications to the MIF may be from either parishes or the Presbytery for work in parishes or in the whole Presbytery.

[3] That grants may be made from the MIF to assist new mission initiatives that are clearly aligned with the priority of the mission of God including the establishment of new congregations and that fall within any of the following categories:

- (a) for new mission projects;
- (b) for new leadership for those mission projects;
- (c) for new innovative models of church, ministry and mission;
- (d) for ongoing training and resourcing of existing leadership; or
- (e) for purchase of land for new mission centres and growing residential areas.

[4] That, except as provided in para (9) and para [9](d) and [9](e), MIF grants shall not be made for the maintenance or development of existing facilities, for new buildings, or for the usual operational costs of parishes or the Presbytery.

[5] That the MIF be available for mission projects within the whole Kaimai Presbytery area.

[6] That the MIF be added to from the cash and sale of property from dissolved parishes, from net rental or leased presbytery property, from interest on the Fund, and from other sources as determined.

[7] That the Presbytery may create reserve funds within the MIF for general or specific purposes and subject to such conditions as the Presbytery determines. The following reserve fund is created on the establishment of the MIF: a Legal Expenses Reserve for possible future legal expenses. (Initially \$10,000)

[8] That the Strategic Work Group process applications to the MIF for grants to assist new mission initiatives with power to approve applications up to \$50,000 and to recommend to the Council of the Presbytery for approval applications above \$50,000.

[9] That the following provisions shall apply when a parish is dissolved and its real and personal property (i.e., land, buildings and cash) are vested in the Presbytery under the Presbyterian Church Property Act 1885:

- (a) Any cash on dissolution will be transferred to the MIF.
- (b) When any property is sold the net sale proceeds will be transferred to the MIF.
- (c) Where most people from the dissolved parish join another parish, the Presbytery may allocate a proportion of the money transferred to the MIF to the new host parish, provided that this proportion is aligned with the missional principles in the Property Handbook of the Church Property Trustees and meets the parameters in sub-para (d) below.
- (d) The proportion allocated may be up to 10% of the total net sale proceeds and cash for Presbytery-approved new mission initiatives and up to 30% for Presbytery-approved property projects, provided that no allocation shall be made after the expiry of 24 months from the date of dissolution.
- (e) That 5 per cent (5%) of the net proceeds from the sale of property of dissolved parishes be used for the annual operational expenses of Presbytery. (Adopted 2021)