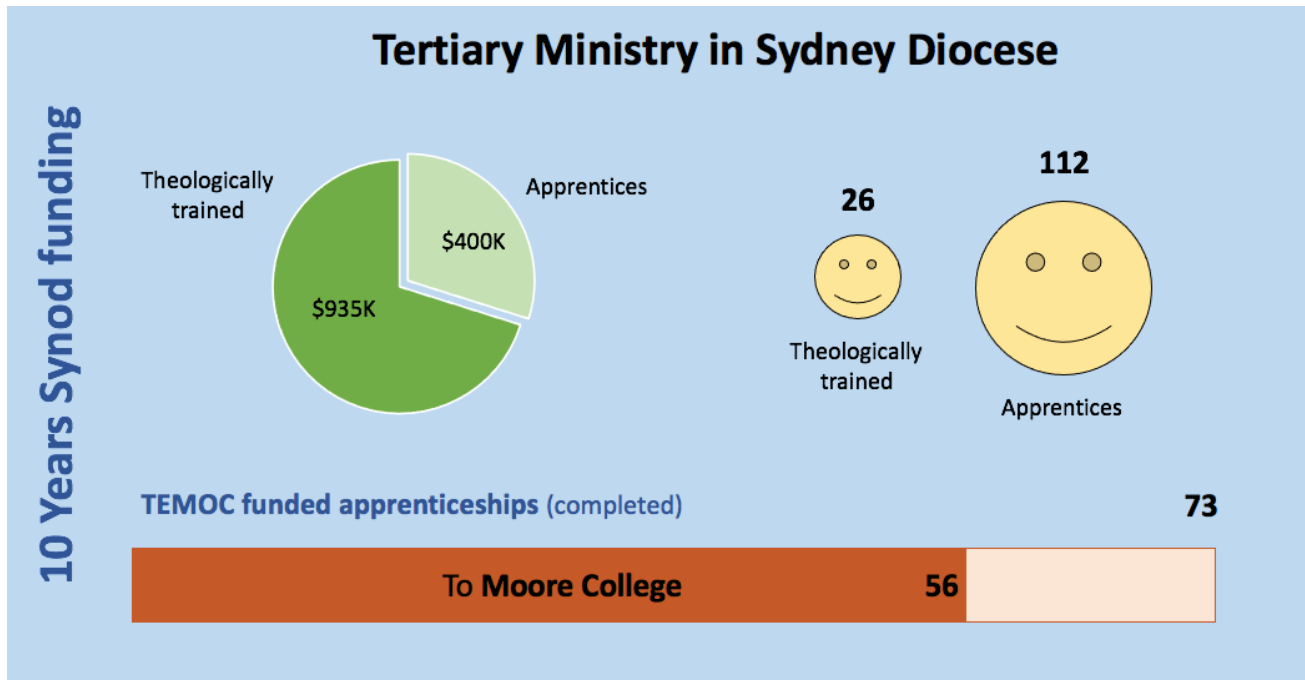


## 2/15 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

(A report from the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee.)

### Key Points

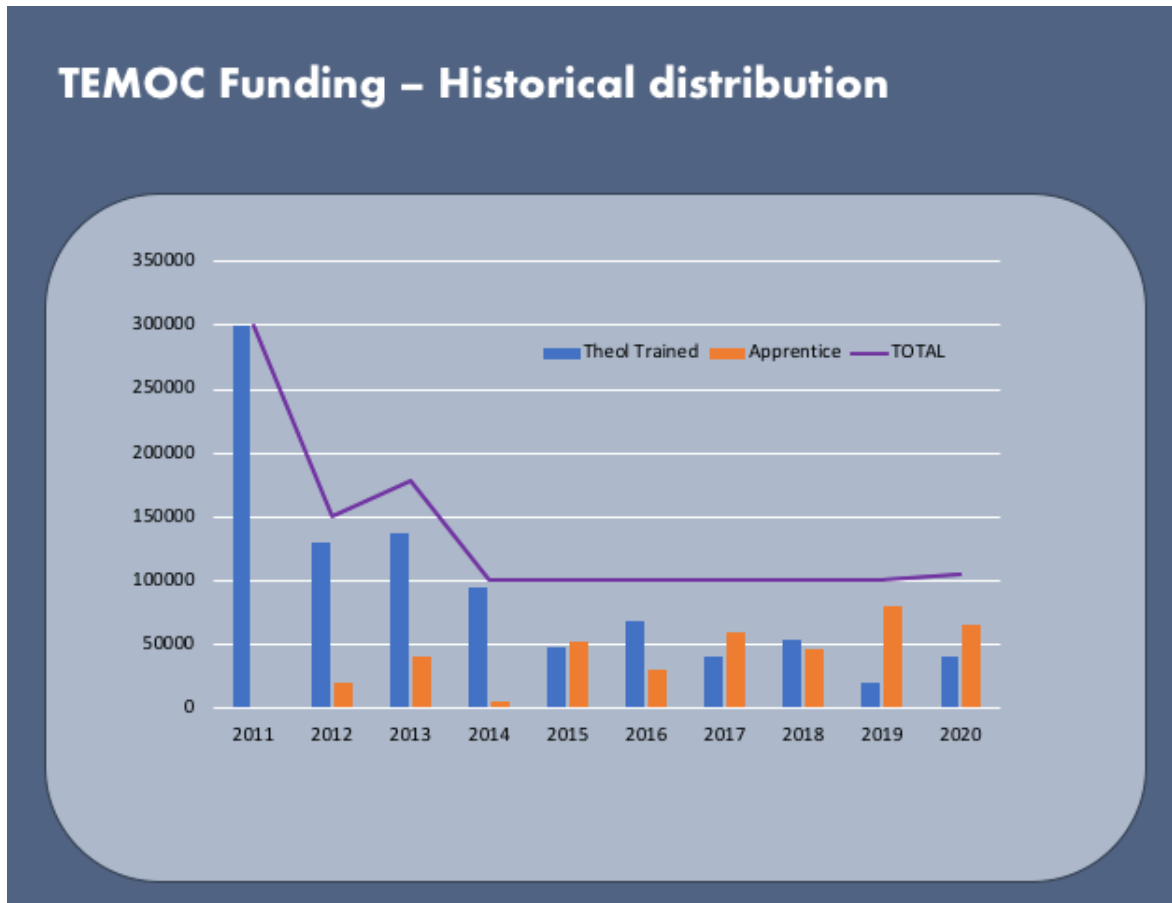
- This report to Synod will seek to cover TEMOC activities from June 2019 (when a report was tabled for the 2019 Synod) until July 2021.

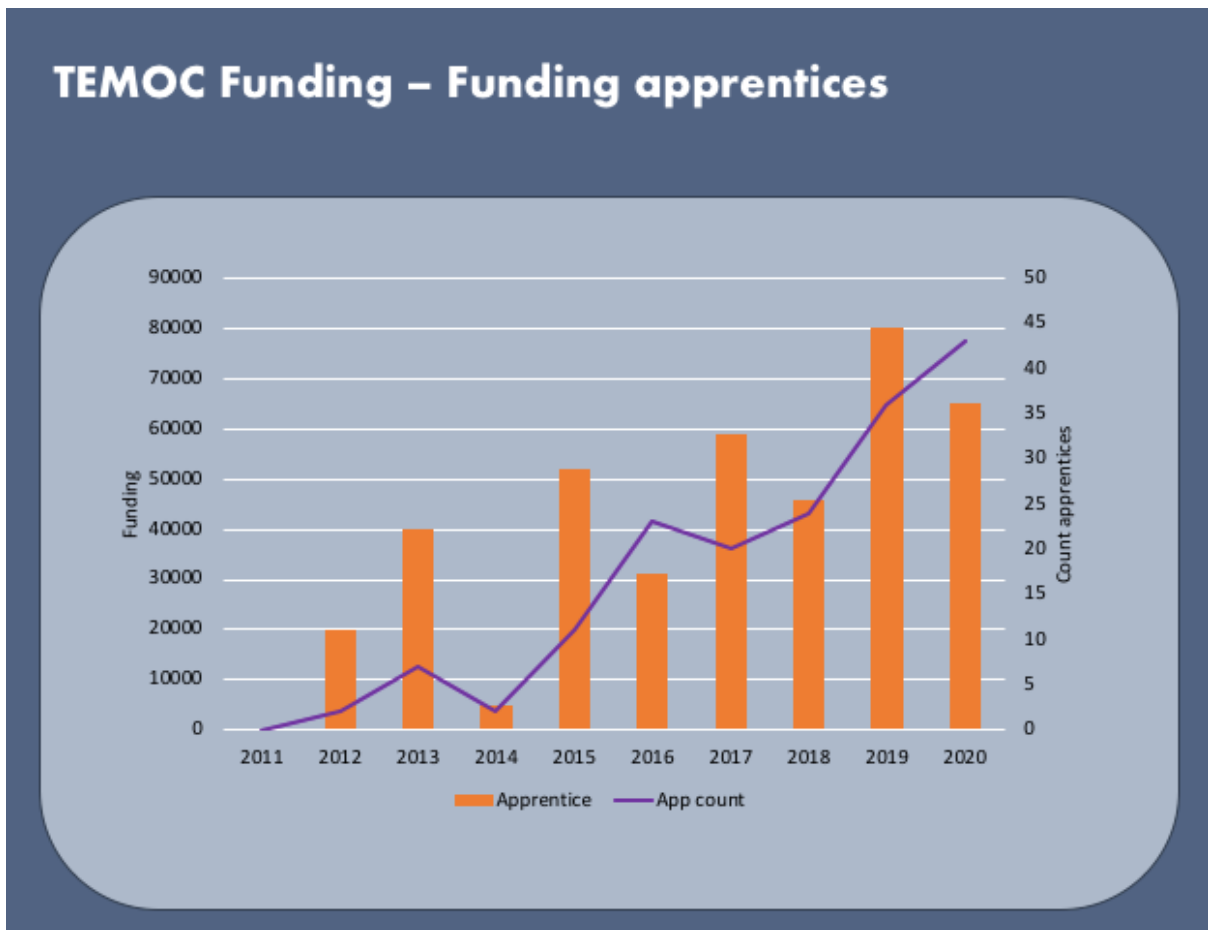


- The Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (TEMOC) was formed in 2009 and is responsible for some oversight of tertiary (university and VET sector) ministry across the Diocese. Part of the role of TEMOC is the distribution of funds allocated by Synod. Tertiary ministry continues to be a significant opportunity to continue to train the next generation of both lay and vocational leaders for the Diocese. TEMOC would like to remind the Synod of the significant opportunity to set aside greater funding to TEMOC for leveraging existing and developing tertiary ministry across the Diocese. One of the key expectations continues to be recruitment of future students into Moore Theological College.
- The Committee is committed to supporting the development of on-campus evangelical tertiary ministries (especially Chaplaincy) within the Diocese in accordance with the statement of vision, strategic priorities and core principles detailed in its report to the Synod in 2010 (listed at the end of this report in the Appendix).
- The members of the Committee are, the Rev Patrick Benn (Chair), the Rev Scott Blackwell, the Rev Richard Blight, the Rev Robert Copland, the Rev Stephen Gooch, Mrs Catherine Miers (Secretary), Associate Professor Boyo Ockinga, the Rev Lisa Thompson and Canon Mark Williamson. Three members retire at each session of Synod.
- Several members of the Committee have direct involvement in student ministries on campus which from time to time are grant applicants and - on occasion and after due process - may also become grant recipients. The Committee maintains a Conflict of Interest Register and any member with a conflict of interest does not advocate for their application in committee or vote on its approval.
- In August 2019 a report entitled - *Impact of Faith Groups* was released by the Sydney University Evangelical Union and Power to Change. This report highlighted the significant impact that university chaplains can have in the life of students, and especially those within faith groups on campus. It has also been shared with other tertiary chaplains to be used as an advocacy document to highlight the importance and significant role that Anglican university Chaplains play in the tertiary sector. TEMOC

wishes to recognize the work of Rev Rowan Kemp (Asst Chaplain at Sydney University) in working with McCrindle research to both undertake and fund this vital research into the role of Chaplains in working alongside faith-based groups on campus.

6. On 1 May 2020 TEMOC hosted (on zoom) our biennial meeting of Anglican University Chaplains and others ministering in an Anglican capacity within the tertiary sector (eg Anglican residential university colleges) with Archbishop Davies. While this would normally have been a one day conference we were limited to a 3hour gathering by holding it online. Archbishop Davies taught from the Scriptures, we spent time hearing from each other and praying together. Many were encouraged in meeting together and hearing how covid-related tertiary ministry was been pursued. It is planned that a future meeting would be held in May 2022.
7. During the season of covid-induced lockdowns in both 2020 and 2021 tertiary workers have needed to develop flexibility and innovation in their ministry practices. Many have developed alternate programs for online Bible teaching and Bible studies. Many chaplains have also observed the increased challenge of helping tertiary students manage their mental health during this time.
8. In the last ten years that TEMOC has been receiving funding from the Synod, just over \$1.3M has been distributed. These funds have been used to seed-fund 26 theologically trained workers at an average grant of \$11K per year. TEMOC funds have also been used to provide funding for 112 ministry apprentices at an average grant of \$1,800 per year each. Of the 73 who had completed their apprenticeships 56 have gone on to undertake study at Moore Theological College.





9. Between the 2019 Synod and July 2021, the Committee (having met on seven occasions) has – (i) reviewed reports from grant recipients, and (ii) confirmed funding allocations for both 2020 and 2021.
10. The Committee was responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Synod allocation of \$107,000 to support Tertiary ministry for 2020. As in previous years grant applications were received for projects valued at more than five times the funds made available by the Synod. The committee considered each of the applications in accordance with its statement of vision, strategic priorities and core principles.
11. For 2020 a total of 10 grants were distributed. All projects were initiated by Anglican ministries in consultation with evangelical student groups on campus. Continuing grants are assisting in the ministry at Unichurch (UNSW) and Sydney University, ministry trainees at four universities. New grants support cross cultural work at Macquarie university and ministry trainees at five universities.
12. Funds for use in 2020 were distributed as follows:

Tertiary campus	Organisation	Project Contact	Worker	Funding scheme	2020 Grant
Sydney University	St Barnabas Broadway	Rev Mike Paget	Various	Trainees	3,000
Macquarie University	Robert Menzies College	Rev Daniel Anderson	Various	Trainees	4,000
Macquarie University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Daniel Anderson	Chris Townsend	Theologically Trainer worker	10,000
UNSW	Parish of Unichurch (UNSW)	Rev Carl Matthei	Various	Trainees (19)	33,000
UNSW	Parish of Unichurch (UNSW)	Rev Carl Matthei	Rev Tony Payne	Theologically Trainer worker	20,000

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Sydney University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rowan Kemp	Various	Trainees (12)	17,000
Sydney University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rowan Kemp	James Flood	Theologically Trainer worker	10,000
Wollongong University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rob Copland	Various	Trainees (3)	3,000
WSU - Penrith	Kingswood Anglican	Rev Cameron Howard	Various	Trainee (1)	1,000
WSU - Banks-town/Liverpool	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Richard Blight	Various	Trainee (2)	6,000
<b>Total</b>					<b>107,000</b>

13. For 2021 applications were received asking for \$512,000 of funding. The Synod funding of \$108,000 was distributed to 13 grants recipients. All projects were initiated by Anglican ministries in consultation with evangelical student groups on campus. Continuing grants are assisting in the ministry at Unichurch (UNSW), Sydney University, cross cultural work at Macquarie university and ministry trainees at five universities. New grants support and ministry trainees at five universities.

14. Funds for use in 2021 were distributed as follows:

<b>Tertiary campus</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Contact</b>	<b>Worker</b>	<b>Funding scheme</b>	<b>2020 Grant</b>
Macquarie University	Robert Menzies College	Rev Daniel Anderson	Various	Trainees	4,040
Macquarie University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Daniel Anderson	Chris Townsend	Theologically Trainer worker	6,500
UNSW	Parish of Unichurch (UNSW)	Rev Carl Matthei	Various	Trainees (19)	38,560
UNSW	Parish of Unichurch (UNSW)	Rev Carl Matthei	Rev Tony Payne	Theologically Trainer worker	20,000
Sydney University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rowan Kemp	Various	Trainees (12)	12,120
Sydney University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rowan Kemp	James Flood	Theologically Trainer worker	6,500
Wollongong University	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Rob Copland	Various	Trainees (5)	14,240
WSU - Banks-town/Liverpool	Anglican Chaplaincy	Rev Richard Blight	Various	Trainee (2)	6,040
<b>Total</b>					<b>108,000</b>

15. The Committee has also considered reports on all the projects funded in 2019. The reports confirmed the application of funds to the specified project and provided details of outcomes achieved from grant funding. We are in the process of receiving reports of funding outcomes for 2020.

16. Reports from 2019 and 2020 grants also reinforced the impact these grants are making in expanding ministry to tertiary students and raising up a new generation of gospel workers. Some quotations from our grant recipients:
  - Student ministry offers incredible opportunities for evangelism and raising up future ministry workers, which both serve the wider kingdom. Our desire is to train evangelists to serve in their churches and workplaces, and we are seeing fruit of this on campus. And there is a strong and growing group of students and graduates who are keen to train for vocational ministry - these are the next generation of gospel servants for the kingdom.
  - The work of evangelism, teaching and training university students has shown our trainees their need of a good quality theological education so that they are better equipped to serve the Lord Jesus in future ministry.
  - Reading the Bible with an unbelieving Indian student and an unbelieving Engineering student taught me how to structure reading the Bible with someone purposely.
17. TEMOC continues to encourage new initiatives in TAFE and CVET ministry and members are available to consult with any parishes considering outreach in this underdeveloped field.
18. In 2019 and 2020 TEMOC has been asked to help fund as many as 69 ministry trainees. There is an increased request for funding for ministry apprentices within our tertiary ministries. Many of these men and women are young graduates prepared to forgo other employment to be trained and equipped for kingdom service. Many are considering further study and are encouraged to consider applying to Moore Theological College. We would appreciate the prayers of members of our churches that these trainees will continue the wonderful work of our previous recipients and fruitfully serve the Lord Jesus either in vocational ministry or as life-long gospel partners in church, family and work here in the Sydney Diocese and around the world.

For and on behalf of the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee.

THE REV PATRICK BENN  
**Chair**  
July 2021

## The priorities and principles of TEMOC (Synod Book, 2010)

- (a) Vision: Our vision is to grow Bible-based ministries on each university and Vocational and Education and Training (VET) campus in the Diocese that are
- evangelistic
  - preparing students for a life-time of Christian service
  - particularly concerned to raise up future generations of vocational Christian ministers.
- (b) Core Principles: In addition to the values in the vision above, we want these university and VET campus ministries to
- serve churches in partnership through training and equipping their members
  - as far as possible, work as a single united team on campus
  - develop effective ministry across the whole campus, including segments such as commuters, international students, postgraduates, staff and residents
  - have (Anglican) chaplains who will serve in these ministries, be recognised by the campus administration and advocate for the ministry.
- (c) Funding Model: TEMOC funds are
- to help initiate new work on tertiary education campuses
  - to help resource campus-based ministry traineeships to encourage the raising up of vocational Christian workers
  - not to be the sole funding source for any campus ministry. Funds are available under two schemes
    - theologically trained workers
    - ministry traineeships
  - the quantum of each grant will decline over a 2 to 4 year trajectory

A short video illustrating examples of work supported by TEMOC is available at

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=kZT43tVDveQ>