

## 35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (TEMOC)

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

1. The Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (TEMOC) was formed in 2009 and is responsible for the distribution of funds allocated by Synod to ministries operating in Universities and Vocational Education and Training (VET) institutions. TEMOC is committed to supporting the development of evangelical tertiary ministries within the Diocese in accordance with the statement of vision, strategic priorities and core principles detailed in its report to the Synod in 2010 (refer to [www.sds.asn.au](http://www.sds.asn.au)).

2. These are summarised below –

- a. Vision (paragraph 9, Synod report 2010): Our vision is to grow Bible-based ministries on each university and Vocational and Education and Training (VET) campus in the Diocese that are:
  - i. evangelistic,
  - ii. preparing students for a life-time of Christian service, and
  - iii. particularly concerned to raise up future generations of vocational Christian ministers.
- b. Core Principles (paragraph 10, Synod report 2010): In addition to the values in the vision above, we want these university and VET campus ministries to:
  - i. serve churches in partnership through training and equipping their members,
  - ii. as far as possible, work as a single united team on campus,
  - iii. develop effective ministry across the whole campus, including segments such as commuters, international students, postgraduates, staff and residents,
  - iv. have (Anglican) chaplains who will serve in these ministries, be recognized by the campus administration and advocate for the ministry.
- c. Funding Model (Paragraph 11, Synod report 2010): TEMOC funds are:
  - i. to help initiate new work on tertiary education campuses,
  - ii. to help resource campus based ministry traineeships to encourage the raising up of vocational Christian workers,
  - iii. not to be the sole funding source for any campus ministry.

Funds will be available under two schemes (*with the quantum of each grant declining over a 2 to 4 year trajectory*):

  - i. theologically trained workers,
  - ii. ministry traineeships.

3. The members of TEMOC are Professor Christopher Bellenger (Chair), the Rev Patrick Benn, the Rev Richard Blight, the Rev Robert Copland, Dr Sara Denize, the Rev Stephen Gooch, Ms Tracey Gowing, the Rev Peter Hughes, and Canon Mark Williamson.

4. Following the Synod 2011, TEMOC (having met on four occasions) has –

- i. reviewed reports from grant recipients on 2011 grants
- ii. confirmed funding allocations for 2012, and
- iii. called for and initiated a review of grant applications for 2013.

5. TEMOC was responsible for overseeing the distribution of the Synod allocation of \$150,000 to support Tertiary ministry in 2012 (down from \$300,000 in 2011). Preliminary grant applications were received for fourteen projects to the value of \$330,000. TEMOC considered each of the applications in accordance with the statement of vision, strategic priorities and core principles.

6. In 2012 funds were distributed to support ministry on ten tertiary campuses. All University projects were initiated by Anglican chaplains in consultation with evangelical student groups on campus. VET positions were initiated by the Inter-College Christian Fellowship which has been formed to promote and support such ministry. Funds are all being used for part salaries of men and women actively working amongst students on campus including leadership in evangelism and evangelical teaching on campus, evangelism directed to specific groups (such as to student residences and to ethnic groups), training of a rising group of female workers and growing the work amongst VET students.

7. Funds were distributed as follows –

<b>Tertiary Focus</b>	<b>Funds Recipient</b>	<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Ministry Focus</b>	<b>Project Contact</b>	<b>GRANT 2012</b>
Macquarie University	Robert Menzies College	Theologically Trained Worker	Chaplain	Rev Scott Blackwell	\$ 20,000
UNSW	UNICHURCH / Campus Bible Study	Theologically Trained Worker	Women's Worker	Rev Carl Matthei	\$ 20,000
UWS Bankstown	St John's Anglican Church, Padstow	Theologically Trained Worker	Chaplain	Rev Richard Blight	\$ 15,000
UWS Campbelltown	Campus Bible Study / Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students	Theologically Trained Worker	Chaplain (Assistant)	Rev Adam Richards	\$ 15,000
UWS Penrith	Kingswood Anglican Church	Theologically Trained Worker	Chaplain	Rev Steve Gooch / Rev Rob Elder	\$ 15,000
University of Wollongong	Anglican Chaplaincy University of Wollongong	Theologically Trained Worker	Chaplain	Rev Robert Copland	\$ 15,000
University of Wollongong	Australian Fellowship of Evangelical Students	Theologically Trained Worker	Muslim Worker	Rev Robert Copland	\$5,000
TAFE Ministries (Nirimbar, Ultimo)	Inter-College Christian Fellowship / Anglican TAFE Ministries	Theologically Trained Worker	TAFE Workers	Rev Patrick Benn	\$ 25,000
University of Sydney; University of Technology, Sydney	St Barnabas Anglican Church Broadway	Traineeship	Workers in Student Residences	Rev Michael Paget	\$ 20,000
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					<b>\$150,000</b>

8. Several members of TEMOC have direct involvement in student ministry on campus and from time to time are grant applicants. TEMOC maintains a Conflict of Interest Register and any member with a conflict of interest does not speak to their application in committee or vote on its approval.

9. TEMOC considered reports on all the projects funded in 2011. The reports confirmed the application of funds to the specified project and provided details of outcomes achieved from grant funding. Under God good work was done. For example, growth has been observed in the ministries at four UWS Campuses, with over 100 students from UWS attending the annual mid-year Conference in 2012 – the highest number so far; at one UWS campus a woman international student 'became a Christian in early 2011 and has now become a keen evangelist' while a male former student 'wants to do a ministry apprenticeship ... and continue on into full time ministry'; at Macquarie University 'the Anglican Chaplaincy has a healthier and more dynamic profile on campus'; at one tertiary campus 'the chaplaincy role has proven crucial in defending the existence [of the chaplaincy] ...and [in] promoting access by chaplains to the residential communities'; and on average 120 students attend weekly lunchtime bible talks at Wollongong University.

10. TEMOC has called for applications for new and continuing projects in 2013. A total of thirteen applications have been received for the first round review. Four applications are for new projects. Final decisions on grants will be made following the October meeting of Synod.

For and on behalf of the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

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*Chairman*

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