

### Applications for Grants from the Simpson Fund

The Simpson Fund is a fund managed by the Presbytery that is used to provide grants each year to **Communities of Christ** (as defined in the Presbytery's 'Regenerating the Church 2021 Strategy')\* within the Presbytery to support projects that will in a direct way support the mission of God through the activities and communications of the church locally.

In 2021 the Simpson Fund Mission Grants will again be the key resource for the funding of projects that respond to the vision of the Presbytery's 'Regenerating the Church 2021 Strategy'.

Applications are invited from Communities of Christ\* for grants from the Simpson Fund. The Simpson Fund **Mission Grants** are small grants (usually of the order of \$2,000-\$5,000, depending upon the number of applicants and amounts being sought), and the Simpson Fund **Small Property and Equipment Grants** that are small grants (up to \$3,000, also dependent on the number of applicants and amounts being sought).

The total amount of money available in 2021 is anticipated to be approximately \$40,000 for Mission Grants, and \$6,000 for Small Property and Equipment Grants.

Your application must include the following: **(please fill in this Check-list and include with your application)**

- o **name of Community of Christ\*** Please insert here: .....
- o **a clear statement** of the project and how it will further the mission of God through the Community of Christ and interact with the local community in some way [Included Yes  No ];
- o **a clear statement** about how the project will reflect the vision and goals of the Presbytery's **2021 Strategy**, 'Regenerating the Church' [Included Yes  No ];
- o **clear statements** about how the application responds to the relevant Criteria of this Policy:<sup>[SEP]</sup>
  1. Whether the application is from a Community of Christ\* of the PPPW [Included Yes  No ];
  2. Whether the Community of Christ\* is up to date in its Mission and Service Giving for the previous year. [Included Yes  No ];
  3. Whether the application shows that the project is one to which the Community of Christ\* is able and willing to make a contribution either financial or "in-kind" [Included Yes  No ];
  4. Whether the application shows how the project is a response to the mission of God in the local community context [Included Yes  No ];
  - 5 Whether the application is for a one-off seeding grant to allow an on-going project to get started:<sup>[SEP]</sup> [Included Yes  No ];
  6. A clear demonstration of how the proposed project specifically complements the Presbytery's 'Regenerating the Church 2021 Strategy', including how the proposed project addresses particular strategy objectives [Included Yes  No ];
  7. Whether the Community of Christ\* has received funds through the Simpson Fund in the past three years [Included Yes  No ];
- o **the contact details** of the person managing the project [Included Yes  No ];
- o **a budget** for the project (all expenditure proposed must be shown ex GST) [Included Yes  No ];
- o **a copy of your audited 2020 or 2019 financial statements** [Included Yes  No ];
- o **signature of minister/pastor - if there is one in placement or supply - and signature for the Church Council** [Included Yes  No ].

**There is no special application form for these grants. All the information shown above must be included.**

**Applications that do not respond specifically to the criteria will be returned (but may be resubmitted).**

Applications for Simpson Fund Mission Grants and Small Property and Equipment Grants will open on Friday 4 June and must be submitted by Friday 2 July to the Chairperson of the Administration, Property and Finance Committee either by email (preferred option) to: [richard\\_d\\_allen@optusnet.com.au](mailto:richard_d_allen@optusnet.com.au) or by Australia Post to: Richard Allen, 6 Queen Street, Queenscliff 3225. Any additional information requested must be received by Friday 9 July.

Applications will be considered at the meeting of the Presbytery's Administration, Property and Finance Committee scheduled for 13 July 2021 with recommendations being submitted to the Presbytery's Standing Committee following that date.

All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their applications as soon as practicable.

A grant may be used at any time from the notification of the grant to 31 December of the following year.

Successful applicants will be provided with a claim form that asks for tax invoices/receipts or an indication of how the money will be or has been spent. The claim form also indicates the procedure for making claims.

Terminology of Simpson Fund altered by SC 1 September 2015  
Terminology reviewed for consistency with PPPW 'Regenerating the Church' 2021 Strategy on 25 October 2016  
Dates for 2021 inserted 9 March 2021

\* Definition from Presbytery's 2021 Strategy 'Regenerating the Church' **"Communities of Christ: Communities of Christ is an inclusive term encompassing the diversity of existing and new forms of church. This includes congregations, faith communities, communities that are yet to be recognised formally, communities in schools, social enterprise fresh expressions, agencies that have emerging communities, and other ways of gathering as Christian communities across the Presbytery."**