



Millard Smith Bequest – support Ministers without Placement policy

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Purpose

The fund exists to assist ministry agents without placement particularly for the purpose of rehabilitation or refocus in order that the ministry agent might either return to ministry within the church or make the transition to entry into secular employment.

Scope

Applications for this assistance should be submitted by the relevant Presbytery or Agency to the General Secretary.

This fund would be to assist with stress within the ranks of the UCA Ordained Ministry in Queensland. Interest accrued from the capital invested be disbursed each year according to the need, by a committee comprising of The Moderator and General Secretary, Executive Director – Finance, Property & Enterprises and one representative appointed by the Indooroopilly Church council - to be convened by the General Secretary.

Policy

1. Purpose

The disbursement of this interest will be to assist in the following areas:

- i) Funding of the rehab of UCA Ministers suffering stress or health disabilities to include the provision for leave, housing, counselling etc.
- ii) Funding of research into problems relating to or arising from stress in ministry.
- iii) Funding of position of office - direct pastoring to Ministers of the Word.
- iv) Funding of stipends for Ministers supplying Placements as a result of stress related vacancies.

2. Criteria for Application

- i) To be eligible for the Millard-Smith Bequest Fund:
- ii) Ministers of the Uniting Church not in placement.
- iii) For the purpose of rehabilitation or refocus in order that the ministry agent might either return to ministry within the church or make the transition to entry into secular employment.
- iv) The applicant lacks sufficient financial resources.
- v) The quality of the information provided has been assessed.
- vi) All other financial options have been considered.
- vii) The amount requested is reasonable.
- viii) The application has been reviewed by the Presbytery Minister.
- ix) It is a decision of the General Secretary to approve payment.

Related documents

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Revisions

#	Date	Reason	Author/reviewer	Approved
1	10.1.25	Review of existing process	L Hanson, Associate General Secretary	L Hanson Associate General Secretary