

# MC3 Mission & Renewal Project Funding 2025-26 Information Pack

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## What is Mission and Renewal Project Funding?

The Queensland Synod Mission Consultation and Collaboration Committee (MC3) is offering grants for the 2025/26 financial year to support new mission and renewal initiatives in congregations and faith communities. This grant process is consistent with the Church Renewal Fund established by the 38th Synod.

## Key Objectives

- Support growth and renewal initiatives aligned with the Synod's Church Renewal Fund principles.
- This includes but is not limited to church revitalisation projects, church planting, new missional initiatives, growth and missional development, fresh ways of being Christian community and growing and forming new disciples.
- Develop MC3 funding processes for transparency and impact.

## Principles for Funding

Applications will be assessed against five main principles:

- **Mission and Christ-Centredness:** Bathed in prayer and centred on the mission of Jesus Christ. (evidence of this must be present in any application)
- **Mission Impact:** Connecting with people outside the church and growing new disciples. (evidence of this must be present in any application)
- **Innovation and Adaptability:** Creative approaches to mission and ministry.
- **Leadership and Mentorship:** Commitment to developing leaders for sustainable mission impact.
- **Sustainability and Stewardship:** Long-term self-funding and responsible resource use

### Additional guiding principles for MC3 include:

- **Inclusivity and Diversity:** Reflecting the communities served.
- **Transparency and Accountability:** Annual reporting required.

## Funding Process & Timeline

- **Single funding round for 2025/26 financial year.**
- **Applications open:** 1 January 2026
- **Applications close:** 28 February 2026
- **Assessment:** March–May 2026
- **Funding announced:** 31 May 2026
- **Funds disbursed:** 15 June 2026
- **Initial reporting:** 31 August 2026
- **Ongoing reporting:** As determined

## Eligibility Criteria

- Recognised congregation or faith community, with church council/leadership approval
- Presbyteries may apply on behalf of planned new faith communities
- Applications must be complete and include all required documentation
- Projects must align with the objectives and principles of the Church Renewal Fund
- Applications must be submitted via presbytery

## Funding Options for 2025/26

- Small Projects: Up to \$10,000
- Medium Projects: \$10,000–\$50,000
- Large Projects: \$50,000 and above
- Maximum per project: \$60,000
- Maximum one project per applicant/location per year will be funded

## Application Requirements

- Completed application form
- Mission plan
- Church council/leadership team minute
- Itemised budget and financial details
- For large projects: detailed business/mission plan, impact reporting commitment

## Assessment & Reporting

- Applications are assessed by Presbytery and MC3 against the principles and criteria.
- Successful applicants must report on mission impact and complete financial acquittal reporting.

## Project Examples

- MC3 Funding supports a wide range of mission and renewal initiatives. Example projects include:
- Church Revitalisation and Renewal Projects: Initiatives aimed at renewing and strengthening existing congregations, helping them reconnect with their communities and grow new disciples.
- Church Planting: Establishing new faith communities, including regional, remote, suburban, and diverse demographic contexts.
- New Missional Initiatives: Creative approaches to ministry that respond to changing societal needs, such as outreach programs, community events, or innovative forms of Christian community.
- Growth and Mission Development: Projects focused on expanding the church's reach, forming new disciples, and serving groups outside the church.
- Leadership Development: Programs that build leadership capacity and mentorship within congregations to ensure sustainable, long-term mission impact.
- Sustainability Initiatives: Efforts to create self-funding and resourceful mission projects that ensure the long-term vitality of missional activities.

## Information Sessions

There will be a number of online workshops to give more information on the MC3 process.

Email [mc3@ucaqld.com.au](mailto:mc3@ucaqld.com.au) for the session link.

Dates for the information sessions are as follows:

- 7pm Tues 27th Jan
- 7pm Wed 4th Feb

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