

## **GUNGAHLIN ANGLICAN CHURCH**

### **EXTERNAL GIVING AND MISSION PARTNERSHIP POLICY**

#### **DEFINITION**

External giving and mission partnership is defined as any endeavour outside our local congregation to fulfil the Great Commission by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations, helping individuals to become followers of the Lord Jesus, and establishing them into local congregations, while relating to the needs of the total person (spiritual, physical, emotion and social). The ultimate goal is that God may be glorified in his Son by his people being gathered from every tribe, tongue, people and nation (Acts 14:21-23, Revelation 5:9).

This policy provides the principles and details by which mission organisations will be prioritised to receive support from Gungahlin Anglican Church to further this goal. This policy is also known as the 'mission' policy.

#### **POLICY PRINCIPLES**

1. Mission organisations will hold traditionally strong links with the Anglican Church: As an Anglican parish, Gungahlin Anglican therefore acknowledges its role to participate in the mission of the wider Anglican Communion.
2. 'More than money and / or missionaries': While Gungahlin Anglican Church provides monetary support to selected missions as part of its annual budget, support is provided through other means such as prayer, pastoral care, personal visits, etc. Mission organisations will cover both the traditional definition of missionaries (e.g. someone moving into a new country to plant a church) and mission activity (e.g. someone caring for the impoverished in Jesus' name)
3. 'Long term priorities with short term flexibility': The selection of mission organisations will primarily reflect a concern for the long-term spread of the gospel. However, provision can also be made for 'one off' support for short-term missions.
4. The allocation will reflect a concern for overseas mission, Australian mission and aid / welfare agencies.

#### **OPERATIONAL DETAILS**

1. A multi-person subcommittee reporting to Parish Council will administer the mission policy. The subcommittee will consist of Parish Councillors and members of the wider congregation. The committee will meet at least 3 times per year.
2. Gungahlin Anglican Church aspires to send 10% of the parish's post Diocesan Levy, ex discretionary parishioner mission contribution income to mission organisations (the 'mission allocation'). For 2014, this proportion is 5.5% and

will grow over coming years to reach this objective. Expenditure of the mission allocation between mission organisations will be determined by the subcommittee each year for endorsement by Parish Council.

3. Support for each long-term mission organisation (defined as a mission organisation funded outside the 'one off support' allocation) will be coordinated by an assigned member of the parish.
4. This policy, the identity of long term mission organisations, and parish support for the long term mission organisations will be displayed on the parish website and promoted during Church notice times.