

9.3.2 Guidelines for the Partner Support Fund

Purpose

The Partner Support Fund is to enable local churches to make payments through one entity to contribute to the resourcing of the Partner Churches that belong to the Fund.

Membership

The Partner Churches who are members of the Partner Support Fund are:

- Christian Churches New Zealand
- The Congregational Union of New Zealand
- The Methodist Church of New Zealand
- The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

Distribution

The Partner Churches have agreed that the contributions received into the fund will be distributed, after a grant to UCANZ and a fee for administering the account have been deducted, in the following ratio:

Christian Churches New Zealand	2.00%
The Congregational Union of New Zealand	0.25%
The Methodist Church of New Zealand	29.85%
The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand	67.90%

Anglicans Missions

A local church can ask for their contribution to Anglican Missions to be paid directly to Anglican Missions Fund. Otherwise Anglican Levies are paid separately to the Diocese.

Annual Report

The Annual Report of the Partner Support Fund is produced in March each year. This report is approved by the Partner Churches administrative and financial people in terms of:

1. Agreed total target for local churches to pay to the fund.
2. Agreed grant to UCANZ and fee for administering the Fund.
3. To agree on any other financial matters pertaining to UCANZ.

Process

1. February: UCANZ sets a proposed target for each local church.
2. March: Partner Support Fund annual report is produced to agree to total of proposed targets, grants and fees.
3. April: Proposed targets sent to local churches for approval or negotiation.
4. 1 July: New target put into action.
5. Payment: Monthly by automatic payment is preferred, other options are quarterly or annual payments made at the beginning of the quarter or financial year (1 July).
6. UCANZ office provides each local church with quarterly statements of parish contributions and their accepted target.