

Standing Committee

Standing Committee met over two half-days at Miramar Uniting Church. Several agenda items were designed to welcome and orientate the five newly-elected parish representatives: **Andrew Howley, Heather Kennedy, Hugh Williams, Geraldine Coats, and Fakaofu Kaio**. A convivial meal on the first evening also aided the process!

Statistics are important!

Neither the UCANZ office nor the Partner Churches can help local churches efficiently unless to have accurate statistics. We are trying to make the requests for statistics more straightforward and in line with Charity Services requirements.

We do appreciate your cooperation with the annual round of financial and other statistics. The Partner Churches have confirmed that they do want us to continue to collect these on their behalf.

Funding Review and "Option C"

We are a journey together, a journey towards better coordination of CVs and a new approach to funding our national Partners. If you are receiving this by email, there is an accompanying paper, "**Changes on the Way**", also attached. Alternatively, please find this on the UCANZ website, under Resources.

The Funding Review started in earnest in August 2016. After consultations with Anglican diocesan managers and with Methodist superintendents, conversations with Presbytery clerks, and workshops with regional forums, we are finalising amendments to the *Procedures for Cooperative Ventures*. These have been sent out to all churches and will soon be submitted to the five national Partners.

Convening Partner

The fundamental change to be enacted this year involves a splitting of the Coordinating Partner role into **Convening Partner** and **Appointing Partner**, not mutually exclusive but separate roles.

The **Resource Allocation Group (RAG)** – made up of the Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian General Secretaries and two members of UCANZ Standing Committee – will confirm Convening Partners early next year. New-style assessments will begin in 2019, and the 20-year-old Partner Support Fund will be no more.

EO visits

Negotiating these upcoming changes has involved a fair amount of travel: to Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton, Palmerston North, and Whangarei. The Deep South has not been ignored, with a visit with regional Partners to Brockville Community Church and a return visit to Dunedin planned.

PowerPoint on the website

A PowerPoint presentation explaining the background to and main features of the changes can also be found on the UCANZ website, under Resources.

Next year's UCANZ Forum venue

Methodist Conference and Presbyterian Assembly are back to back in Christchurch this year in September-October. We are suggesting that the 2019 UCANZ Forum also be in the South Island, but probably not Christchurch, so are seeking a venue with a willing church or churches nearby to assist in hosting. Using a holiday park for accommodation has been suggested and that model was used in Motueka a few years back.

If you have a recommendation or offer in this regard, please contact the Executive Officer.

The UCANZ Office has moved!

Robyn and I are removed from Cambridge Terrace to the Wellington Anglican Centre – and happily so. An article in this month's *Touchstone* details some of the benefits.



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