

9.3.2 Guidelines for Resourcing the Partners

Introduction

All local churches that are members of a national denominational church including our five Partner Churches contribute to the resourcing of the national and regional church structures. Cooperative Ventures have a similar responsibility to help in the resourcing of their Partners.

The system in use since 1998, with national funding for four national Partners through the Partner Support Fund (Anglican Dioceses received funding direct from Cooperative Ventures with Anglican participation), is no longer appropriate nor fair.

A Working Group was established by the Biennial Forum in 2015 to review the situation and suggest an alternative arrangement for resourcing the Partners. After extensive consultation with the Partners and parishes it was recommended that the Partner Support Fund be terminated, and the roles performed by the Coordinating Partner be split into Convening Partner and Appointing Partner.

The Convening Partner will rotate among the Partners every three years. The Convening Partner (national/diocesan) will be responsible for collecting the assessment/quota for each CV.

While Christian Churches and Congregational Union Partners may act as Convening Partner, their financial arrangements will be agreed through UCANZ to ensure they receive their fair share of resources.

Resource Allocation Group (RAG)

A Resource Allocation Group will be formed comprising:

- A national representative from the Anglican Church
- A national Representative from the Methodist Church
- A national Representative from the Presbyterian Church
- Two representatives appointed by the UCANZ Standing Committee – preferably one from each of North and South Islands
- The Executive Officer of UCANZ (*ex officio*)

The Role of the RAG is:

- To make the initial determination of Convening Partner for each CV. For CVs with more than two Partners the RAG will also determine the order of Convening Partner. This determination will be made after consultation with Regional Forums and Partners.
- To ensure that there is balance between the Partners at both national and regional level when deciding on the allocation of Convening Partner to CVs.
- To receive and decide on appeals from individual CVs on the level of assessment/quota required by Partners.
- To make any adjustments in the rotation of Convening Partner if changes in the number of CVs and partnerships significantly changes.
- To resolve any significant issues regarding payment or other issues – as they arise.

Implementation

The RAG will advise all CVs (and Regional Courts) by 31 March 2019 of their Convening Partner, and where applicable, the order of rotation. The designated Convening Partner will then collect funds from the CVs from 1 July 2019. The first changeover of Convening Partner shall be on 1 July 2022.