
Process for Mission Projects

Stage One – Recognition of Potential Mission Project

As each potential Mission Project will be different, it is important to recognise that how a potential project comes to the attention of the Director of Mission Projects (DMP) will vary too. It may come from the Synod Property Officer, Synod Mission Officer, Synod Moderator or other individuals. It may come from a Synod/United Area. The approach may come from a congregation or individuals within a congregation. Other paths are also possible and it would be unhelpful to have an exclusive list of paths that ruled out ways not currently envisaged. It is vital, whatever the path of approach, that the relevant Pastoral Committee is consulted and supports, in principle, the exploration of the potential project.

Stage Two – Consultation

Once a potential project has come to the attention of the DMP they will carry out an extensive and thorough period of consultation. Again, it is hard to come up with an inclusive list of who should be consulted but it would be understood that the DMP will consult with all relevant stakeholders in the potential project.

Stage Three – Report

Once Stage Two has been completed, the DMP will compile a report for the consideration of Synod Council. The report will conclude with a recommendation as to whether the DMP considers the project meets the criteria for a Mission Project and should be adopted by the Synod.

Stage Four – Decision (Synod Council)

The DMP will be invited to attend Synod Council if a report is being considered. Synod Council will consider the report and will make a decision about whether to proceed with the potential project or not.

The DMP will relay the decision to all relevant parties, including the relevant Pastoral Committee.

Stage Five - Action

If Synod Council decides to approve the Mission Project, the DMP will retain an oversight role for the project's formation and management, and will provide regular reports on its progress to Synod Council.

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