

DRAFT REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE CHURCH IN SOCIETY MINISTRY UNIT (CiSMU)

Vision

That parishes, agencies and ministries in the Diocese of Adelaide will be actively engaged with the wider community, meeting human need through loving service and seeking to transform unjust structures of society.

Purpose

CiSMU will facilitate the visible presence, witness and mission of the church in the wider community, by enhancing networks, social advocacy and engagement with social policy as an expression of the strategic directions set by Diocesan Council and Synod.

Objectives

1. To identify strategic issues affecting relationships between church communities and the wider society and engage the Diocese with these issues
2. To identify areas where Anglican parishes, agencies and ministries can initiate or further enhance their engagement in the wider society by monitoring, facilitating and enhancing parish, school and agency community outreach activities
3. To facilitate the Church's voice on social justice and advocacy issues in cooperation with research agencies and Anglicare.
 - a. by enhancing and developing partnerships and links with Anglicare-SA and other Anglican welfare and social justice agencies
 - b. by encouraging and facilitating networking between parishes, agencies and ministries to support and share resources in community engagement
 - c. by developing a relationship with diocesan groups with a focus on social justice and/or ecumenism. eg. Environmental Task Group, Ecumenical Affairs Commission, Women Ministry Task Group, SACC representatives
4. Support the Diocese engagement with the Media in cooperation with the Diocesan Media Officer.
5. To develop links with companion dioceses
6. To make recommendations to inform the diocesan budget development process
7. To work in conjunction with other Ministry Units in the Diocese of Adelaide on matters of common interest

Membership

As set out in the "Diocesan council and ministry units ordinance 2007 (B2), section 10

10. (1) A Ministry Unit will consist of:
 - (a) one member of the clergy and two lay members elected by the Synod at the election Synod immediately preceding the relevant MU triennium;
 - (b) not more than two persons appointed by the Bishop before the commencement of the relevant MU triennium;
 - (c) not more than two persons appointed by the Diocesan Council before the commencement of the relevant MU triennium;

- (d) not more than two other persons whom the Ministry Unit may from time to time appoint.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), a member of a Ministry Unit will hold office until the end of the relevant triennium.
- (3) A person appointed under subsection (1)(d) may be appointed by the Ministry Unit at any time and may hold office for a period determined by the Ministry Unit.
- (4) The presiding member of a Ministry Unit will be appointed by the Bishop after consultation with the Diocesan Council.

Meetings

- CISMU shall conduct its meetings in line with the “Diocesan council and ministry units ordinance 2007 (B2), section 12
 12. (1) A Ministry Unit must call a meeting if so directed by the Bishop or the Diocesan Council but otherwise a Ministry Unit may meet at such times and places as the Ministry Unit thinks fit.
 - (2) The Bishop is entitled to attend any meeting of a Ministry Unit.
 - (3) The Presiding Member will preside at a meeting of a Ministry Unit and in the absence of the Presiding Member the members present at the meeting will elect a chair.
 - (4) A majority of the members of a Ministry Unit form a quorum of the Ministry Unit.
- CISMU shall meet at least five times per year, including at least two combined meetings with the Joint Anglicare Diocese of Adelaide Parish Partnerships Committee (JADAPP).
- CISMU shall ensure that suitable records of its meetings are kept.

Reporting

- Each year CISMU shall draw up a work plan for the year in consultation with the Archbishop and Diocesan Council.
- CISMU shall report to the Diocesan Council at least twice a year and provide a written report to each annual session of Synod.