



INITIAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE MISSION AND EVANGELISM MINISTRY UNIT

Purpose

The Ministry Unit exists to encourage and facilitate new and renewed models of evangelism and ministry across the Diocese within the strategic directions set by the Diocesan Council.

It will

- meet together to pray, to think, to plan and enable
- consult regularly with the Archbishop and Diocesan Council
- do what needs to be done to ensure the ministries outlined in the focus areas happen

So what are the focus areas?

In the period 2007 – 2009 the Ministry Unit will focus on–

- identifying the strategic issues in this area for the Archbishop and Diocesan Council and helping them to think the issues through
- increasing recognition for the vital importance of evangelism and new ministry initiatives
- increasing recognition of the spiritual dimensions to evangelism
- increasing sense of hope, awareness of new opportunities and the way to start
- developing an outward looking focus that engages the wider community and world
- investigating, equipping and training – shared learning and reflection processes
- exploring, researching and developing special projects in evangelism, mission and church planting

The Ministry Unit is asked to

- make recommendations to inform the diocesan budget development process
- review and develop its commission to provide recommendations to the Archbishop with Diocesan Council by June 2007

So who is going to be involved?

We are looking for a team of nine people who have a passion for the Kingdom of God and the building of the Church and who are able to make a commitment of time.

- Five people will be appointed by the Diocesan Council
- Two people will be appointed by the Archbishop
- The Ministry Unit can also choose two people

As well, the Archbishop will often be present at the meetings of the Unit. The Archbishop has appointed an Archdeacon in this area who will attend and participate fully.

How business-like must we be?

The Archbishop is going to appoint someone from the team to be the Convenor.

The Ministry Unit needs to make sure that suitable records of its meeting are kept.

The Ministry Unit needs to report to the Diocesan Council three times a year.

The work of the Ministry Unit contributes to the overall direction in this area

- The Diocesan Executive Officer will manage the budget within the policies determined from time to time by the Diocesan Council
- The Archbishop will appoint, licence and authorise staff within this ministry area
- The Archdeacon will manage and review the ministry of all people licensed, authorised and employed to minister within this ministry area