



## International Mission Facilitation Fund

### **What:**

The International Mission Facilitation Fund is a new fund which has been set up to provide small grants to congregations, Uniting Church bodies and communities within the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. The fund aims to assist in furthering the relationships between such bodies and parts of partner churches, and can be used to provide grants for the following purposes:

- Travel that will deepen the partnership relationship in a sustainable way; and
- Activities that will deepen or broaden the relationship for the Uniting Church body in question and the part of the partner church they are in relationship with.

The fund will not provide grants for development projects with a partner church that do nothing to deepen the relationship between the Uniting Church body requesting the grant and the partner church community. Such development funding is already provided by UnitingWorld.

*Please note:* The Grant Committee shall give preference to applications where the body requesting the grant has shown efforts to raise additional funding from other sources in a way that demonstrates a commitment to the project for which the grant is being sort.

### **Criteria and how to apply:**

Grants of up to \$5,000 per calendar year are available. There will be 2 cut-off periods for applications for each year, namely 31<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> August.

There is no formal application form for the grant. Grants will be provided from the International Mission Facilitation Fund by decision of a Committee that will consider applications for such funds from Uniting Church congregations and bodies from within the Synod. Such applications must be made in writing (either posted or emailed) and need to provide the following information:

- How the grant being applied for will establish, deepen or broaden a relationship between the body seeking the grant and the part of the partner church they are in relationship with;
- A description of the sustainability and expected outcomes of the project;
- A description of any existing relationship with the partner church, including details as to the extent of the relationship and the number of people actively involved;
- How much funding is being requested and a list of funding for the project from other sources; and
- Name and contact details of who will be responsible for managing the grant and reporting back to the International Mission Facilitation Grant Committee about the project's outcomes related to the grant.

Please send your completed applications to:

International Mission Facilitation Grants Committee  
c/o Justice & International Mission Unit  
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Melbourne Vic 30000

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