



PRESBYTERY OF MARY BURNETT FUNDING FOR CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING

The Mary Burnett Presbytery seeks to support, release and empower local congregations, faith and worshipping communities to be the church in the fullest sense as the embodiment of the church in their local area. The Basis of the Union instructs us to *"seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to recognise among its members, women and men called of God to preach the gospel, to lead people in worship, to care for the flock, to share in government and to serve those in need in the world"*.

The Presbytery has approved the use of 40% of the Induction Service Offerings for Congregational Education for members of local congregations or faith communities seeking training to enhance the life and witness of their local church. To maintain a fair and equitable distribution of funds congregations/church councils can apply for up to \$500 a year for training. Areas of training could include but are not limited to:

- Church Governance – Leadership – Team Building – Mentoring
- Preaching – Teaching – Leadership of Small Groups
- Evangelism – community connection – Outreach
- Administration – Book Keeping – Organisational Systems
- Music – Audio-Visual – Technical

This investment, ultimately, should enliven the local church to draw others into a lifetime relationship as disciples of Jesus Christ ... sharing the good news of Jesus.

The sources of this training are not limited to Uniting Church courses, but Standing Committee will expect to see good reasoning for choosing the Training Organisation, Conference or course, including access, value for money and timing.

To enable the Standing Committee to understand your situation and needs, and give full consideration to your request for training of a member of your congregation/faith community please complete this form and forward to the Presbytery Secretary:

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**MARY BURNETT PRESBYTERY
APPLICATION
FOR FUNDING FOR CONGREGATIONAL TRAINING.**

As a Congregations or Faith Community we are applying for funds to:

- "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Eph 4:12)
- invest in the mission of our local church - worship, witness and service

We want to develop the ministry of all believers, and we have sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit to recognise our people "called of God to preach the Gospel, to lead the people in worship, to care for the flock, to share in government and to serve those in need in the world." (Basis of the Union)

Our aim is to enliven this church to draw others into a lifetime relationship as disciples of Jesus Christ. We're not simply trying to fill gaps.

Please provide information under the following headings. *Examples have been given to assist.*

AMOUNT REQUESTED: (Up to \$500 in one year) _____

e.g. The church council is applying for \$160.00 to fund training for four people

THE COURSE:

Name of the Course/Conference: _____

Organisation/Provider of the Training: _____

Date and Duration of the Course: _____

Cost of the Course: _____

Reasoning behind the selection of the Course/organisation:

THE NOMINEE/S

Name/s of the person/s nominated for Training: _____

Please also include:

- A brief statement of the recipient's commitment to the church's life,
- A timeline of the training and its results.

e.g. Two of our nominees are the council chair and one elder. The others are passionate members with a heart for evangelism. This group meets to pray, each week, and has been encouraging others to join them.

e.g. The next Mission Planning intensive is in August. Enrolments close July 15th. As an outcome of this training, the church council expects a community engagement proposal brought to our October meeting, with a view to action in January

THE 'WHY' AND 'WHAT' OF THIS APPLICATION

In the context of your church's vision, spell out the outcomes of this investment into the life of your church. It might relieve your admin pressure, improve your governance or deepen your preaching, learning and outreach capacity. Ultimately, all these things increase our ability and bring others to know Jesus.

e.g. Sandy Creek Uniting – 'a welcoming community who follows Jesus' - is praying for ten new people to become part of our community next year. We have two main aims; a community engagement project and to run the Alpha course. Having four of our church leaders do Trinity College's 'Mission Planning' one-day intensive will help us identify and begin our community engagement.)

e.g. St Kylie's Uniting seeks training with the Xero bookkeeping package to relieve time pressure on our most committed volunteers

CONGREGATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name of Congregation or Faith Community: _____

Contact Person: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email Address: _____