



# CENTRE FOR THEOLOGY & MINISTRY

## Regionalisation Fund Guidelines

### **Introduction**

In the establishment of the Centre for Theology & Ministry, \$1 million from the sale of *Otira*<sup>1</sup> was set aside to enhance education for ministry in rural and regional areas of the Synod.

### **Purpose**

The Regionalisation Fund ensures that the rural and regional areas of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania are financially supported in the delivery of educational resourcing for discipleship and ministry.

### **Value**

90% of the annual interest from the fund's capital will be available for use each year. Any balance of annual income not used by the end of the calendar year will be reinvested into the fund's capital.

### **Oversight**

Responsibility for oversight of the fund belongs to the Board of the Centre for Theology & Ministry. The Board having oversight of the Guidelines delegates the distribution of the funds through applications to the Grants and Scholarships Committee. The decisions and annual distributions of the Fund will be reported annually to the CTM Board.

### **Eligibility**

- Applicants must be members of the Uniting Church, either ordained or lay;
- Applications from individuals, congregations and presbyteries are first to receive support from the Church Council, or the presbytery and complete and submit the Support Statement Form;
- Applications from CTM staff are first to receive the support of the relevant Manager and submit the Support Statement Form.

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<sup>1</sup> *Otira* was originally the Methodist Home Missionary Education College, (located in Kew), and then the Lay and Continuing Education College for the Synod. It was sold to assist in the funding of the Centre for Theology & Ministry.

## Potential Projects

- a project which helps to equip regional learning centres where people might gather for 'streaming of educational lectures/presentations;
- preparation of distance-mode training modules;
- subsidies for visiting scholars to work in rural congregations/Presbyteries;
- subsidies for rural people to attend Melbourne-based events (this should be a small proportion of the funds, since the aim is to take education to the people rather than to centralize);
- payment of honoraria to ministers and other qualified people to lead small rural or regional learning groups for those wishing to qualify as Lay Preachers or Pastors:
- funding for research facilitating educational resourcing of discipleship, ministry and mission in rural and regional areas;
- establishing and support for the 'Web of Learning' and on-line learning resources;
- support for presbyteries in the training and continuing education of pastors;
- Support for the production and sharing of worship resources for small rural congregations.

## Selection Criterion

- Applications will be assessed in light of the activity/project enhancement of discipleship and/or ministry

## Reporting Requirements

The reporting requirement of the grant is that at the conclusion of the study/project a summary be made to the Grants and Scholarships Committee giving;

- an assessment of the activity (as a guide to others who may consider this type of activity in the future);
- identification of the extent to which the educational goals were reached;
- comments on the value of the event for the person's ministry and/or targeted community/congregation.

## Application Process

Applicants need to complete the Application Form found [here](#).

The applicant will need to:

- provide a short (500 word) description of the proposed project;
- address the Selection Criteria;
- describe the format and timing of the Acquittal Report;
- indicate other funding sources (if any);
- indicate previous Centre for Theology & Ministry financial support (if any);
- complete and have signed the Congregation/Presbytery Support Statement.

## Supporting documentation

Please attach the following:

- single page of information about the course/workshop/event (that is, publicity information, including website information)

- evidence of partnerships (if appropriate)
- completed and signed Congregation/Presbytery Support Statement.

**Contacts**

For any enquiries relating to this grant please call Centre for Theology & Ministry  
(03) 9340 8800

**Applications may be submitted electronically online [here](#) or completed by hand and mailed to:**

Administration Manager – Executive Assistant  
Centre for Theology & Ministry  
29 College Crescent  
PARKVILLE VIC 3052

Further information: [grants@ctm.uca.edu.au](mailto:grants@ctm.uca.edu.au)



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## Regionalisation Fund Support Statement

### Referee Information

<b>Name of Supporting Minister/ Church Council/Presbytery</b>	
<b>Nature of Relationship to Applicant</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	

### Statement of Support

<b>What benefits do you believe the applicant will gain from this program / course / event?</b>	
<b>What would be the benefit for the wider church from this program / course / event?</b>	

<b>Signature</b>	
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