

Monday, 27 June 2011

## **To Ministers and Secretaries of all Tasmanian Churches**

As you are aware, all governance, management and administration matters pertaining to Churches of Christ in Tasmania (CCT) has been transferred to the Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania (Conference). All funds, and the administration thereof, were transferred to Conference through the Properties Corporation (Prop Corp) on 31 December 2010. These funds remain subject to use for any pre-existing purposes.

This has particular relevance with regards to the management and distribution of the proceeds of the sale of Seaview Holiday Park that have been set aside for distribution to churches to facilitate their mission and/or ministry. Mission has been defined as “everything the Church is sent into the world to do, to be and to proclaim the Kingdom of God”.

The responsibility for the distribution of the remaining funds is now vested in Mission and Ministry (M&M). M&M is the Partner Department of Conference that has the constitutional responsibility of “developing mission and ministry including creating, building and sustaining healthy local churches”. A request for distribution by M&M can be made via an appropriate grant form (similar to the one earlier used by CCT), with priority being given to mission projects that assist in “creating, building and sustaining healthy local churches”. Grant forms are available on request from M&M by contacting Maxine Lamont on 03 9488 8800 or at [mlamont@churchesofchrist.org.au](mailto:mlamont@churchesofchrist.org.au).

The grant application will seek information about (a) the purpose of any proposed project, (b) the name/s of those who will be responsible for its management, (c) the project’s expected outcomes, as well as (d) the expected expenditure. A copy of a Resolution of the church’s leadership group that approves this request will also be required. In the spirit of the initial decision outlined below, funds will tend not be released for a church’s general operating expenses, unless after consultation with M&M (and Prop Corp if necessary) it is considered that such a grant will facilitate church health that in other ways may not be able to be achieved.

Further to the above, a Memorandum of Understanding is being written to formalise the ongoing relationship between Churches of Christ, Tasmania and the Conference of Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania Inc. Steps are also underway, in collaboration with Prop Corp, to clarify and redesign the trusteeship of Tasmanian church properties to fulfil the Churches of Christ, Tasmania Act.

We look forward to receiving requests for the release of grants to support mission-shaped projects that will be “creating, building and sustaining healthy local churches” in Tasmania. The relevant balances at 31 December 2010 (inclusive of interest earned) are attached. It is understood that the Hobart City and Door of Hope churches have used their entire allocations; therefore this letter is sent to those churches for information only.

For Jesus, and his church,

Paul Cameron  
Executive Officer—CofVT

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Executive Director—M&M

## **Use of the proceeds of the Sale of Seaview Holiday Park**

*In accordance with the resolution of CCT Council meeting of 15 August 2009*

1. That \$80 000 be held in the Seaview Fund for each church to use for mission and/or ministry.
2. Churches may make requests for their allocated funds to the Executive at any time until 30 June 2019.
3. Unspent funds will accrue interest from 1 September 2009 at the same rate earned by the Seaview Fund.
4. Should a church be no longer affiliated with Churches of Christ, Tasmania, then any remaining funds to its credit will be added to those retained in the Seaview Fund.
5. The Executive will review and discuss the future use of any unspent funds at 30 June 2019 with appropriate churches.
6. If the Association defined by the Churches of Christ Tasmania Act 1978 ceases to exist then the fund will be vested with the Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania to be used for mission and/or ministry in Tasmania.

<b><i>Church</i></b>	<b><i>Balance at 31 December 2010</i></b>
Caveside	\$65 068
Devonport	\$85 183
Dover	\$50 183
Geeveston	\$85 183
Howrah	\$85 183
Key to Life	\$85 183
Nubeena	\$85 183
Ulverstone	\$74 609
<i>Door of Hope</i>	<i>nil</i>
<i>Hobart City</i>	<i>nil</i>