



Warm greetings from the Council of Assembly.

Council established the Theological Education and Leadership Training Task Group in March 2019. Since then the group has engaged in a process to scope the work under its terms of reference; drafted questions and sought feedback from the wider church of these together with a more direct process of seeking feedback from current interns and recently ordained ministers.

The group then completed a first draft of its report and shared this with Council before sharing it with the staff at the Research Centre and the Knox Centre. Having received feedback on any factual material that needed updating, the report is now ready to send to Presbyteries.

The report has already been sent to the staff at the Research Centre and the Knox Centre and each of these groups has been invited to respond. In addition – the Leadership Sub Committee of the Council has been sent a copy and they likewise are invited to offer feedback.

This next stage of feedback invites each Presbytery to prayerfully engage with the report.

It is recognised that the impact of COVID-19 and ongoing priorities resulting from this means to enable the widest possible Presbytery engagement with this document an extended period for feedback is required.

To that end, Presbytery has until 10 September 2020 to determine how it will gather the voices of the Presbytery into a response and forward this to the Task Group.

Presbytery is invited to constructively frame its response in three ways

- Comments about the five streams identified in the executive summary and the direction outlined
- Note any areas where the report is missing key information or omitted important material
- Detailed comments about the report

Please note – the feedback at this stage must be via each of the seven presbyteries – and no individual or group responses will be considered.

Feedback should be sent to the T.E.L.T. Task Group convener at

[TELWorkgroupconvener@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:TELWorkgroupconvener@presbyterian.org.nz)

And a reminder – this should be received by **5PM on 10 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Once the deadline for feedback has been reached, the Task Group will consider all the feedback received and determine its next steps and report that to the Council by November 2020.

On behalf of Council, I thank the Task Group for their work thus far and invite us as we read, consider and respond, to hear what it is that the Spirit is saying to the Church.

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