

## **PressGo Terms of Reference:**

*(Approved by COA November 2020)*

### **1. Constitution**

The Board was established by General Assembly in 2008<sup>1</sup> and is accountable to the church through the Council of Assembly.

### **2. Purpose**

The purpose of the PressGo Board is to resource and equip innovative mission across the PCANZ.

### **3. Objective**

To work alongside Presbyteries, offering the skills, resources and training they need to plant, grow and nurture innovative mission initiatives. In doing this PressGo grows both the ecosystem for imagination, creativity and adaptability and a culture of change across the PCANZ.

Key work strands for PressGo are:

- Inspiring Mission
- Building Capacity
- Providing and facilitating Seed Funding

### **4. Membership**

- a. The Board is composed of a maximum of six voting members, of which one is Chair, one is Deputy Chair and one is a nominee of Te Aka Puaho. The AES is an Associate of the Board and does not have voting rights.
- b. Recommendations for new members of the Board will be brought to the Nominating Committee who will make recommendations to General Assembly for appointment of Board members, Board Chair and Deputy Chair.
- c. The Nominating Committee will consult widely, including with the current Board Chair, on the qualities, skills and experience needed to fill vacancies.
- d. Board membership shall be for a term of four years, with an additional term of up to two years to ensure adequate transition of expertise.

### **5. Meetings**

- a. The Board shall conduct most of its business by email and conference calls but will meet face to face when necessary.
- b. A quorum of members shall be half or a majority of the appointed voting members.
- c. As well as members and associates, the Board may have in attendance and or consult such other persons as it considers necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer Appendix 1 for background to TOR and funds under PressGo's administration.

- d. Reasonable notice of meetings and the business to be conducted shall be given to the members and associate members of the Board. The minutes of each meeting will be sent to the Convener of Council of Assembly.

## 6. Responsibility to distribute funds for mission purposes

PressGo is charged with distributing PCANZ Mission funding. This includes:

- i. Funds held in the name of the PressGo Board
- ii. Funds held in the name of the Presbyterian Foundation
- iii. Mission Enterprise funds in line with decisions of GA14
- iv. Voluntary contributions from presbyteries, parishes and individuals
- v. Legacies – gifted to the PCANZ and designated for Mission purposes
- vi. Any other funds entrusted to the PCANZ for mission purposes and made available for distribution

PressGo operations will be funded by funds designated for that purpose.

## 7. Assembly staff

Assembly staff will contribute to the effective functioning of the PressGo Board. PressGo staff are members of the Mission Resourcing Team and report formally to the Director of Mission Resourcing.

## 8. Responsibilities of the Board

The Board shall:

- a. Take a lead in moving the culture of the PCANZ towards “a missional imaginative future”.
- b. Monitor the ecosystem – looking at how PCANZ can create, contribute to and nurture a healthy ecosystem for new growth to emerge and flourish.
- c. Monitor International trends and learnings around “future church”.
- d. Lead theological reflection on mission and future church, providing healthy disruption.
- e. Create a culture of sharing resources, experience, knowledge and technical support.
- f. Oversee funding applications for funds administered by PressGo.
- g. Provide financial support to applicants within its delegated authority of \$500,000 per project.
- h. In collaboration with Presbyteries, report to COA on mission opportunities and changes to the wider NZ culture.
- i. Help establish and support Presbytery mission and innovation teams or personnel through funding and collaboration on projects, training etc.
- j. Equip Presbyteries to be missional and innovative, including equipping leaders in adaptive change management.
- k. Resource innovation in Presbyteries and congregations.

- I. Provide ongoing support to Presbyteries around New Mission Seedlings, prototypes, pilots and scouting future trends. Develop adaptive capacity in these areas.

In undertaking the leadership tasks outlined above, it is acknowledged that PressGo is not the only group within PCANZ who is charged with these responsibilities and collaboration, co-operation and partnership are key to working well with others to achieve PressGo's purpose and objective. While the Board is described as "leading", it will also take the form of enabling, equipping, resourcing.

## 9. Key Relationships

### *Te Aka Puaho*

Te Aka Puaho is a court of the Church. The PressGo Board will be mindful of the commitment made by the Church to upholding the Treaty of Waitangi and the special relation with the tangata whenua represented by Te Aka Puaho. This is reflected through the appointment of a Te Aka Puaho nominee to the PressGo Board. The PressGo Board furthermore will welcome opportunities to engage with Te Aka Puaho in the development and support of initiatives relating to the purposes of the Board.

### *Presbyteries*

PressGo will work with Presbyteries (Northern, Kaimai, Central, Alpine, Southern and Pacific Presbytery) as described in Chapter 8 and 13 of the Book of Order.

### *Church Property Trustees*

The Press Go Board may consult with the CPT on policy matters where this might be helpful in coordinating their approach.

### *Uniting Congregations*

The PressGo Board will consider applications from Uniting Congregations on the same basis as it considers applications from Presbyterian congregations. Where money is being sought for capital expenditure by a Uniting Congregation, the contributions will be made in accordance Procedures for Cooperative Ventures (2018) regulation 3.5. Any such commitment would be made after consultation with the partner Church(es)

### *Otago Foundation Trust Board*

The PressGo Board may consult with the OFTB on policy matters where this might be helpful in coordinating their approach.

### *Strategic Partners*

Council of Assembly's Leadership Subcommittee, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Presbyteries (as above), Assembly Executive Secretary and national service team partners are crucial in delivering strategy and in formulation of resulting policy. Other strategic partners may be sought and cultivated as necessary, required or as beneficial.

#### 10. Review

The PressGo Board will self-review annually and report on that to the Council of Assembly. Council of Assembly will undertake a review of the Board and its activities every five years

#### 11. Winding up

A decision to terminate the PressGo initiative can be made by the General Assembly.