



PressGo Board Terms of Reference

1. Constitution

The Board was established by General Assembly in 2008 and is accountable to the church through the Council of Assembly.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the PressGo Board is to support the growth of the PCANZ by facilitating a process to support new and innovative mission and outreach in New Zealand. In doing so the Board will foster a culture change that promotes the sharing of resources.

Growth of the PCANZ is understood as meaning by the increased number of those who are participating in the worshipping life of the denomination as well as by qualitative measures such as depth of faith, spiritual growth, strength of discipleship, commitment to Christ, engagement with works of justice and service among other indicators of health and vitality.

3. Objective

To resource mission and growth initiatives within PCANZ congregations and presbyteries by:

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

4. Membership

The Board is composed of a minimum of five and a maximum of eight members, of which one is Chair, appointed by the Council of Assembly and one is a nominee of Te Aka Puaho. The AES and Convener of the Resource sub-committee are associate members.

The Board will appoint a secretary who will be responsible for providing minutes for all Board meetings.

All appointments to the Board will be for an initial term of 4 years, with right of renewal for one further term of up to four years.

5. Meetings

The Board will meet face to face at least twice annually and shall conduct most of its business by email and conference calls.

A quorum of members shall be half or a majority of the appointed voting members.

As well as members and associates, the Board may have in attendance and or consult such other persons as it considers necessary.

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

6. Responsibility to distribute funds for mission purposes

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

1. Funds held in the name of the PressGo Board
2. Funds held in the name of the Presbyterian Foundation
3. Mission Enterprise funds in line with decisions of GA14
4. Voluntary contributions from presbyteries, parishes and individuals
5. Legacies – gifted to the PCANZ and designated for Mission purposes
6. Any other funds entrusted to the PCANZ for mission purposes and made available for distribution

PressGo operations will be funded by an annual allocation from funds available for distribution.

7. Assembly staff

Assembly staff will contribute to the effective functioning of the PressGo Board. PressGo staff are members of the national service team and report formally to the AES.

8. Responsibilities of the Board

The Board shall:

1. Provide advice to the Council of Assembly and the Assembly Executive Secretary, in relation to the following:
 - Mission strategy adopted by PCANZ and PressGo
 - Criteria and priorities for funding and other resourcing or support offered or provided
 - Outcome measures and process of monitoring and evaluation

- Communication plan
 - Other relevant matters
2. Provide a Report to each ordinary meeting of the Council of Assembly and to General Assembly on the matters covered in 1 above.
 3. Provide financial support to applicants within its delegated authority of \$500,000 per project for purposes as defined in Guidelines.
 4. Help congregations and presbyteries discern, define and articulate needs through tools such as mission planning, strategic planning and operational assessments. Develop plans, budgets and strategies as required.
 5. Consider mission and growth projects
 6. Monitor and evaluate projects funded
 7. Communicate the details of projects funded and update on implementation via media channels such as SPANZ
 8. Conduct itself in such a manner such to create confidence in the wider Church by:
 - acting with transparency
 - expressing clear reasons for decisions
 - take into account the different aspirations of a theologically diverse constituency
 - use of successes to inspire others

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 consult with Presbyteries (Northern, Kaimai, Central, Alpine, Southern and Pacific Islanders Synod) regarding applicant congregations in order to assess projects against the Presbytery's Strategic and Mission Plans.

PressGo will maintain contact with Presbyteries in order that a national understanding of projects, trends and needs is developed.

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 with the Guide to Procedures in Cooperative Ventures regulations 251 and following. 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. These 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.