

Non Geographic Presbytery Task Group update

9th May 2019

As we near the first meeting of the NGP the Task Group has continued to work through the various areas that need to be established for the NGP to start well.



NGP Name

In April the Task Group sent a proposal to the Standing Committee that the Non-Geographical Presbytery established at the November 2018 Presbytery and Synod meeting be called Generate. There were a number of factors considered by the Task Group in choosing the name, including how the name would fit within the wider church and importantly that the name should speak to the future focus of the NGP. The word Generate means to innovate, create, raise up or give energy too. Generate Presbytery will be about being creative, innovative, empowered by the Holy Spirit as we passionately work towards seeing people come to a saving relationship with Jesus, grow in their faith, leaders raised up and churches renewed, healthy and planted.

Decision to Join

Each congregation has been asked to hold a congregational meeting and make a decision about which Presbytery they wish to join. For those ministers not in a congregational placement you also need to make the decision which Presbytery you would like to come under the care and oversight of. The forms to indicate your decision are on the Presbytery Restructure webpage.

If you are wanting to know more about the Generate Presbytery to help you make this decision, please reach out to your Mission Network leadership or the synod office and they can connect you with someone to help. There is also info sheets on the Presbytery Restructure webpage.

It is exciting to see the conversations that are happening throughout our churches about mission and the response forms coming in from congregations joining the Generate Presbytery. We are praying for you and your congregations as you discern and respond in the coming weeks.

Please remember...

Response forms need to be returned by the 7th of June to allow for our first meeting on the 29th June following the close of the Synod meeting.

Nominations for Officers

Each Presbytery is required to have key officer bearers and committees. Some of these can be determined in the months to come as the Presbytery looks more closely at how it will structure itself. However, at the first meeting of the Presbytery on the 29th June, 2019, a Chair Person, Secretary, Treasurer and Standing Committee will be appointed. The details and nomination process will be sent to all Generate Congregations towards the end of May.

We would invite you to be praying over the coming weeks about who you could nominate for these important leadership positions.

Funding Model

The NGP Task Group met to consider the various funding models that were presented and made a recommendation to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee has now selected a funding model to fund all the Presbyteries from 1st January, 2020. This is the format of the funding, however the percentages will be determined in the second half of this year. Please refer to the Presbytery Funding Model Proposal (13th May) for a description of the Model chosen by the Standing Committee.

Over the next few weeks the Task Group will continue to work on

- Receiving the List of Congregation and ministers who have voted to join the Generate Presbytery
- Nominations process for Presbytery Leadership
- Preparing for the first meeting of Generate on the 29th June
- Preparing the necessary elements to ensure that Generate and the leadership can start well

Thank you for your prayer and encouragement over the past few months. We ask you to continue to pray with us for congregations as they vote and those God will call to lead us into the future, together as the Generate Presbytery.