

11.3 MINISTERS ACCOMMODATION SUPPORT FUND

11.3.1 The Synod shall establish a fund to be known as the Ministers Accommodation Support Fund.

DEFINITIONS

11.3.2 In these By-laws, "Minister" shall mean Minister of the Word, Deacon, Deaconess, Lay Pastor, person accredited to the specified ministry of Youth Worker, Ministry Intern and candidate for ministry in approved placement".

PURPOSES

11.3.3 The purposes of the Fund are to provide financial support for the provision of accommodation in special circumstances for Ministers and spouses.

ELIGIBILITY

11.3.4 The General Secretary and Executive Officer Pastoral Relations will determine those Ministers or spouses who are eligible to apply for a grant.

PROVISION OF GRANTS

- 11.3.5
- a. Grants will be provided from the accumulated income of the Fund.
 - b. Grants will be allocated by a sub-committee comprising the General Secretary (or delegate), Executive Officer Pastoral Relations (or delegate), Associate General Secretary or Pastoral Relations Administration Officer.
 - c. Grants may be made for a period of up to twelve (12) months.
 - d. Where a Minister receiving a grant is awaiting placement for six (6) months or more the Placements Committee and the Pastoral Relations Committee may require the Minister to undertake vocational counselling and/or further education courses as a condition of maintaining the grant.
 - e. A Minister awaiting placement who is receiving an accommodation support grant must be available to provide supply ministry.