

Remit 4 – Funding a New Model

Background:

The 42nd General Council 2015 approved, subject to remit, a new funding model for the denomination with the budgeting process to be guided by the principles outlined below.

As an immediate step, the 42nd General Council 2015 approved the practice of spending only the revenue received, and make all staffing decisions based on this basis.

The 42nd General Council 2015 authorized this Category 3 remit to presbyteries and pastoral charges to test the will of the church with respect to this change.

The Question:

Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree to a new funding model for the United Church with the budgeting process guided by the following principles?

- (1) use Mission and Service to fund ministry and mission activities;
- (2) fund governance and support services of other courts/councils by assessing communities of faith/pastoral charges;
- (3) share assessments equitably across the whole church;
- (4) permit Conferences/presbyteries/regional councils to use additional resources for regional purposes; and
- (5) encourage sharing of all resources across the church.