

CENTRAL OTAGO REGIONAL NETWORK

Terms of Reference

Function: CIA [Conversation, Imagination, Action]

Appointment: The formation and ongoing life of this group, or any other resource groups in the former Central Otago Presbytery region will be overseen by the Southern Presbytery. All such groups will need to develop goals and modes of operation, and lodge these with the Presbytery Council.

Goals and objectives:

- keep parishes connected through encouragement, sharing and mutual support
- co-ordinate regional initiatives for inspiration, training and mission
- explore new models of mission and ministry
- identify and support new growth opportunities
- encourage strategic alliances with other church and service agencies in the region
- communicate CORN activities back to Sessions and Parish Councils
- broker services available nationally from the PCANZ e.g. Kids Friendly
- broker services available regionally from Synod of Otago and Southland or Southern Presbytery e.g. Mission Enabler

Accountability to Southern Presbytery for:

- lodging terms of reference with Presbytery Council
- ensuring members attend Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery
- abiding by the teaching of the Word of God, and the PCANZ Book of Order
- making major requests to Presbytery Council in writing

Membership: required of all ministers and one elder from each parish in the Maniototo, Central Otago, and Central Lakes Region. Also open to any congregational member eager to enhance local mission. Over time other interest groups may develop with some people belonging to more than one group.

Finances:

- events are to be self-funding if at all possible
- small amount will be retained in bank account to reimburse the co-ordinator's costs and for amounts owing from Central Otago Presbytery activities
- the bank account and payment of expenses will be responsibility of the Wakatipu Parish (to be reviewed)
- applications for grants for regional initiatives will be made through Southern Presbytery

Co-ordination and Planning:

- a co-ordinator will be the point of contact for Southern Presbytery, PCANZ and other groups wanting to reach the churches of this region as a group. The role will include recording and advertising Regional Network activities and preparing a calendar of events, as well as passing on activities further afield or solely within the various parishes. The co-ordinator or support team will be responsible for organising such jobs as the annual reporting to Presbytery and the regional discussion of business matters sent by Presbytery Council.
- the co-ordinator will be supported by two others.
- responsibility for regional events will be rotated around the parishes.
- gathering will be held bi-monthly within daylight saving months. Winter activities will be held if necessary.