

## **Terms of Reference:**

NAME: Matura Valley Support Group (Presbyterian).

APPOINTMENT: The formation and ongoing life of this group and any other resource groups in the Southern region will be overseen by the Southern Presbytery, but each group would develop its own goals, leadership and mode of operation, lodging these with the Presbytery Council.

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

- Personal encouragement, support and pastoral care, responding to minor crises in ministry and parishes.
- To facilitate and equip for mission in our local congregations, co-ordinating any regional initiatives to achieve these things.
- Exploring new models for mission and ministry.
- Identify and support new growth opportunities, equipping and training where appropriate.
- Encourage participation of all churches, in mission and ministry.
- Promote awareness of all resourcing events taking place in the wider Southern Presbytery.
- Promote the awareness of the Synod and National Church initiatives, eg Kids Friendly.
- Share mission projects that may be expanded to include others.
- To encourage everyone to be committed to prayer.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY:**

1. Oversight by the Southern Presbytery
2. Accountable to the Southern Presbytery.
3. Terms of Reference to be lodged with the Presbytery Council.
4. Ensuring members attend the Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery.
5. Abide by the teaching of the Word of God and for process, the PCANZ Book of Order.
6. Major requests to Presbytery Council to be written, with relevant information.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

Initially membership is required of presbytery ministers and elders but is open to the involvement and participation of personnel of presbytery and congregations, in order to enhance local mission.

### **FINANCE:**

1. Events to be self funding where possible, but any short-falls may be met by the Presbytery.
2. Likely 'short-falls' to go the Finance Workgroup for prior approval.

3. Applications for funding from Presbyterian Foundation or Synod of Otago and Southland to be processed through the Presbytery Council.

OPERATIONS:

1. Bi-monthly meetings on the first Tuesday evening of the months of Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec. OR meeting 4 times per year (once a term) for an extended time. (To be confirmed in 2011).
2. The meetings to rotate around the parishes with the hosting parish to co-ordinate the worship and the equipping time, and be responsible for the supper (or meal).
3. Administrator and Leadership Team to meet as required to facilitate everything.