

## MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW

An initiative of the NSW Co-ordinating Conference

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### Introduction

We are pleased to invite requests for funding from Ministry Support NSW. This initiative has been established to increase the spread of the gospel and to target the distribution of funds to support church growth. The fund receives gifts from churches, individual Christians and para church organisations around NSW along with interest from endowments and investments to support the growth of churches as we co-operate together to help people find and follow Jesus. The Coordinating Conference is seeking new initiatives and opportunities to support, encourage and equip people, churches and ministries to GROW God's kingdom. There are several driving principles:

1. Targeted toward new ministries and church growth;
2. Provision of seed funding to help establish new ministries rather than long term financial support - long term financial support becomes the responsibility of the local church;
3. Theological training is a key focus and targets Christians going into ministry in a NSW church; and
4. Major capital purchases will not be considered

Please provide the information requested below. The aim is not bureaucratic nor is it about control. The Coordinating Conference and the Treasurers simply need to be in a position to make properly informed prayerful decisions on behalf of those who contribute to Ministry Support NSW.

### Ministry Opportunity - Overview

OVERVIEW	YOUR RESPONSE
<i>Please describe the new ministry opportunity.</i>	

### Ministry Opportunity - Criteria

CRITERIA	YOUR RESPONSE
<i>Please provide information on how this request meets the criteria for funding:</i>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>New church;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Church revitalisation;</i></li> <li>3. <i>New evangelistic ministry;</i></li> <li>4. <i>Theological study or ministry training – course details and cost;</i></li> <li>5. <i>Minor capital – item and cost(up to \$2,000).</i></li> </ol>	

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## Ministry Opportunity – People

PEOPLE	YOUR RESPONSE
<p><i>If the request for funds is for the support of a particular person/family please provide details including their situation and experience.</i></p> <p><i>Are they existing members of your church or are they being commended to this ministry by another church?</i></p> <p><i>If the funds are to support theological study does the person have a commitment to a particular ministry in your church or elsewhere in NSW?</i></p>	

## Ministry Opportunity – Outcomes

EXPECTED OUTCOMES	YOUR RESPONSE
<p><i>Please outline how this ministry opportunity will be used by your church in its plans to increase the spread of the gospel.</i></p>	

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## Ministry Opportunity – Church Support

SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS	YOUR RESPONSE
<p><i>Please provide details of how your church will be supporting this ministry. If the funds are for a worker, please provide confirmation appropriate arrangements have been made for workers compensation and public liability insurances, taxation, superannuation, etc.</i></p> <p><i>(Note: We can provide general information on how other churches handle these matters, salary, use of fringe benefit provisions, etc)</i></p>	

## Church Details

<b>CHURCH</b>		
<b>Leadership contact</b>	<b>NAME</b>	
	<b>ADDRESS</b>	
	<b>TOWN/CITY</b>	
	<b>POST CODE</b>	
	<b>Phone</b>	
	<b>Email</b>	
<b>Bank Details - all payments will be EFT</b>	<b>BSB</b>	
	<b>Account No</b>	
<b>Declaration</b>	<b>Support</b>	This is a major new initiative of our church and we are also committing our resources to its support and success.
	<b>Publication</b>	We agree to the amount provided being publicised through the Coordinating Conference.
	<b>Funding</b>	We understand that where the funds are to support a person the money will be given to the church. The church will be responsible to make appropriate arrangements in relation to legal obligations with respect to taxation, insurance, superannuation, etc.
	<b>Reporting</b>	We will provide the Coordinating Conference with a quarterly report on the progress of the new ministry.
<b>Signatures</b>	<b>Leader 1</b>	
	<b>Leader 2</b>	
	<b>Leader 3</b>	<b>DATE:</b>

**Please attach any other relevant information, letters of commendation, etc and post to;**  
**Treasurers, Ministry Support NSW, PO Box 6396, ALEXANDRIA NSW 2015**

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**MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW** has a Christ centred vision to grow the resources available for initiatives in evangelism, church growth, spiritual renewal and church planting in NSW.

**MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW** has replaced the NSW Homeworkers Fund. The aim is to gather fresh thinking and encourage others to join the small group of faithful and generous supporters who sustained the Homeworkers Fund in recent years with the objectives of;

- *Promoting* the spread of Christianity through evangelism, teaching and pastoral care;
- *Helping* people come to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ;
- *Contributing* to spiritual growth and welfare of churches;
- *Enabling* people to engage in a full time or part time role in Christian ministry in NSW; and
- *Supporting* the ministries of para-church organisations.

**MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW** will also help Christians take up opportunities in ministry training and theological studies to grow the skill base and resources available to churches and para church organisations in NSW.

Financial assistance may be provided in one of three ways:

1. A monthly contribution for a period of three years toward the support of a ministry worker engaged in church planting, church revitalisation or a new evangelistic ministry initiative; or
2. Assistance for theological study or ministry training by contributing to tuition fees or cost of books and reference material for people committed to entering a ministry role in a Christian Community Church or assembly or para-church organisation in NSW; or
3. One off seed funding for initiatives to help a church with limited financial resources upgrade a vital item of equipment or train its members, eg data projector, presentation software, ministry training for a music team, etc.

**MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW** can distribute designated gifts to particular ministry workers in churches and assemblies in NSW on behalf of churches, individuals or organisations.

**MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW** will coordinate a Christmas Gift Appeal each year.

**TRANSPARENCY** - a financial report on the operation of **MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW** will be presented at each meeting of the NSW Coordinating Conference.

**Contributions to MINISTRY SUPPORT NSW can be made by;**

1. Cheques payable to Stewards Foundation (Ministry Support NSW) mailed to STEWARDS FOUNDATION, PO Box 230, HURSTVILLE SOUTH NSW 2221, or by
2. EFT to BSB: 082 057, Account No: 036865532 – reference on the transfer of funds should be Ministry and church or contributor name.