

General Proposal 7

Mission Development and Innovation Fund Policy 2020 (MDIF)

That the Synod

Resolves to request that a working group is formed that takes into account:

- The resolution of the 34th Synod on this topic – SIS 19.69
- The [draft MDIF policy](#) and associated background information circulated to churches for feedback in August 2020
- Feedback received from that consultation process (27 written responses)

and that this working group conducts a further consultation process to develop appropriate policy to present to the 36th Synod for approval.

The scope of a proposal

The feedback from the consultation process on the draft MDIF policy and associated background information (which can be found [here](#)) circulated in August 2020 revealed that:

- The timeframe and process conducted for feedback was considered inadequate by many
- Some proposed processes were questioned
- There was a variety of responses to the intent of the draft policy which may not be easily reconciled
- Some specific issues were raised that are applicable to individual church bodies only

Following the analysis of the feedback, the above resolution was drafted.

Where specific issues in relation to individual congregations have been raised that require immediate response, these will be addressed operationally under the current MDF guidelines which can be found [here](#).

Attachments

Background information to the proposed draft MDIF policy circulated in August 2020 (including the wording of resolution SIS 19.69 from the 34th Synod).

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