



MISSIONAL CLUSTER COVENANT

Anglican Diocese of Christchurch – DATE

The purpose of a Missional Cluster is to enable and embed the principles of the Diocesan Mission Action Plan into the ministry practice of the clergy of our Diocese. A Missional Cluster provides the environment for critical ministry reflection, support, encouragement, accountability and prayer that will enable our parishes to move toward a more intentional missional footing.

This document lays out the expectations and guidelines for Missional Clusters. You are invited to prayerfully read this document and, if you agree, to sign at the bottom at your first meeting. The Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission enables the Clusters to form and is a resource person for the Clusters.

PURPOSE

1. To meet together monthly, as a Missional Cluster, for a minimum of 12 months for the purpose of critical ministry reflection, support, encouragement, accountability and prayer
2. To engage with the Diocesan Mission Action Plan and to implement its principles in the parish setting
3. To support the members of the Cluster as each member seeks to lead their parishes toward greater spiritual health, missional engagement and growth
4. To acknowledge and celebrate the different stages, styles and charisms of each parish

ESTABLISHMENT

1. The Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission establishes a Missional Cluster when three or four church leaders are invited to covenant together as a Missional Cluster
2. Each church leader agrees to sign this covenant, and this is done at the first meeting
3. Each member of the Missional Cluster tells their 'life story' on the first meeting

COMMITMENT

1. To meet together as a Missional Cluster once a month for 12 months for 1 ½ hours per meeting
2. To share sincerely and honestly about the struggles and joys of ministry and to welcome opportunities to learn from and encourage each other
3. To listen to one another carefully and respectfully
4. To be open to personal growth and change and to face the cost of what this might involve
5. To be mutually accountable for any undertakings that may have been agreed to

AGENDA

1. Open with prayer
2. Report on the implementation of previous decisions and undertakings made.
3. Listen and engage with one another in Christian love and encouragement
4. Engage with a set question or questions each time
5. Share the joys and challenges of ministry with each other
6. Agree to follow through with particular actions, changes and decisions that arise from the discussion
7. Close in prayer

ENDING

1. At the final meeting of the covenanted period, the members of the Missional Cluster will decide to end the covenant or to continue for another, mutually agreed upon, period.

MEMBERS OF THE MISSIONAL CLUSTER SIGN AND DATE BELOW