



**Consolidated Fabric Fund** are held by the GTs, for the benefit of congregations, and are generally restricted for fabric and fabric-related purposes with the capital monies being derived from sale of redundant properties.

**The Consolidated Stipend Fund** is held as permanent capital, producing an annual dividend which is applied towards the stipend of the benefiting congregation. “Stipend” effectively means the costs of providing a minister and other members of the ministry team for that congregation. This is defined in Section 16 of Act VII 2003.

### **The Regulations**

The APPLICATION OF STIPEND AND FABRIC ENDOWMENTS Regulations 1995 states that the reallocation of funds from the Consolidated Stipend Fund to the Consolidated Fabric Fund requires approval of the GTs and Faith Action (Formerly Ministries Council) in consultation with Presbytery. A reallocation from the Consolidated Fabric Fund to the Consolidated Stipend Fund requires approval of the GTs in consultation with Presbytery.

#### **Note 1 – Reallocating Funds from Consolidated Stipend Fund to Consolidated Fabric Fund.**

The transfer can take place on application to the GTs and Faith Action (Formerly Ministries Council) who will make a determination in consultation with Presbytery. An application is unlikely to be successful however, if the reallocation would mean that dividend payments from the remaining capital would amount to less than 50% of the cost of a minister. If the capital is of a scale where the reallocation would still provide for dividend payments of over 50% of the costs of a minister then the reallocation may be permitted.

#### **Note 2 – Reallocating Funds from Consolidated Fabric Fund to Consolidated Stipend Fund**

##### **Capital**

The variety of ecclesiastical property, in terms of scale, complexity and condition is such that having a fixed monetary threshold set, over and above which funds could be transferred, is not thought appropriate. Applications for the reallocation of funds from the Consolidated Fabric Fund Capital to Consolidated Stipend Fund should be made to the General Trustees. Applications will be considered in consultation with Presbytery. Factors the GTs would consider in such a request would include;

- 1) Number of buildings in the congregation
- 2) Condition of each building – including items identified in the most recent Building Survey or Quinquennial Report and their status
- 3) Probability of significant repairs including comment from the Presbytery Building Officer
- 4) Availability of alternative means of executing fabric repairs

#### **Note 3 – Transferring Funds from Consolidated Fabric Fund to Restricted Local Funds**

##### **Capital**

Applications for the use of Consolidated Fabric Fund Capital for local projects will be considered using the same criteria as detailed above in Note 2. In addition to these four aspects, the General Trustees will also seek to ensure that the proposed project will deliver on the 5 Marks of Mission. In considering these applications General Trustees and senior GT staff will consult with FAPLT.

##### **Revenue**

Applications for the use of Consolidated Fabric Fund Revenue will generally be approved where the funds are being allocated towards a specific missional purpose.