

## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to outline the policy for use of properties owned, leased or held in trust for the purposes of CMS.

## Definitions

**CMS** refers to the CMS Fellowship in Australia comprising CMS-Australia, CMS NSW & ACT, CMS QNNSW, CMS SANT, CMS Tasmania, CMS Victoria, and CMS WA.

## Policy

The fundamental purpose of CMS is the sharing of the Christian faith throughout the world. This property use policy of CMS has been prepared in this context. It sets out the relevant statements of belief, objects and vision of CMS consistent with its constitution which shall apply to the hiring of various properties owned or occupied by CMS.

These are set out as follows:

a) What we believe about Mission

We believe...

God, the Creator, has made himself fully known in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ and through the unchanging truth of his written word, the Bible.

God commands all people everywhere to repent and believe the good news. In love and through the sacrificial, substitutionary death and bodily resurrection of his Son, God saves his elect people from wrath and judgment and raises us to new life through the power of his Spirit.

As God's people we are called to proclaim this message in all the world that people might put their trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour and so be reconciled to God the Father, become members with us of his forgiven people and live by the Spirit under his rule, awaiting the coming restoration of all things.

b) Objects of CMS

The objects of CMS are to facilitate the work of the Church Missionary Society, through its branches, for the coming of God's Kingdom through the proclamation of the gospel of Christ throughout the world, in fellowship with local churches, and in particular:

- to send members of branches as missionaries overseas and to North Australia;
- to deepen Christian commitment to evangelism and its attendant social responsibilities;
- to support missionaries of CMS and their work by prayer, giving and pastoral care;
- to engage in cross-cultural evangelism;
- to help educate the Australian Church in its responsibilities to this mission.



- c) Where CMS Australia has adopted a policy or statement as to belief and/or practice then that policy or statement of belief and/or practice will be deemed to be incorporated into this policy. Please see the CMS website [www.cms.org.au](http://www.cms.org.au) for the most up to date statements which will be considered in granting a request by any non-CMS organisation or any individual to use CMS property.

Any property owned by CMS, held in trust by CMS or CMS Trust Limited for CMS or used by or otherwise held for the purposes of CMS:

- i. shall not be used for purposes which contravene the belief, objects and vision as expressed by CMS from time to time.
- ii. shall not be used in a manner which is inconsistent with a reasonable understanding of Christian morality or that breaches the CMS Code of Conduct.
- iii. must not be used in a way that worships another god or professes a different doctrine of salvation.

CMS advises that all applications made to CMS for use of CMS property must be considered in the context of this policy.

## **Approval**

This is a CMS fellowship policy.

Approved: 9 October 2020

## **Review**

This policy is due for revision in five years from the date of approval

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