

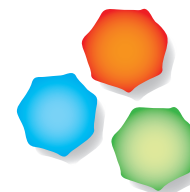
Jesus: "Again, it will be like a man  
going on a journey,  
who called his servants and  
entrusted his property to them.  
To one he gave five talents of money,  
to another two talents,  
and to another one talent,  
each according to his ability.  
Then he went on his journey."  
*(Matthew 25:14-15)*



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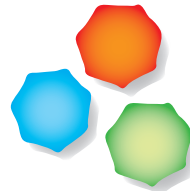


**Synergy: The interaction of two or more  
agents or forces so that their combined  
effect is greater than the sum of their  
individual effects**



**2010 Overview  
grants to assist sustainable mission  
for churches, ministries and individuals**

## Our Vision:



Once in awhile we get a wake up call from God. It is a subtle yet poignant reminder that our effort, our endeavour and the work we all do, has implicit value for the Kingdom of God NOW! Sometimes we find ourselves caught in a rut. Whether as leaders we lack the training necessary to help us grow, or we simply feel isolated and stuck, there is hope as we continue to learn biblical principles and discern what it is that God wants to do in and through our ministries.

The Synergy Project is a unique opportunity that we will offer to churches across NSW commencing in the second half of 2007 (and thereafter annually for an initial five year period). The project is not a quick fix or big brother seeking to intervene or intrude into your church's world, rather, it is a genuine partnership where through conversations, prayer, learning and service together, we will help your leaders grow and develop your church to ensure that you are more effective, viable and sustainable in all that you do. The Synergy Project stimulates interdependence and cooperation and enables local churches to innovate through endeavours they might previously have lacked the courage and resources to tackle.

On behalf of Churches of Christ in NSW I am pleased to announce the availability of financial grants to help in the ongoing development of leaders and churches within our movement. Our primary focus will be in funding projects that develop spiritual leaders and healthy, mission-focused churches. The amount of funds available will be subject to the financial returns achievable on investments made by Conference. It is our goal to make available approximately \$1,000,000 over the next five years.

**Andrew Ball**  
Executive Ministry Director

## Our Heart:

Churches of Christ in NSW, understands that the local church is the 'God-designed' faith community where effective ministry and mission takes place. As we move further into this new millennium, the exact shape or form of a local church will by definition change, as each community seeks to be relevant and connected to its context. This means that while some churches may continue to grow in their present format, others will commence new initiatives. These could be house-based, or work-place related, or even focus orientated around an ethnic group, sub-culture or specific community meeting in a variety of formats, locations and times.

In these exciting times, the role of Conference through its staff is primarily to 'value add' to these churches and situations.

**The Synergy Project comprises three grants.** Each of these grants has separate downloadable documents that more clearly describe their focus and criteria for how you apply.



**Partnership Grants – up to \$30,000:** An intentional process of collaboration and leadership partnership over a two year period, where senior conference staff work in synergy with the local church and its leaders to enable the church to advance beyond maintenance to mission, or to more effective mission.



**Catalyst Grants – up to \$10,000:** A catalyst process designed to help churches fund innovative new projects, secure new equipment or add a part-time staff member.



**Leadership Grants – up to \$5,000:** A people-focused grant which stimulates opportunities for enhanced development, study, research or travel where the applicant is exposed to learning environments which contribute to maximizing their potential.

**Notes for applicants:** Synergy Project grants will not be made to individuals within churches or ministries within churches without the direct approval of both the minister and elders within the church. Each application must be endorsed by the leadership of the local church.



The Synergy Project  
is a ministry initiative of  
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