

## Overture 9

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Esteemed Brethren

The Session of the Reformed Church of Dunedin respectfully overtures Synod 2014 as follows.

**That the Reformed Theological College New Zealand Office and Student Assistance Committee be disestablished, with its former responsibilities assigned to the Synodical Treasurer and Church Extension Committee respectively; and that the Church Extension Committee, after due consultation, recommend to the next Synod specific criteria for support from the Student Assistance Fund.**

### Grounds

1. The present incumbents have already relinquished the RTC New Zealand Office functions, they have served well and can be honourably discharged.
2. The Synodical Treasurer has already taken up the administration of RCNZ transactions for the RTC and this needs only to be confirmed by Synod.
3. The Church Extension Committee already manages a number of funds on behalf of the churches and has experience with processing applications for assistance of various kinds.
4. Managing the Student Assistance Fund would complement the work undertaken by the Church Extension Committee with the Vicariate Fund.
5. The Church Extension Committee has experience levying quotas which may be required at some future time for the Student Assistance Fund and, if so, such a quota could be levied at the same time as other quotas collected by the Committee.
6. There would be immense benefit for intending ministerial students and their sessions to have a clear understanding of the criteria for support from the Student Assistance Fund. Those included in the due consultation could be Sessions, the Deputies for Students to the Ministry, the New Zealand board members of the Reformed Theological College and the former members of the Student Assistance Committee.