

Church of the Year Scheme

The 'church of the year' scheme is a programme of the Association for a number of churches to have the opportunity to appeal to the other churches in the Association for help in a particular project usually relating to its buildings.

The number of churches to be included in the scheme will be set by the council each year.

Background and Vision

It is hoped that each project will be about making a church more open and geared towards becoming more effective in mission. We would hope that the successful churches will be spread geographically around the association.

Process

To apply to become a 'church of the year', a church should, in the first instance, write to the secretary of the Association for an application form.

Criteria

A successful application for the church of the year will be:

- 1) A church in membership and good standing of the EBA
- 2) A church that is undertaking a capital works programme or the establishment of a new venture for the sake of mission.
- 3) A church that has played its part in the support of Home Mission.

Other matters

- 1) The work should not have begun prior to the launch of the church as a church of the year.
- 2) The church will be invited at the annual assembly to present what its project is attempting to achieve.
- 3) The project should be discussed with your Regional Minister prior to application being made.

Report

It is expected that each church will at the conclusion of the year send in a report that tells

- 1) How the project is going
- 2) What money came in from the scheme
- 3) What the result of the project has been for the church.