

RECOMMENDED FEES FOR VISITING PREACHERS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

The following schedule is provided to pastors and churches as a guide to fees payable to visiting preachers, and to persons conducting or helping with weddings or funerals. These fees were last revised in August 2011 and the new fees are applicable from 1 January 2012.

1. Preaching Fees for Sunday Services:

- (a) Exchange of pulpit by mutual agreement. Preaching fee – nil.
Reimbursement of travel costs – nil.
- (b) Visiting Preacher. Preaching fee paid by inviting church - \$150.00.
Reimbursement of travel costs – see below.

2. Deputationist for Sundays and Other Occasions:

Pastor or others attending a church at the request of a missionary department or other similar organization – nil.
Reimbursement of travel costs – nil.

3. Reimbursement of Travel Costs:

The recommended rate is 45 cents per kilometer for both the city and country.

4. Fees for Weddings or Funerals

Wedding/Funeral of	Fee: Pastor	Fee: Musician	Fee: Other Services*
- Church Member	No charge	\$75	\$50
- Church Adherent	No charge	\$75	\$50
- Other Person	\$200	\$100	\$60

* Other Services may include cleaning, PA operator, etc

- It is advisable for each church to have a policy as to whether fees of the type listed above paid to their pastor or member are for the benefit of the church or the person.
- If fees are to be for the benefit of the person, it is further recommended that the policy indicates whether payments are to be made directly or through the church books. Consideration of section 8.3 and 9.3 of the Code of Ethics (and Companion) for Pastoral Leadership is commended in consideration if this issue.
- Fees of this type received by persons may be assessable income to be declared on the person's tax return form. Please refer to the tax office or a registered tax agent for clarification.
- Fees for services listed above are advisory only. Persons providing services may choose to waive fees at their discretion, and could charge a higher fee where reasonable cause can be demonstrated and prior advice is given to the service recipient.