

## 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. New fees are applicable from 1 January 2019.

### 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	\$175.00
	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 \$0.68 per kilometre for both city and country travel

### 4. FEES FOR WEDDINGS OR FUNERALS

	Pastor Fee	Musician Fee	Other Service Fee*
Wedding/Funeral of Church Member	\$ NIL	\$ 85.00	\$ 60.00
Wedding/Funeral of Church Adherent	\$ NIL	\$ 85.00	\$ 60.00
Wedding/Funeral of Other Person	\$230.00	\$115.00	\$ 70.00

\* 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 of 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.