

## **Council for Mission Report**

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It gives me great pleasure, to present and propose the Report of the work of the Council for Mission. It is tinged with sadness as this is my last act as a member of the Council of which I have had the immense privilege of chairing the Council over the last number of years. I feel that in the words of Sir Issac Newton: “I have seen further, standing on the shoulders of giants.” We as a Council have been blessed to have been served by Bishop Harold Miller, Canon Paul Hoey and the Reverend Andrew Quill, to name but a few. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rev Cliff Jeffers and now ably assisted by the Rev Colin McConaghie as Secretaries to the Council, also the wise guidance of Bishop Ferran Glenfield and the careful stewardship of Derek Neilson as treasurer.

One of the greatest strengths of the Council and what makes it unique is that it is composed of members drawn from the totality of the Church of Ireland, the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, Youth Department, Mothers’ Union, all the dioceses, lay and ordained, North and South, urban and rural. In addition we are doubly blessed to have representatives on the Council from the Association of Mission Societies that bring a global church and justice perspective, also the valuable contribution of our Methodist brethren. A prime example of how rich and powerful our partnership in the gospel is, was demonstrated in the RTÉ Sunday Service we led jointly by the Council and the Association of Mission Societies, in June.

In recent years we have championed the Five Marks of Mission, Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, and Treasure. You may recall the Book, Radiant Faith, for St Patrick’s Day, all-age material and the video on the Tell mark of mission. Next year we will launch the videos on Teach, to nurture the faith of all ages, and Treasure, care of and responsibility to God’s creation. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Priorities Fund for their support in the making of the videos. I would also like to thank Ruth Garvey-Williams and Jonny Sanlon for their dedication in making the videos within the challenges of Covid-19.

Also I would also like to thank Dr Nick Shepherd of the Living Faith Department of the Church of England for his support in our recent digital worship seminar. This partnership has arisen from the UK & Ireland Discipleship Forum, composed of representatives of the Anglican Churches in these islands and mission partners of the Church of England, and to which myself and the Very Rev Tim Wright are your representatives.

In conclusion I look forward to hearing and seeing the work of the Council for Mission going forward, I commend the report to Synod, and ask that it be received.