

APPENDIX D

WORLD DEVELOPMENT – BISHOPS’ APPEAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT 2008

MEMBERSHIP

Rt Rev MHG Mayes (Retired March 2008)	Mr W Kingston
Rt Rev Rev MAJ Burrows	Rev JDM Pierce
Rev OMR Donohoe (Honorary Treasurer)	Ms A Rooke
Ms R Handy	Mr TA Smallwoods
Canon PA Harvey	Rev IP Poulton (Honorary Secretary)

- Bishops' Appeal income in 2007 was €550,073 and £185,143 as against €494,833 and £233,487 in 2006
- Bishops' Appeal ran an all-Ireland Appeal in Lent 2008: “The Body of Christ has AIDS”. This was the first attempt at an appeal to every parish that was not linked to an emergency.
- Bishops' Appeal is establishing a scholarship in memory of Dean Des Harman of Christ Church Cathedral, who died suddenly in December 2007. Dean Harman was a member of the Committee from its inception in 1971 until 1999. The scholarship will be awarded on an annual basis to an African priest to study peace or development studies in Dublin. Support from Irish Aid will be sought.
- Transparency and accountability require that Bishops' Appeal be able to demonstrate to donors where money has been spent. Grant applications in 2008 will only be accepted where full accounts and budgets are attached.
- Bishops' Appeal is conscious that aid and development appeals are a market economy and that there is a need to compete in this “marketplace”.

WE BEING MANY . . .

As the Church of Ireland’s own world development appeal, Bishops’ Appeal seeks to mobilise the goodwill and commitment of the many members of the Church of Ireland in pursuit of biblical justice and mercy in the developing world. Bishops’ Appeal continues to disburse funds received to agencies and partners under the four headings that through the years have helped the Bishops’ Appeal Committee ensure good stewardship of the resources at its disposal

- (a) sustainable agriculture and rural development;
- (b) education projects;

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- (c) medical, health and HIV/AIDS work;
- (d) disaster, emergency and famine relief

Details of the projects supported will be found in the Bishops' Appeal annual newsletter, which will be launched at General Synod.

2007 saw the second successive annual fall in support for the Appeal suggesting that we as a Church have not convinced the many that support for work in the developing world is not an option that might be chosen just at times of media covered disasters, but is part of our daily Christian discipleship. Against the background of an overall drop in giving in 2007, it was encouraging to note strong support and increasing contributions from some predominantly rural dioceses. Bishops' Appeal would be considerably strengthened in its witness to God's generosity towards us if it could elicit similar levels of commitment in the most populous dioceses.

. . . ARE ONE BODY

The oneness of the Body of Christ was given particular emphasis in the Lenten Campaign, the first attempted by Bishops' Appeal. There was a desire, particularly in the year of a Lambeth Conference, to express our oneness in Christ with our sisters and brothers in Africa. "The Body of Christ has AIDS" had become a frequent expression amongst African churches seeking to address the problems of HIV/AIDS in their own communities, and seemed an appropriate reflection of Saint Paul's understanding of the solidarity of Christians in the face of suffering.

The spread of HIV and AIDS shows no sign of slowing. According to the United Nations body charged with the task of tracking the spread of the virus, the number of people living with HIV and AIDS (PLWHA) continues to increase in most parts of the world. There are now an estimated 22 million AIDS orphans globally; this number will rise to 25 million in 2010, and perhaps to 40 million in 2020. In sub-Saharan Africa, 9% of children have lost one or both parents to HIV and AIDS. The care and education of these young people is a huge drain on these countries, and a challenge that cannot be left unmet. 40 million people are living with HIV today. The epidemic threatens to reverse decades of development progress, and has reduced life expectancy in some African countries to the high 30s or low 40s.

It was against this background that Bishops' Appeal launched "The Body of Christ Has AIDS!" in Armagh and Dublin on 6th January 2008, seeking to encourage people throughout the Church of Ireland to recognize our unity in Christ with those who are suffering. Funds collected through the campaign will support Christian Aid partner ANARELA+, a network of African Christian leaders affected by HIV/AIDS, and Tearfund's Disaster Management Team who are tackling HIV in Liberia.

The success (or otherwise) of the campaign will not be clear until collections have been received from the many parishes that make up our Church. We pray that our bishops will be

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able to attend the Lambeth Conference in July 2008 enabled by the many members of the Church of Ireland to say to their African brothers that the Church of Ireland has taken seriously the New Testament mandate to bear one another's burdens.

... FOR WE ALL SHARE IN THE ONE BREAD

The sharing of God's abundant generosity towards us motivated those who established Bishops' Appeal in 1971. Amongst those pioneers was a young Desmond Harman who approached the challenges of aid and development, as he approached all challenges, with a quiet persistence and a determined integrity. Des Harman ensured Bishops' Appeal spent every penny at its disposal to the maximum effect and with the maximum possible degree of transparency and accountability. He served as a committee member for 28 years, remaining as projects co-ordinator until standing down from the committee in 1999.

The sudden death of Dean Des Harman was a shock to all who knew him. There was a desire that, in keeping with the standards of good stewardship upon which he would have insisted, there would be some continuing recognition of Des Harman's commitment to working for a better world. The Bishops' Appeal Committee have received the approval of the House of Bishops for the establishment of an annual scholarship in memory of Dean Harman. It is intended that the scholarship will each year facilitate studies by an African priest in the fields of development or peace and reconciliation. Clergy play major leadership and educative roles in many African communities and the Committee believes that such a scholarship brings with it the potential to have long-term impacts upon communities struggling with poverty or the effects of conflict. The Committee invites donations in memory of Dean Harman, which will be invested in a scholarship fund, and will seek a co-funding relationship with Irish Aid in this project.

The Church of Ireland has been deeply enriched by the experience of African clergy among us, our fellowship as members of one Communion deepened by the experiences they bring from their own churches and the insights they offer into our own situation. Sharing and partnership are mutual experiences; we believe that we will benefit as much from a scholarship programme as the recipients of the scholarships and their communities.

PERSONNEL

Mr Martin O'Connor has continued his unflagging work as Bishops' Appeal Education Adviser, travelling the length and breadth of Ireland to challenge listeners on issues of aid and development. The Committee was pleased to engage Mr O'Connor for a further term at the end of December 2007, appointing him as Education Adviser until June 2010. We would encourage parishes and dioceses to invite Martin to speak at services and at meetings.

Bishop Michael Mayes, chairman of the Bishops' Appeal Committee since January 1999, stood down from the Committee upon his retirement as Bishop of Limerick on 31st March 2008. We are very grateful to Bishop Michael for the steady hand and the good humour with

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which he guided our meetings, handling even fraught moments with a calm serenity. We thank him for his abiding interest in the complex issues surrounding aid and development, and for his desire to hold on to an international perspective on matters. We wish him many years of happy retirement, unmarred by difficult meetings!

TAX EFFICIENT GIVING

Taxpayers are reminded that tax-efficient schemes are available in both parts of Ireland whereby donations to Bishops' Appeal can be enhanced at no extra cost to the donor. In the Republic the scheme applies to taxpayers making a donation of €250 or more in the tax year. Taxpayers in Northern Ireland can avail of the Gift Aid scheme, which allows charities to reclaim 28% of all donations, made by taxpayers. Details of both schemes are available from the RCB office in Church House, Dublin and Church of Ireland House, Belfast.

THANKS

The Committee wishes to record thanks to the staff in Church of Ireland House, particularly Ms Doreen Smyth and Mr Adrian Clements, for their ever courteous and efficient assistance in the financial management of the Bishops' Appeal funds.

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BISHOPS' APPEAL ACCOUNT 2007
FUND ACCOUNT

	Year ended 31 December	
	2007	2006
	€	€
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Contributions	802,552	842,544
Deposit Interest	4,681	13,132
Currency exchange loss	(1,413)	3,792
Grants – Christian Aid	0	0
Tax refunds	20,183	40,266
	<u>826,003</u>	<u>899,734</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Grants	873,776	1,083,691
Printing and stationery	13,851	14,280
Administration expenses	10,937	8,670
Dochas membership	0	0
Education expenses	0	0
Salaries and PRSI	17,200	17,200
	<u>915,764</u>	<u>1,123,841</u>
(Deficit)/Surplus for year	(89,761)	(224,107)
Balance at 1 January	<u>232,638</u>	<u>456,745</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u><u>142,877</u></u>	<u><u>232,638</u></u>
EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS		
Cash on deposit	142,877	232,638
Balance at 31 December	<u><u>142,877</u></u>	<u><u>232,638</u></u>

Sterling balances and transactions have been translated to Euro at the rate of exchange ruling at 31 December 2007, €1 = £0.7333 (2006: €1 = £0.6715).

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The Standing Committee is responsible for preparing the Income and Expenditure and the Fund Account for the year ended 31 December 2007. We have examined the above and have compared it with the books and records of the Fund. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, do not express an audit opinion on the above statement. In our opinion, the above statements are in accordance with the books and records of the Fund.

PricewaterhouseCoopers
Chartered Accountants
Dublin
11 March 2008

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BISHOPS' APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	2007		2006	
	Stg£	€	Stg£	€
ARMAGH	26,729	1,681	28,079	1,874
CLOGHER	21,202	1,900	19,649	24,280
CONNOR	37,541	160	80,649	-
DERRY & RAPHOE	40,437	23,249	20,688	17,507
DOWN & DROMORE	50,903	-	81,660	-
DOWN DROMORE & CONNOR	950	-	-	-
KILMORE	-	18,320	-	7,069
ELPHIN	-	7,781	-	8,609
CASHEL & OSSORY	-	74,505	-	41,811
FERNS	100	21,032	100	40,126
CORK	-	87,441	-	54,829
DUBLIN	-	216,816	102	206,652
LIMERICK	-	18,324	-	10,009
MEATH & KILDARE	-	56,590	-	27,196
TUAM	-	6,128	-	11,177
ANONYMOUS (UNKNOWN)	1,930	-	-	-
INDIVIDUALS (INCL. LEGACIES)	5,351	16,146	2,560	43,694
TOTALS	185,143	550,073	233,487	494,833
TOTALS IN EURO	802,552	842,543		

BISHOPS' APPEAL GRANTS PAID

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	2007	2006
	€	€
Disaster Relief	176,000	333,011
Health & Medical	175,615	133,047
Education/Communications	167,520	308,488
Rural Development	354,641	309,145
Totals	873,776	1,083,691
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	€	€
Christian Aid	287,938	298,896
CMSI	78,842	149,468
Tearfund	17,860	66,363
Feed the Minds	47,629	44,965
Others	441,507	523,999
Totals	873,776	1,083,691

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BISHOPS' APPEAL GRANTS PAID

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

AFRICA - €377,316; Stg £131,419

Agricultural Programme	Burundi	Christian Aid
Ante-natal Education	Ghana	Feed the Minds
Boreholes Project	Sudan	CMSI
Children & Adult Literacy Programme	Northern Ghana	Feed the Minds
Community Development Programme	DR Congo	The Leprosy Mission
Construction of Pharmacy	Uganda	CMSI
Darfur Emergency Relief	Sudan	Christian Aid
Development of Integrated Community	Uganda	Aidlink
Displaced People	Uganda	Tearfund
Drinking Water	Ethiopia	Christian Aid
Emergency Flood Relief	Africa	Christian Aid
Food Security	Rwanda	Christian Aid
Food Security & Social Rights for Nuba People	Sudan	Christian Aid
Health Care	Malawi	USPG
HIV Testing & Protection	Africa	USPG
Integrated Development	Tanzania	BIDII
Isango Literacy Project	Uganda	Feed the Minds
Kiwoko Hospital	Uganda	CMSI
Meath & Kildare Diocesan Project	Malawi	Direct
Meath & Kildare Diocesan Project	Ùbombo	Direct
Poverty Training Programme	Tanzania	Direct
Railway Children, Mkombozi Project	Tanzania	Direct
Reconciliation Education	South Africa	Vuleka
Refugee Project	Egypt	CMSI
Rural Development Interdiocesan Service	Rwanda	Direct
St Paul's Cathedral Project	Malawi	Direct
Sustainable Food Security and Provision of Water	Kenya	BIDII
Teacher Training	Lesotho	USPG
Teule Hospital	Tanzania	USPG
Training Centre	Sudan	CMSI

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ASIA - €156,818;£6,472

AIDS Education	India	Feed the Minds
Emergency Food Relief	Bangladesh	Christian Aid
Emergency Relief Funds	Indonesia	Christian Aid
Emergency Relief Funds	Middle East	Feed the Minds
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Friends of Neyyoor Hospital	India	Direct
Plant Nursery	India	HOPE
Reconstruction of Communication Infrastructure	Lebanon	Feed the Minds
Reconstruction of three Primary Schools	Pakistan	SAFE
School	Pakistan	SAFE
Village Development	India	Christian Aid
Wheelchairs	Sri Lanka	Motivation

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA - €115,440;£22,850

Education on Rights, Health & Citizenship	Brazil	Chrisitan Aid
Emergency Centre	Honduras	GOAL
Homeless Project	Argentina	USPG
Let Agogo (Flowing Milk) Project	Haiti	Christian Aid
Projeto Bem-me-Quer	Brazil	Sr Helen Regan
Rural Development	Bolivia	Christian Aid
Self-help Project	Brazil	USPG
Soup Kitchen	Argentina	SAMS
Sustainable Development	Guatemala	Christian Aid

OTHER - €5,000

RTE TV Documentary	Developing World KMF Productions
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