

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING IN IRELAND

REPORT 2008

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A Vision for the Future

Last year saw the Church's Ministry of Healing (CMH) take significant steps forward. Our vision is to encourage, nurture and support the work of the Ministry throughout the Church of Ireland. Using a model of servant leadership, we continue to place ministry as our top priority, with an emphasis on parish ministry, Healing Prayer Union (HPU) and diocesan initiatives.

To facilitate this the current structures are being reviewed. Building on our past successes, learning from our failures and discerning the heart of God, we are looking to a bright future where pastoral and healing ministry meets. The Ministry of Healing of the Church of Ireland has a lot to offer and we are looking forward to expanding this ministry throughout Ireland.

Celebration: The 75th Anniversary Celebration was an important milestone in our journey as a Ministry of the Church. Across the Church of Ireland, parishes, HPUs and dioceses availed of the opportunity to give thanks, take stock and celebrate. In Christ Church Cathedral our preacher was Archbishop John Neill, who spoke on the Healing Ministry as humble service. Much of the service had been prepared by the late Very Rev Desmond Harmon who was, as ever, insightful, supportive and encouraging of the

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ministry. In St. Anne's Cathedral Belfast, Canon Brother David Jardine was our guest preacher and in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe, Archbishop Robin Eames was our guest preacher. Our thanks are extended to all who supported, attended and celebrated with us, in particular our Patrons.

Rev Sue Watterson: October saw the appointment of Rev Sue Watterson as Priest-in-Charge of Killarney Parish. We greatly appreciate all Sue's work, commitment and support during her four years as Director of the Church's Ministry of Healing. She has been a major part of our journey to a more diocesan-focused ministry and we are delighted that she continues to work with us in her new role as Training and Resources Advisor for the Republic of Ireland. Sue is producing resources and courses to support the local ministry and, after their launch at General Synod, we will be running training days across the Republic. Our move to St Anne's, Dawson St, Dublin for our weekly Healing Services has seen steady growth and impact. This initiative, which is being run by the diocesan committee, is a further example of Sue's vision and impact.

Rev Dr Pat Mollan: Pat continues her work with great commitment and energy. During the past year her work load has expanded dramatically. With the move to 33 Dargan Road, Belfast, the Mount Counselling Centre has grown, with 12 counsellors under her direction, providing services at no cost to those availing of them. The provision of *Quiet Days*, prayer courses, parish team development and preaching opportunities continues to grow significantly. Healing Services in Belfast Cathedral and in Down Cathedral continue to expand.

'Think-in': In July, the Executive Committee held a *Think-in* at the Church of Ireland Theological College, where under the experienced guidance of Ruth Handy, we were able to go back to our roots, take stock and begin to envisage a new way forward.

Pastoral Council: One of the most significant decisions from that *Think-in* was the setting up of a Pastoral Council which will oversee the ministry side of the work. Made up of diocesan representatives, ministry experts and Sue and Pat, this group will initially help us to re-evaluate our mission, clarify our vision, and produce a theological statement on healing which will ensure the pastoral ministry across the church is developed as the diocesan teams and committees take on a greater role in pastoral support and growth.

Administrative Committee: Side by side with the Pastoral Council, a smaller Administrative Committee has been formed to move us towards our goal of becoming a company limited by guarantee, under the chairmanship of Rev Gordon Freeman. This team will report back to Executive Committee and prepare the way for the transition to a Company Limited by Guarantee which will (DV) be in place by the end of 2008. At that point the Executive Committee will cede its authority to the newly formed Board.

The way ahead: The road ahead will be busy, exciting, challenging and edifying for the whole church. The growth of the Healing Ministry around the Church is due, in no small part, to the provision within *The Book of Common Prayer* (2004) of a Service of Celebration of Healing and Wholeness. In addition, there is also a considerable move of the Holy Spirit across the Church of Ireland which demonstrates a clear association

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between mission, evangelism, proclamation and healing. CMH exists to support and encourage this work of God. We are available to serve parishes, HPUs and dioceses in all aspects of the work. There are several areas of specialisation where we can provide insight, accountability and resources, not least in the areas of Safeguarding Trust, Training and Resourcing, Counselling Services, Specialised Ministry and much more. We greatly appreciate the support locally and centrally of our Patrons, of the parishes, HPUs and healing circles in the Church. Our greatest need is support in prayer as we continue to discern God's vision and purpose for CMH in an exciting, opportunity-filled time of the Church of Ireland's journey forward.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2007

	2007	2006
	€	€
Income		
Dividends and interest	31,767	20,769
Donations	20,256	21,917
Parochial contributions	43,097	43,081
Collections	7,721	6,642
Counselling	1,297	318
Courses and seminars	7,533	4,385
Books, magazines and tapes	3,263	2,783
Fund raising events	1,486	603
Grants	5,882	0
Miscellaneous income	<u>53</u>	<u>859</u>
	122,355	101,357
Expenditure		
Salaries and pension contributions	72,053	82,465
Travelling expenses	16,258	13,386
Regional Training & Resources Advisor	5,000	0
Course fees	865	5,470
Property expenses	11,440	6,852
Office and Chapel expenses	14,134	13,095
Books, magazines and tapes	3,624	2,606
Miscellaneous payments	3,320	2,979
Office equipment	<u>1,482</u>	<u>1,176</u>
	<u>128,176</u>	<u>128,029</u>
Loss for year	-5,821	-26,672
Legacies received	79,527	46,121
Surplus on sale of 11 The Mount, Belfast	255,193	0
Foreign Currency translation adjustment	<u>-23,247</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase in General Fund	<u>305,652</u>	<u>19,449</u>

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Balance Sheet	2007	2006
31 December 2007	€	€
Properties at cost		
“The Mount”, Belfast	0	15,872
Director’s house	303,153	303,153
Investments – at cost		
RCB Unit Trusts	394,033	314,506
market value at 31/12/06, €795,617		
market value at 31/12/05, €786,642		
Church of Ireland Trustees, Belfast	256,007	0
Furniture and Silver		
As valued for insurance	<u>12,133</u>	<u>0</u>
	965,326	633,531
Current Assets		
Amounts receivable & payments	10,210	4,703
Bank balances	<u>53,653</u>	<u>78,255</u>
	63,863	82,958
Less Current Liabilities		
Amounts payable	-4,827	-9,912
Loan from Representative Church Body	<u>-10,000</u>	<u>-10,000</u>
	<u>49,036</u>	<u>63,046</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,014,362</u>	<u>696,577</u>
Represented by:		
General Fund		
Opening balance	696,577	677,128
Furniture and Silver brought into the Balance Sheet	<u>12,133</u>	<u>0</u>
	708,710	677,128
Loss for the year	-5,821	-26,672
Legacy received during year	79,527	46,121
Surplus on sale of property	255,193	0
Foreign currency translation adjustment	<u>-23,247</u>	<u>0</u>
Increase (decrease) in General Fund	<u>305,652</u>	<u>19,449</u>
General Fund at end of year	<u>1,014,362</u>	<u>696,577</u>

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