

Board for Social Responsibility (RI) – Report 2008

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SUMMARY

The members of the Board have a vision for the future that envisages them developing practical social care initiatives on behalf of the Church of Ireland. The Board wish the General Synod to affirm that vision and ensure that they have the resources to develop their work.

REVISION

Following the 2007 General Synod, the Board for Social Responsibility (BSR (RI)) moved forward in its efforts to modify its constitution and activities to meet the needs of society and the Church in the coming decades. Our meetings have been fewer in number and more focused. They have included a session with the Archbishop of Armagh and a day spent with members of the BSR (NI). The latter consisted not only of discussion but of observation of their work in action.

At the time of composing this Report, we were in the early stages of launching a thorough inquiry into the various schemes and projects of social action which are currently being undertaken in conjunction with the parishes of the Church of Ireland in the Republic.

FINANCIAL

The small amount of money that was in the Board's account has been augmented this year by a payment of €805 from the parishes of the Diocese of Kilmore, which represented donations over a three-year period. We thank them warmly for this. All such contributions should be sent to Cllr Leonard Hatrick, our Honorary Treasurer.