

APPENDIX E

**WORLD DEVELOPMENT – BISHOPS’ APPEAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT 2010**

MEMBERSHIP

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| Rt Rev MAJ Burrows (Chair) | Canon PA Harvey |
| Rev OMR Donohoe | Mr W Kingston (Honorary Treasurer) |
| Rev E Hanna | Rev JDM Pierce (Honorary Secretary) |
| Ms R Handy | Ms A Rooke |
| Most Rev AET Harper | Mr TA Smallwoods |

The Reverend Ian Poulton (Hon. Projects Secretary) and Mr Martin O Connor (Education Adviser) also attend all meetings.

- Bishops’ Appeal income in 2009 was €401,400 and £97,983 as against €504,413 and £249,620 in 2008.
- Bishops’ Appeal has sought to sharpen the focus of its grants to achieve the maximum impact with the reduced funds available.
- Bishops’ Appeal seeks good stewardship of resources by those to whom grants are made.
- Bishops’ Appeal responded immediately to the earthquake in Haiti and expresses thanks to the many people and parishes who gave so generously.
- Bishops’ Appeal will launch its annual newsletter, giving details of projects and grants and promote its 2010 Project ‘Water of Life’ at the General Synod.
- Noting that the international economic crisis has borne down most severely on the poorest, Bishops’ Appeal calls on church members to recognise the biblical requirement to respond to the poor.

The work of Bishops’ Appeal is rooted in biblical theology and, in times of significant challenge, it is appropriate to look to Scripture, particularly to the prophets who responded to the challenges of their own times, for a perspective on our own situation.

NATHAN

The story of King David in the *Second Book of Samuel* includes an encounter with the prophet Nathan in which Nathan tells a parable against those who would take from those who have less. The parable is the story of two men in a town, one rich and the other poor. A traveller comes to stay with the rich man and the rich man, not wishing to give anything from his own abundant stock, takes the only lamb the poor man has and slaughters it to feed the visitor.

In our own context, how would Nathan respond to a world where people who are still blessed abundantly in comparison with the world’s poorest, yet who regard the visitation of recession

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as reason to take from what they might have given to the poor? Bishops' Appeal, in common with many groups working to raise funds for the poor, suffered a sharp drop in income from some areas during 2009. Economic circumstances are difficult, yet money is still found for many non-essential expenditures. The response of Nathan to King David's act of taking from someone else, when he had already been blessed in abundance, is to ask, 'Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes?' Were Nathan to encounter a Church in a rich country, that had reduced its giving to the poor over successive years, as has been the case with the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, what questions would he ask of us?

MICAH

The Biblical response to the demands of justice in our world has an inescapably individual dimension. The evangelical writer Ronald Sider's *Rich Christians in an Age of Hunger* published in the 1970s, stressed the role of individual choice and lifestyle in allowing a generous response to the needs of the poor. Sider's perspective became unfashionable: prosperity theology asserted the Deuteronomic view that wealth was a sign of blessing, while liberation theology argued that change must come through addressing unjust structures. Aid and development agencies focused upon issues of debt and trade and, in shifting the onus for change to the level of governments and institutions, perhaps deflected attention away from the requirement for us as individuals to respond with the generosity we expect from our governments.

'And what does the LORD require of you?' asks the prophet Micah, 'To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' Justice and mercy are matters of individual choice and are exercised in a world where individual choices make a difference. The contraction of income has meant the Bishops' Appeal Committee has had to focus much more upon projects that are smaller, and that deliver clearly defined results, rather than funding more general programmes. Grants are more often in thousands than in tens of thousands and are of a scale where individual contributions can determine whether or not they are possible. The sums of money spent in purchasing one model of a car rather than another, or in choosing a particular holiday, are sums that would correspond to a significant percentage of many of the grants paid. It is not true to claim that there is nothing we as individuals can do to change the world; we have the capacity to change at least small parts of it; whether we do so, whether we respond to the Lord's requirements, is our choice.

AMOS

If the biblical demand for justice has an individual dimension, it makes also strong demands at a societal level. The relationship of God with the people of Israel was marked by a desire for national righteousness. The prophet Amos pronounces God's judgment upon those who observe the religious ceremonies, but fail to address the injustice within their society, 'Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!' says the Lord. An unjust nation is one that cannot have a right relationship with God because God rejects its attempts at worship.

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It was disappointing that one of the effects of the recession was that the Government of Ireland began to impose severe cuts in its already modest overseas aid budget. The cuts directly impacted upon programmes in partner countries and were protested by those agencies responsible for the aid programmes. The chair of the Bishops' Appeal Committee wrote to the Minister for Overseas Development outlining objections to the cuts in the aid budget. Ireland has been through the most prosperous years in its history and yet failed to reach the United Nations target for aid budgets of 0.7% of GNP. How would Amos have responded to reports that the poorest were to lose the little assistance they were receiving in order to pay for the misdeeds of the very rich? How is a nation that turns away from the poor to be regarded by God?

ISAIAH

The prophets provided a trenchant critique of the societies in which they lived, but were also people of profound hope, none more so than Isaiah. Streams in the wilderness become a metaphor in Isaiah for the renewal of the life of the nation, 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.' The metaphor has such power for his readers because water was a precious resource, a key to survival.

Recognising the fundamental importance of water and the power of good and clean water supplies to transform the lives of poor communities, Bishops' Appeal is launching its *'Water of Life'* appeal at the General Synod. One third of Bishops' Appeal income for the year will go to water projects: our target is to enable *SAFE* to fund the building of a reservoir for a remote community in Afghanistan; to provide funds for the purchase of fifteen drilling rigs by *Fields of Life* in East Africa; and to allow The Leprosy Mission to buy 1,200 water filters for families living in areas where the only supply of water is contaminated. With its initial launch having been in January 2010, a decision was taken to delay circulation of material about the appeal following the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the needs of Haitians becoming an immediate priority.

The vision in Isaiah is of the Lord's people ushering in a time of spiritual and physical restoration after times of destruction, 'They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities'. We pray for the recovery of Haiti after its great suffering and for effective stewardship of the funds raised.

JEREMIAH

Jeremiah has a vision of a coming time when the Lord's people stand equal together, "'No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,' declares the LORD". Jeremiah's stress on our equality in the Lord's sight is reflected in our theology of mission, where the relationship between churches is one of partnership, and in our theology of development, where agencies are partners in implementing projects.

Dean Des Harman's years of service and commitment to the work of Bishops' Appeal prompted a wish on the part of the Committee that his name be commemorated in an annual

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scholarship, to be awarded to a member of a partner church to enable them to pursue studies in Ireland in the field of development (there are courses available that have been greatly beneficial to both the students who pursued them and to the communities to which they returned). Bishops' Appeal have approached CMS Ireland with a view to them identifying suitable persons, creating a network for the persons during their stay in Ireland, and helping them to apply the skills learned upon their return to their own context. It is felt that such a scholarship would have a significant 'multiplier' effect in the student's own community, and would enrich our own Church through the person sharing their experiences and insights with Churches here in Ireland.

PERSONNEL

Mr Martin O'Connor has continued to pursue with whole-hearted commitment his role as part-time Education Adviser to the Bishops' Appeal Committee, bringing to meetings and services a depth of knowledge of issues surrounding development, and a passionate desire for justice. Mr O'Connor works hours significantly longer than those for which he is paid and fulfils many duties that are not part of his job description. Mr O'Connor's anticipated ordination in June 2011 will require the Bishops' Appeal Committee to take stock of the working of the Appeal.

The Rev Elizabeth Hanna, Rector of St Nicholas' Parish in Belfast, became a member of the Committee in 2009, replacing the Rev Ian Poulton, who continues in an advisory role and whose wisdom and experience in the scrutiny of project applications remains indispensable to us. Ms Hanna's membership of the Committee renews the association of Bishops' Appeal with St Nicholas' Parish.

With the exception of the Education Adviser's part time post, Bishops' Appeal relies entirely upon volunteers; it could not function without the network of diocesan representatives and without the generous commitment of many, many people in parishes, whose labours go often unacknowledged. Believing it to be the Lord's work, we press on.

TAX EFFICIENT GIVING

Bishops' Appeal continues to welcome tax efficient giving; the amounts received have become important in times of reduced income. 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 25% 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 renews its thanks to the staff in Church of Ireland House, particularly Ms Doreen Smyth and Mr Adrian Clements, for their ever attentive, and always polite, assistance in the financial management of the Bishops' Appeal funds.

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**BISHOPS' APPEAL ACCOUNT 2009
FUND ACCOUNT**

| | Year ended 31 December | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | € | € |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | |
| Contributions | 498,560 | 733,392 |
| Deposit Interest | 1,954 | 6,626 |
| Sterling translation gain | 4,705 | (13,052) |
| Tax refunds | 11,214 | 26,463 |
| | <u>516,433</u> | <u>753,429</u> |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | |
| Grants | 513,998 | 722,982 |
| Printing and stationery | 13,233 | 12,264 |
| Administration & Personnel costs | 25,434 | 31,652 |
| | <u>552,665</u> | <u>766,898</u> |
| Deficit for year | (36,232) | (13,469) |
| Balance at 1 January | 129,408 | 142,877 |
| Balance at 31 December | <u>93,176</u> | <u>129,408</u> |
| EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS | | |
| Cash on deposit | 93,176 | 129,408 |
| Balance at 31 December | <u>93,176</u> | <u>129,408</u> |

Sterling balances and transactions have been translated to Euro at the rate of exchange ruling at 31 December 2009, €1 = £0.8881 (2008: €1 = £0.9525).

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The Standing Committee is responsible for preparing the Income and Expenditure and the Fund Account for the year ended 31 December 2009. 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
9 March 2010

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BISHOPS' APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS

| | 2009 | | 2008 | |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Stg£ | € | Stg£ | € |
| ARMAGH | 17,593 | 3,515 | 26,666 | 3,523 |
| CLOGHER | 13,660 | 1,800 | 46,098 | 7,546 |
| CONNOR | 10,219 | - | 37,113 | 150 |
| DERRY & RAPHOE | 23,695 | 14,023 | 65,844 | 26,075 |
| DOWN & DROMORE | 18,724 | - | 43,998 | - |
| DOWN DROMORE & CONNOR | - | - | 5,200 | - |
| KILMORE | - | 6,785 | 894 | 11,087 |
| ELPHIN | - | 6,376 | - | 9,384 |
| CASHEL & OSSORY | - | 57,934 | - | 66,990 |
| FERNS | - | 21,492 | 150 | 23,734 |
| CORK | - | 55,744 | - | 47,359 |
| DUBLIN | - | 154,967 | 50 | 197,059 |
| LIMERICK | - | 11,290 | - | 15,448 |
| MEATH & KILDARE | - | 29,842 | - | 46,331 |
| TUAM | - | 11,666 | - | 9,227 |
| INDIVIDUALS (INCL. LEGACIES) | 7,707 | 19,649 | 3,213 | 16,288 |
| OTHER | 300 | - | 500 | 12,009 |
| TOTALS | 91,898 | 395,083 | 229,726 | 492,210 |

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|----------------|---------|---------|
| TOTALS IN EURO | 498,560 | 733,392 |
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BISHOPS' APPEAL GRANTS PAID

| TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT | 2009 | 2008 |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | € | € |
| Disaster Relief | 86,995 | 68,374 |
| Health & Medical | 198,567 | 187,734 |
| Education/Communications | 140,423 | 306,073 |
| Rural Development | <u>88,013</u> | <u>160,801</u> |
| Totals | <u>513,998</u> | <u>722,982</u> |

| DEVELOPMENT AGENCY | | € |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Christian Aid | 71,718 | 141,488 |
| CMSI | 39,775 | 97,244 |
| Feed the Minds | 15,721 | 13,532 |
| Tearfund | 32,849 | 25,000 |
| Others | <u>353,935</u> | <u>445,718</u> |
| Totals | <u>513,998</u> | <u>722,982</u> |

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BISHOPS' APPEAL GRANTS PAID

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

AFRICA - €199,296;Stg £108,406

| | | |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Apple & Veg Production | Ethiopia | VITA |
| Bishop of Tuam's Marathon Run | Ethiopia | Christian Aid |
| Body of Christ has AIDS | Africa | Christian Aid |
| Body of Christ has AIDS | Liberia | Tearfund |
| Emergency Assistance | Zimbabwe | USPG |
| Girls' Project | Angola | Christian Aid |
| HIV Education | Zimbabwe | Christian Aid |
| HIV/AIDS Project | South Africa | Direct |
| HIV/AIDS Project | Swaziland | USPG |
| Jacaranda Farm, Kaduna Project | Nigeria | Direct |
| Kiwoko Hospital | Uganda | CMSI |
| Meath & Kildare Diocesan Project (in memory of Mrs Linda Clarke) | Malawi/Ubombo | Direct |
| Nurse Training | Tanzania | USPG |
| Pineapple Project | Rwanda | Direct |
| Primary School | Sudan | CMSI |
| Primary School Construction | Burundi | Fields of Life |
| School Agriculture | Uganda | Aidlink |
| Schools Refurbishment | Burundi | CMSI |
| Slum Violence Prevention | Kenya | Feed the Minds |
| Stoves | Eritrea | VITA |
| Supportive Seating | Tanzania | Motivation |

ASIA - €138,760;£35,196

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| Community Health | Bangladesh | USPG |
| Al Ahli Hospital | Gaza | Direct |
| Model Villagees | India | GOAL |
| Healthcare Training Programme | Afghanistan | SAFE |
| Back to School Campaign | Pakistan | Feed the Minds |
| Building Hostel | India | DUMCN |
| Emergency Assistance | Sri Lanka | Tearfund |
| Slum School Drainage | India | GOAL |
| St George's Clinic | Iraq | Direct |
| Friends of Neyyoor Hospital | India | Dr Derek Jenkins |

SOUTH AMERICA - €14,246

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| Projeto Bem-me-Quer | Brazil | Sr Helen Regan |
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