

APPENDIX C

**WORLD DEVELOPMENT – BISHOPS’ APPEAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT 2011**

MEMBERSHIP

The Rt Rev Michael Burrows (Chair)	Rev Canon Patrick Harvey
Rev Olive Donohoe	Mr William Kingston (Honorary Treasurer)
Rev Elizabeth Hanna	Rev Jonathan Pierce
Ms Ruth Handy (Honorary Secretary)	Ms Alison Rooke
The Most Rev Alan Harper	Mr Thomas Smallwoods

Bishops' Appeal income in 2010 was €715,162 and £255,886 as against €400,288 and £100,809 in 2009.

Collections received in response to emergencies formed a significant element of Bishops' Appeal income in 2010.

The 2010 Water of Life Project garnered wide support and had profound effects in the communities it assisted.

2011 marks the 40th anniversary of Bishops' Appeal, an occasion for review and, perhaps, reorientation of the work of the Appeal.

The crisis in the Irish economy has brought substantial cuts in Irish Government overseas aid meaning the response of church members is ever more important.

FORTY YEARS

Forty is a significant number in Scripture: occurrences of it may help us reflect on how we might best respond to the Biblical mandate to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God.

“Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways”: the words of Psalm 95, sung in churches for generations as the canticle ‘Venite’, introduce an appropriately penitent tone. As a church, we have not managed a sustained and growing response to the needs of the world’s poor. A review of previous General Synod Books of Reports shows a continuing pattern of rises and falls in the level of support for Bishops’ Appeal. When confronted by the media with situations of disaster, churches respond; but when the television coverage ceases, or never occurs in the first place, giving declines, or never happens. In 2010, the flooding in Pakistan brought demands from within the Church of Ireland for an emergency response, yet the critical situation in Niger, where poverty is at its most extreme, was virtually ignored within church circles. The aggregate of human need and suffering in our world does not change from year to year, yet many church members seem to persist in the erroneous belief that when there

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are no shocking images carried by the media, then the need for a generous giving does not exist. Our failure to educate our Church concerning the Scriptural requirements to respond to the poor points to a lack of knowledge of God's ways; a lack that needs to be constantly addressed.

“And he was there in the wilderness forty days”, says Saint Mark of Jesus' preparation for his ministry. The forty days were a time of reflection, a time of discerning what it was that God wanted. The forty years of Bishops' Appeal's existence have brought many occasions of reflection and attempts to discern God's way. Understandings of the nature of effective aid and the best use of resources have changed significantly since 1971, never having large sums of money at their disposal, successive Bishops' Appeal committees have had to be careful in their stewardship of money, seeking to maximize the impact of what has been received through a careful and considered making of grants.

In Scripture, forty years can be an occasion of seizing, but also of missing, opportunities. Moses intervenes to defend an Israelite when he is forty years old, supposing this to be the first step in God's plan to liberate his people, yet the people do not understand. Forty years pass before Moses encounters God in the burning bush and God sends him to lead his people out of Egypt.

Whether the 40th anniversary of Bishops' Appeal represents an opportunity missed or grasped will be determined by the whole Church of Ireland and not by a small committee. The Scriptural teaching on justice is clear and unambiguous.

A REORIENTATION?

Bishops' Appeal is operating in a context of increasing fragmentation of both the church and the aid sector. It continues to garner high levels of support where a sense of strong Church of Ireland identity is evident within local church communities but has diminishing appeal where parochial and diocesan identity is not nearly as significant a factor.

Given a situation of flat levels of income, a review of our situation might suggest three possible courses of action:

- (i) to reinvent the Appeal as an enabling and co-ordinating body to tap into the massive potential that exists in establishing partnerships between parishes/dioceses and overseas partners;
- (ii) to continue as at present, on an *ad hoc* and 'make do' basis, where requests to the Appeal far outstrip the available funds and where there is too often a sense that those who have come seeking have been sent away empty-handed;
- (iii) to use the 40th anniversary as an opportune moment to enable dioceses and parishes to determine their own response to Gospel demands for justice and righteousness.

The 2010 Water of Life Project demonstrated the potential of a national project focused on a particular theme. The project, supporting the Leprosy Mission, Fields of Life and SAFE, raised funds for water filters for individual families, well drilling rigs in Uganda, and a reservoir to supply water to an entire community in Afghanistan. Its simplicity and directness

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commended it to many people who supported it. It is those qualities that are the strongpoints of partnerships that already exist between groups in Ireland and overseas partners.

Diocesan projects, such as that of Clogher Diocese in its partnership with Kaduna and Meath and Kildare's support of work in Malawi and South Africa, demonstrate that there is a potential for building significant levels of support in local communities. Such partnerships have a number of merits including creating a sense of ownership, being transparent in their stewardship, and having a significant educative function.

Where the capacity exists partnerships between groups of parishes, or individual parishes, can bring benefits to both home and overseas partners in the projects. There are numerous anecdotal examples of parishes raising substantial funds for their particular project; sums running well into five figures are not uncommon. Such partnerships bring not only material benefits for the overseas partner but energize and encourage people at home.

A reorientation of the Appeal would provide an opportunity for the role of Education Adviser to the Bishops' Appeal to be redefined as that of a projects co-ordinator whose task would be to identify, help establish, and resource partnerships. A rejuvenated Bishops' Appeal would create the possibility of a significant biblical response to the poor and spiritual blessing within our dioceses.

PERSONNEL

Mr Martin O'Connor retired as part-time Education Adviser to the Bishops' Appeal Committee at the end of January 2011. The Committee would wish to record our sincere thanks to him for the seven years of intensely committed service he gave to the work of the Appeal. Always well informed and conversant with issues, Mr O'Connor had a passion for justice for the poor and a desire for righteousness in international affairs. He readily took on duties well beyond his job description and worked hours far exceeding those for which he was contracted.

We hope by the time of General Synod to have engaged someone to fulfil the role played by Mr O'Connor, albeit a role that may be differently nuanced.

Noting that the 2010 all-Ireland income exceeded €1 million, it must be emphasized, that with the exception of the single part-time post, Bishops' Appeal relies entirely upon volunteers. There would be no Appeal without the diocesan representatives and those who at parish level ensure the distribution of leaflets and envelopes and the return of monies collected. Only when one sees how such work enables the transformation of lives overseas can it sometimes be appreciated how important is each of those envelopes.

HARMAN SCHOLAR

Following the death of the Very Rev Desmond Harman in December 2007, the Bishops' Appeal Committee resolved to establish a scholarship in his memory. Dean Harman gave invaluable service to the Appeal during his years as a member of the Committee, ensuring efficiency, good stewardship and focused and precise use of funds. Negotiations have been taking place with CMS Ireland and Gurteen Agricultural College with a view to creating a

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place for an annual Harman scholar who would be identified by CMS Ireland and who would have a tailored programme of study.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO BISHOPS' APPEAL

A desire for transparent fundraising processes, to ensure Bishops' Appeal complies with legislation, prompted a request to parishes that collections for the Appeal be sent directly to Church of Ireland House. A clear paper trail, from donor to the intended recipient, is important and the existing system, whereby funds are lodged to diocesan accounts before being forwarded to Bishops' Appeal at a later date, lacked clarity. Funds received from parishes will still be credited to diocesan totals as has always been the case.

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. Details of both schemes are available from the Representative Church Body office in Church House, Dublin and Church of Ireland House, Belfast.

THANKS

The Committee renews its annual word of thanks to the staff in Church of Ireland House. Once again we express our particular gratitude to Ms Doreen Smyth and Mr Adrian Clements, for their ever attentive, patient and polite assistance in the financial management of the Bishops' Appeal funds.

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**BISHOPS' APPEAL ACCOUNT 2010
FUND ACCOUNT**

	Year ended 31 December	
	2010	2009
	€	€
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Contributions	996,763	498,560
Deposit Interest	3,440	1,954
Sterling translation gain	1,332	4,705
Tax refunds	12,259	11,214
	<u>1,013,794</u>	<u>516,433</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Grants	907,637	513,998
Printing and stationery	11,968	13,233
Administration & Personnel costs	30,821	25,434
	<u>950,426</u>	<u>552,665</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	63,368	(36,232)
Balance at 1 January	93,176	129,408
Balance at 31 December	<u>156,544</u>	<u>93,176</u>
EMPLOYMENT OF FUNDS		
Available for distribution	156,544	93,176
Balance at 31 December	<u>156,544</u>	<u>93,176</u>

Sterling balances and transactions have been translated to Euro at the rate of exchange ruling at 31 December 2010, €1 = £0.8607 (2009: €1 = £0.8881).

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

The Standing Committee is responsible for preparing the Income and Expenditure and the Fund Account for the year ended 31 December 2010. 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
March 2011

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BISHOPS' APPEAL CONTRIBUTIONS

	2010		2009	
	Stg£	€	Stg£	€
ARMAGH	62,662	6,922	17,593	3,515
CLOGHER	42,152	6,039	13,660	1,800
CONNOR	25,491	100	10,219	-
DERRY & RAPHOE	64,665	37,570	23,695	14,023
DOWN & DROMORE	39,432	-	18,724	-
DOWN DROMORE & CONNOR	-	-	-	-
KILMORE	1,797	12,124	-	6,785
ELPHIN	-	17,508	-	6,376
CASHEL & OSSORY	-	66,641	-	57,934
FERNS	150	35,727	-	21,492
CORK	-	55,052	-	55,744
DUBLIN	20	300,350	-	154,967
LIMERICK	-	46,290	-	11,290
MEATH & KILDARE	-	49,878	-	29,842
TUAM	-	13,415	-	11,666
INDIVIDUALS (INCL. LEGACIES)	7,957	64,924	7,707	19,649
OTHER	<u>305</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTALS	<u>244,631</u>	<u>712,540</u>	<u>91,898</u>	<u>395,083</u>

TOTALS IN EURO	<u>996,763</u>	<u>498,560</u>
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BISHOPS' APPEAL GRANTS PAID

TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT	2010	2009
	€	€
Disaster Relief	414,294	86,995
Health & Medical	109,161	198,567
Education/Communications	64,523	140,423
Rural Development	<u>319,659</u>	<u>88,013</u>
Totals	<u>907,637</u>	<u>513,998</u>

DEVELOPMENT AGENCY	2010	2009
Christian Aid	413,649	71,718
CMSI	14,523	39,775
Feed the Minds	-	15,721
Tearfund	56,930	32,849
Others	<u>422,535</u>	<u>353,935</u>
Totals	<u>907,637</u>	<u>513,998</u>

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BISHOPS' APPEAL GRANTS PAID

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

AFRICA - €238,287;Stg £96,039

Agricultural Programme	Ethiopia	Christian Aid
Agricultural Project	Burkina Faso	Self Help
AIDS Project	Swaziland	USPG
Designated Donations	Africa	Christian Aid
Designated Donations	Ethiopia	Christian Aid
Essential Drugs Pharmacy	Tanzania	Direct
Food Production	Uganda	Direct
Health Centre	Rwanda	Direct
Health Education Programme	Uganda	Oxfam
HIV Programme	Sudan	Christian Aid
Jacaranda Farm	Kaduna	Direct
Malaria Prevention	Sierra Leone	GOAL
Meath & Kildare Diocesan Project	Malawi	Direct
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Niger Emergency Relief	Niger	Christian Aid
Teachers' Houses	Zambia	Sisters of the Holy Spirit
Vocational Training	Uganda	CMSI
Water of Life Project	Africa	Fields of Life
Water of Life Project	Africa	The Leprosy Mission
Women's Project	Burundi	YWCA
<u>ASIA - €167,098;£42,583</u>		
Al Ahli Hospital	Gaza	Direct
Designated Donations	Indonesia	Christian Aid
Education & Training	Palestine	NECC
Flood Relief	India	Tearfund
HIV/AIDS Project	India	The Friends of HOPE
Livelihoods Programme	Cambodia	Tearfund
Pakistan Emergency Relief	Pakistan	Direct
Rainwater Harvesting	India	ICDGH
Water of Life Project	Afghanistan	SAFE
<u>CENTRAL AMERICA - €19,188</u>		
Training Programme	Nicaragua	Christian Aid
<u>NORTH AMERICA - €202,168;£66,429</u>		
Haiti Emergency Relief	Haiti	Christian Aid
<u>SOUTH AMERICA - €24,246;£15,848</u>		
Community Project	Chile	USPG
Projeto Bem-me-Quer	Brazil	Sr Helen Regan
Relief Work	Chile	SAMS