

STANDING COMMITTEE

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS LAID BEFORE

THE GENERAL SYNOD AT ITS

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY SESSION 2013

**THE GENERAL SYNOD
OF THE
CHURCH OF IRELAND**

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1. **SUMMARY**

Some significant matters dealt with during the period 24 April 2012 to 12 March 2013 were:

- Progressing work on Chapter I of 2012 which provides for the collation of statistics from every diocese;
- Working with the Presbyterian Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church and the Irish Council of Churches to establish the Irish Inter-Church Peace Programme;
- Set up a working group on abortion to assist in the examination of the pastoral, legal, ethical and medical implications of the Irish Government's decision to legislate on abortion;
- Progressing work on the resolution on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief adopted at the 2012 General Synod.

2. **NAMES AND ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS**

Ex-officio Members

THE ARCHBISHOPS AND BISHOPS

THE HONORARY SECRETARIES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

6/6	Ven Robin Bantry White
6/6	Rev George Davison
6/6	Mr Samuel Harper
5/6	Mrs Ethne Harkness

ELECTED MEMBERS

Armagh	4/6	Rev Brian Harper
	2/6	Rev Shane Forster
	5/6	Mr Paul Bruce
	1/6	Mr Adam Pearson
Clogher	6/6	Rev Canon John Stewart
	6/6	Rev Canon Bryan Kerr
	6/6	Mr Walter Pringle
	6/6	Mr Glenn Moore
Derry & Raphoe	5/5	Rev Canon Henry Gilmore
	5/6	Ven Robert Miller
	3/5	Mrs Wendy Donaghy
	1/6	Mr Kenneth Witherow

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Down & Dromore	4/6	Ven Philip Patterson
	3/5	Rev Kevin Graham
	6/6	Mrs Hilary McClay
	6/6	Mr Andrew Brannigan
Connor	3/5	Rev Dr Alan McCann
	5/5	Rev Trevor Johnston
	4/6	Mr Roy Totten
	4/5	Mrs Pauline High
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh	5/6	Very Rev Raymond Ferguson
	4/6	Ven Craig McCauley
	2/5	Mr Alan Williamson
	6/6	Mrs Brigid Barrett
Tuam, Killala & Achonry	3/5	Ven Alan Synnott
	3/6	Very Rev Gary Hastings
	5/6	Mr Denzil Auchmuty
	2/5	Ms Karen Duignan
Dublin & Glendalough	6/6	Rev Gillian Wharton
	4/5	Rev Stephen Farrell
	5/5	Ms Ruth Handy
	2/5	Mr Gregory Fromholz
Meath & Kildare	5/5	Rev Peter Rutherford
	4/6	Rev Lynda Peilow
	6/6	Mrs Joan Bruton
	2/5	Mr Ronan McKenna
Cashel & Ossory	5/6	Very Rev Katharine Poulton
	2/5	Rev Canon Robert Gray
	3/6	Mr Cecil Wellwood
	5/5	Ms Hazel Corrigan
Cork, Cloyne & Ross	6/6	Very Rev Christopher Peters
	5/6	Rev Adrian Wilkinson
	3/6	Mr Wilfred Baker
	5/6	Mr Gordon Benn
Limerick & Killaloe	4/6	Rev Jane Galbraith
	4/6	Rev Canon Stephen Neill
	5/6	Mr Adrian Hilliard
	2/6	Mr Edward Hardy

Co-opted Members

Rev Dr Maurice Elliott	6/6	Rev Andrew Forster	5/6
Mr Andrew McNeile	5/6	Rev Dorothy McVeigh	2/5
Ven Richard Rountree	5/6	Rev Patricia Storey	5/6
Miss Catherine Turner	4/6		

The Chief Officer and Secretary General of the Representative Church Body is entitled to attend and speak at meetings of the Standing Committee. The Assistant Secretary of the General Synod is also entitled to attend and to speak at meetings.

COMMITTEES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

FINANCE AND ARRANGEMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr Wilfred Baker
Rev Shane Forster
The Honorary Secretaries

LEGAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Hon Mr Justice Declan Budd	Mr William Prentice
His Honour Judge Tom Burgess	His Honour Judge Derek Rodgers
The Rt Hon Sir Anthony Campbell	His Honour Judge Alistair Devlin
Mr Michael Davey	The Hon Mr Justice Benjamin Stephens
Mr Lyndon MacCann SC	Mr John Wilson QC
The Hon Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness	

PRIORITIES FUND COMMITTEE

Mr Roy Totten	Rev George Davison
Mrs Joan Bruton	Mr Samuel Harper
Rev Andrew Forster	Mr Glenn Moore
Rev Adrian Wilkinson	Rev Canon Stephen Neill
Mrs Brigid Barrett	

BUDGET SUB COMMITTEE

Mr Wilfred Baker
Mr Samuel Harper
Rev George Davison

Mr Roy Totten
Rt Rev John McDowell

WORLD DEVELOPMENT – BISHOPS’ APPEAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Rt Rev Michael Burrows
Rt Rev Patrick Rooke
Rev Canon Jonathon Pierce
Ms Ruth Handy

Mr William Kingston
Mr Albert Smallwoods
Rev Canon Noel Regan

LAY JUDGES OF THE COURT OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

The Hon Mr Justice Declan Budd
His Honour Judge Tom Burgess
The Rt Hon Sir Anthony Campbell
The Rt Hon Lord Justice Paul Girvan
Mr Patrick Good QC

Mr Lyndon MacCann SC
The Hon Mrs Justice Catherine Mc Guinness
Mr Ronald Robbins
The Hon Mr Justice Benjamin Stephens
Mr John Wilson QC

3. ABORTION

In December 2012, the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children wrote to the Primate inviting him or a representative to give evidence to the Committee during their hearings on abortion in the light of the decision of the European Court of Human Rights in the *ABC v Ireland* case. As the deadline given to submit a written response fell before the following meeting of the Standing Committee, the Archbishops and Honorary Secretaries, acting under a 2007 resolution of the Standing Committee, approved a submission, the text of which appears in Appendix B on page 216.

The Archbishop of Dublin and Mr Samuel Harper, Lay Honorary Secretary of the General Synod represented the Church of Ireland at the Oireachtas hearing on Thursday 10 January 2013. A transcript of the proceedings can be viewed on line at the Oireachtas website at <http://oireachtasdebates.oireachtas.ie/> (under Current debates/Committee Debates/2013/Committee on Health and Children/10 January 2013).

Following the presentation to the Committee, the Standing Committee appointed a Working Group on Abortion with the authority to prepare a paper on the pastoral, ethical, medical and legal implications of the new legislation. The membership of the Working Group is, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Hon Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness, the Rev Daniel Nuzum, Ms Joy Gordon, Dr Rory Corbett, Mr Samuel Harper, Ms Hilary Prentice and the Rev Adrian Dorrian.

4. **APPOINTMENTS**

Irish Council of Churches AGM (Londonderry, March 2013)	Rt Rev John McDowell Rt Rev Ken Good Ven Scott Harte Very Rev John Mann Very Rev Kenneth Hall Very Rev William Morton Rev Canon David Crooks Rev Canon Helene Steed Rev Canon Ian Ellis Rev Daniel Nuzum Rev Malcolm Ferry Rev Niall Sloane Dr Kenneth Milne Mrs Roberta McKelvey Mr Glenn Moore Mr Walter Pringle Mr Peter Jones Ms Elizabeth Fitzgerald Mr Michael Joyce Ms Kathryn Lindsay
Conference of the Methodist Church (Carrickfergus, June 2013)	Rev Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir Mr Trevor Morrow
Scottish Episcopal Church General Synod (Edinburgh, June 2013)	Rev George Davison
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Londonderry, June 2013)	Rt Rev Ken Good Mr Samuel Harper
Conference of European Churches Assembly (Budapest, July 2013)	Dr Kenneth Milne
Church of England General Synod (York, July 2013)	Rt Rev Trevor Williams
Religious Society of Friends (Cork, July 2013)	Rt Rev Patrick Rooke
PACT, Board of	Rev Canon Aisling Shine Rev Paul Houston

Board for Social Responsibility (NI) Ltd, Rev Kevin Graham

Eco-Congregations Ireland, Church of Rev Andrew Orr
Ireland Representative to

5. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

In June 2012 the Standing Committee appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors of the accounts of the Representative Church Body.

6. BISHOPS' APPEAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The report of the Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee is included in Appendix C on page 222. The report includes the arrival of the first Harman scholar in Ireland, Mr Amos Nsengiyumva who has studied agriculture at Gurteen College, Co Tipperary and theological lectures in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute and St Patrick's College, Maynooth under the auspices of the Belfast Bible College.

7. BOARD FOR SOCIAL THEOLOGY IN ACTION

The report of the Board for Social Theology in Action is included in Appendix D on page 229. The report includes proposed terms of reference for the 'Church of Ireland Church and Society Commission', a new name for the Board.

8. CENSUS

In 2012, the General Synod passed a Statute (Chapter I of 2012) to facilitate the collection of reliable statistical information to assist decision making in the Church. The Standing Committee has discussed this matter and a Church-wide 'Census' will be conducted during 2013 which will seek information such as the estimated number of Church of Ireland members in a given parochial area, the number of baptisms, confirmations and funerals in the previous calendar year etc. A summary of the figures so ascertained will be reported to General Synod in 2014. A sample census form is included in Appendix E on page 243.

9. CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

A report from the Central Communications Board incorporating the reports of the Broadcasting Committee and the Literature Committee can be found in Appendix F on page 247. The report highlights the objectives of reviewing the Church of Ireland website and wider social media channels of communication and articulating the bishops' growth, unity and service vision across the Church.

10. CHARITIES LEGISLATION

Both jurisdictions on the island initiated consultations during the last year. The Department of Justice and Equality in the Republic of Ireland requested submissions on the proposed Charities Regulatory Authority, the Register of Charities and the required

level of financial and activity reporting required by charities. The Standing Committee considered a draft response and authorised the Archbishops and Honorary Secretaries to (in consultation with the Chief Officer of the Representative Church Body) to authorise and submit a final response from the Church to the consultation. The final response appears on the Church of Ireland website at <http://ireland.anglican.org/information/177>.

The consultation in Northern Ireland was conducted by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and related to public benefit statutory guidance and registering as a charity in Northern Ireland. The Standing Committee appointed the Rev George Davison, Mrs June Butler, Mr David Cromie and Mrs Cynthia Cherry as members of a Charity Commission NI Consultation Working Group to prepare a response and authorised the Archbishops and Honorary Secretaries (in consultation with the Chief Officer of the Representative Church Body) to authorise and submit the final response from the Church to the consultation. When ready, this response will appear on the Church of Ireland website at <http://ireland.anglican.org/information/177>.

11. CHILDRENS' MINISTRY NETWORK

A report from the Children's Ministry Network can be found in Appendix G on page 257. The report includes reference to the network's new website at: www.cmn.ireland.anglican.org.

12. CLERGY TIED HOUSING

In 2012, the Standing Committee acknowledged with appreciation the work of the Clergy Tied Housing Working Group and disbanded the group. The group's report was forwarded to the Commission on Ministry and the Property Committee of the Representative Church Body for consideration.

13. CLERGY CODE OF DUTY AND CONDUCT COMMITTEE

The Clergy Code of Duty and Conduct Committee did not meet since the last General Synod and accordingly, no report is presented.

14. COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

The Honorary Secretaries undertook a review of the Complaints and Disciplinary Procedure in 2012-2013, seeking comment from amongst others, current members of the Complaints and Disciplinary Committees. Three major issues arose:

1. The length of time processing a complaint;
2. Delays;
3. Technical issues about the provision of surety.

The Honorary Secretaries also consulted with members of the Complaints and Disciplinary Committee to ascertain their view on how these issues could be addressed. The Complaints and Disciplinary Committee's income and expenditure report (presented to Standing Committee in January 2013 is attached as Appendix H on page 260.

15. EU SINGLE FARM PAYMENT WORKING GROUP

The EU Single Farm Payment Working Group presented its report to the Standing Committee in June 2012. Its report can be found in Appendix I on page 261.

16. GENERAL SYNOD 2014

The Honorary Secretaries, having examined a number of options, recommended that the 2014 General Synod take place in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. The Standing Committee accepted this recommendation and accordingly, the 2014 General Synod will take place in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin from Thursday 8 May 2014 to Saturday 10 May 2014.

17. GENERAL SYNOD/STANDING COMMITTEE FINANCES

In November 2012, the Budget Sub-Committee presented its report to the Standing Committee. Amendments were made in relation to the honoraria and the report (as amended) was adopted. The Budget Sub-Committee expressed its appreciation to the Committees of the Church for their assistance in helping to keep costs down.

18. GENERAL SYNOD ROYALTIES FUND

During the year the following allocations were made from the Royalties Fund:

- €1600 to the Liturgical Advisory Committee for the work of the Hymnal Sub-Committee for the Psalter and PRISM projects;
- €1,000 Honorarium for Douglas Appleyard (for work on the Parish Handbook text);
- €1,000 Honorarium for the Rev Kenyon Homfray (for work on the Parish Handbook text);
- €1,000 subvention to Alan Acheson for his forthcoming publication on Bishop Jebb and the 19th Century Anglican Renaissance;
- €1,000 grant to the Rev Canon David Crooks as subvention to Ulster Historical Foundation's Clergy of Ossory;
- €1,000 grant to the Rev Ian Knox as a subvention to the Ulster Historical Foundation's Clergy of Cashel and Emly and Clergy of Leighlin;
- £6,000 for a second print run of 'Family Time' by Mr Andrew Brannigan;
- €4,000 to the APCK for the commissioning, drafting, designing and printing of two new leaflets on the episcopacy and liturgy;
- €37,500 to the Allocations Committee to contribute to the cost of General Synod/Standing Committee activities relevant to the fund;
- €16,000 towards the purchase of stock of certain materials for use in parishes (parish registers, certificates) from the Sunday School Society following the closure of their shop in Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines.

19. HARD GOSPEL IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

The report of the Hard Gospel Implementation Group can be found in Appendix J on page 265. The report includes two motions to the General Synod requiring that in 2014, each Committee review its membership with a view to expanding the diversity of participants and that diocesan synods discuss the issue of gender participation with a view to increasing the participation of women in decision making bodies of the Church.

20. HISTORICAL CENTENARIES WORKING GROUP

The report of the Historical Centenaries Working Group is included as Appendix K on page 270. The report includes reference to the Sober Reflections Conference on the Ulster Covenant held in March 2012 and a planned Conference on the Dublin Lockout to take place in 2013.

21. HISTORIOGRAPHER'S REPORT

A report from the Church of Ireland Historiographer, Dr Kenneth Milne, is included as Appendix L on page 271.

22. HUMAN SEXUALITY IN THE CONTEXT OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF

In 2012, the General Synod adopted a resolution which mandated Standing Committee, 'to progress work on the issue of Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief and to also bring a proposal to General Synod in 2013 for the formation of a Select Committee with terms of reference including reporting procedures.' In January 2013, the Standing Committee approved a paper which recommended that each diocese conduct its own internal dialogue and listening process on the issue and that there be four inter-diocesan tripartite conferences to be held in autumn 2013. The tripartite groupings are: Connor, Kilmore and Cashel; Down, Meath and Cork; Derry, Armagh and Dublin; Clogher, Tuam and Limerick.

The Standing Committee also approved a grant of funds to assist in the organisation of these tripartite conferences.

The Standing Committee also considered proposals for the formation of a Select Committee and a motion will be put to the General Synod to create such a committee.

23. IRISH CHARITIES TAX REFORM GROUP – GUIDELINES FOR FUNDRAISING

In 2009, the Oireachtas enacted a new statute for the regulation of Charities in the Republic of Ireland (Charities Act 2009). The Act has not been fully commenced yet but in anticipation of its full implementation, the Irish Charities Tax Reform Group has developed a Statement of Guiding Principles for Fundraising which have been endorsed

by the Irish Government. The principles are available at the Irish Charities Tax Reform website (www.ictr.ie). In January 2013, the Standing Committee encouraged the Representative Church Body's consideration of the principles outlined.

24. IRISH INTER-CHURCH PEACE PROGRAMME

In 2009, the four major Churches and the Irish Council of Churches (representing the smaller Christian churches) discussed how they could contribute to the wider peace process. Out of this came an application to the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) for funding for an Inter-Church Peace Programme under PEACE III. The application was made by the Presbyterian Church in Ireland as lead partner and the Church of Ireland, the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church and the Irish Council of Churches as other parties. The application was successful and the SEUPB offered to provide grant aid of up to £1,317,052 under PEACE III for a three year long programme. The application required that the participating Churches (and the Irish Council of Churches) enter into a partnership agreement. The Standing Committee asked a group to examine the proposal and, based on that group's recommendation, authorised the Church of Ireland's participation in the programme. All of the other Churches and the Irish Council of Churches similarly signed up. In November 2012, the Standing Committee appointed the Bishop of Clogher and the Rev John McClure as Church of Ireland representatives on the steering committee for the programme.

25. MINIMUM APPROVED STIPENDS

Under Section 51(1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland as revised by Chapter IV of 2011, the Standing Committee is required to consider recommendations from the Representative Church Body as to the rates of Minimum Approved Stipends to take effect from 1 January 2013.

At its meeting of 18 September 2012, the Standing Committee heard a submission by Mr Robert Neill, Chairman of the Executive of the Representative Church Body detailing the background to the RCB's recommendations.

The Standing Committee approved the recommendations of the Representative Church Body with the adoption of the following resolution:

That, in accordance with Section 51 (1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, Minimum Approved Stipends shall be as follows with effect from 1 January 2013:

(a) no stipend shall be less than £26,008 per annum in Northern Ireland or €36,219 per annum in the Republic of Ireland in the case of an Incumbent or a member of the clergy appointed as Bishop's Curate under the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter IV or of a Diocesan Curate over the age of 30 years appointed under the provisions of Section 43 of Chapter IV.

(b) the stipend for a Curate-Assistant shall be in accordance with the following scale:

<i>First Year</i>	<i>75.0% of minimum stipend for incumbent</i>
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>77.5% "</i>
<i>Third Year</i>	<i>80.0% "</i>
<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>82.5% "</i>
<i>Fifth and succeeding Years</i>	<i>85.0% "</i>

26. MORAVIAN CHURCH OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

In April 2012, the Standing Committee were made aware of a communication to the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue from the Rev Robert Hopcroft, Chairman of the Provincial Board of the Moravian Church of Great Britain and Ireland inviting the Church of Ireland to talks about the two Churches moving towards Full Communion, with inter-changeability of ministry as an interim goal. The letter went on to suggest that progress could be made by using ‘Finding Our Delight in the Lord’ which led to the inauguration of full communion between the Episcopal Church of the United States and the Moravian Church in the United States. ‘Finding Our Delight in the Lord’ is viewable online on the Episcopal Church of the United States’ online archive at http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/Finding_Our_Delight_Official_Text_2_.pdf

In response the Standing Committee authorised the Anglican Affairs Working Group of the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue to consider the relationship between the Moravian Church and the Church of Ireland and to, in consultation with the Archbishops and Bishops, bring suggestions to the Standing Committee through the Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue.

27. PARISH DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

The report of the Parish Development Working Group can be found in Appendix M on page 273. The report outlines a new approach to parish development which the working group will be seeking to develop in the years ahead.

28. PASTORAL RECONCILIATION AND MEDIATION

In 2012, the General Synod adopted a resolution which asked that ‘Standing Committee shall establish a sub-committee to prepare guidelines on pastoral reconciliation, mediation and arbitration for the use of the Church of Ireland in accordance with the recommendations of the Report presented to the General Synod by the Standing Committee in May 2012 and to make recommendations on the future of the Severance Fund.’

In September 2012, acting on that resolution, the Standing Committee appointed the following to ‘the Pastoral Reconciliation and Mediation Sub-committee’, the (then)

Bishop of Meath and Kildare, the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Mr Samuel Harper, Ms Ruth Handy, the Rev Pat Storey and the Rev Gillian Wharton.

29. PENSIONABLE STIPENDS

Under Section 2 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland as revised by Chapter V of 2011, the Standing Committee is required to consider a recommendation from the Representative Church Body and the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited as to the rates of Pensionable Stipend to take effect from 1 January 2013.

At its meeting of 18 September 2012, the Standing Committee heard a presentation by Mr Robert Neill, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Representative Church Body detailing the financial background to the RCB's and the Church of Ireland Clergy Pensions Trustee Limited's recommendations.

The Standing Committee approved the recommendations of the Representative Church Body by adopting the following resolution:

That as recommended by the Representative Church Body and the Trustee, in accordance with Section 2 of Chapter XIV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, Pensionable Stipend shall be as follows with effect from 1 January 2013:

- (a) *Pensionable Stipend shall be £25,498 per annum in Northern Ireland and €36,219 per annum in the Republic of Ireland in the case of an Incumbent or a member of the clergy appointed as Bishop's Curate under the provisions of Section 42 of Chapter IV or of a Diocesan Curate over the age of 30 years appointed under the provisions of Section 43 of Chapter IV.*
- (b) *Pensionable Stipend for a Curate-Assistant shall be in accordance with the following scale:*

<i>First Year</i>	<i>75.0% of Pensionable Stipend for incumbent</i>
<i>Second Year</i>	<i>77.5% "</i>
<i>Third Year</i>	<i>80.0% "</i>
<i>Fourth Year</i>	<i>82.5% "</i>
<i>Fifth and succeeding Years</i>	<i>85.0% "</i>

30. PRIORITIES FUND

(a) The following allocations from the Priorities Fund were approved by the Standing Committee in March 2013:

Ministry

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Commission for Christian Unity and Dialogue – To fund Church of Ireland involvement in the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe

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Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh – Resourcing clergy and lay leadership teams, to work together to enable effective, creative ministry, across a wide range of ages in a rural context	10,290
The Church of Ireland Council for Mission – To assist with the costs of an all-Ireland Mission Network Conference, to begin a new way of working – (Stg£1,000)	1,225
The Church of Ireland Theological Institute – Funding to facilitate a programme for Continuing Ministerial Education and lay training – (€65,000 per year for 5 years) – Third year	65,000
The Church’s Ministry of Healing (NI) – To assist with the establishment of Christian healing ministries, in isolated rural and urban communities – (Stg£5,000 per year for 2 years) – First year	6,127
The House of Bishops – To support continuing ministerial education in the dioceses	40,000
The Mission to Seafarers (NI) – Funding for the costs involved in erecting signage at ship berthing jetties, so that seafarers know of our presence in the port of Belfast – (Stg£1,848)	2,264
Sub-total	€125,406
Retirement	
C of I Clergy Pensions Fund – Additional income for most needy – (Stg£1,125)	1,379
Sub-total	€1,379

Education

The following applications all concern youth work and the grants allocation take into consideration recommendations made by the Executive Committee of the Church of Ireland Youth Department

Carrigaline Union of Parishes (Cork) – To provide seed capital, to enable the parish to develop a creative children’s outreach ministry	1,000
C of I Youth Department – Financial assistance for a three year volunteer support programme – (Stg£5,000 per year for 3 years) – First year	6,127
Clogher Diocesan Council – Funding for a three year project called ‘The Wells Project Youth Ministry’ – (Stg£12,000 – First year : Stg£9,000 Second year : Stg£9,000 – Third year) – Third year	11,028
Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – Funding to deliver a major Streetreach Programme in Londonderry, in partnership with Summer Madness – (Stg£5,000)	6,127
Magheraculmonee Parish (Clogher) – Funding to develop a variety of new programmes, to reach the youth in Kesh and wider area – (Stg£10,000 – First year : Stg£5,000 – Second year : Stg£3,000 – Third year) – Second year	6,127
Parish of St Paul and St Barnabas, Belfast (Connor) – Funding for the provision of detached youth work and diversionary activities for young people in north Belfast – (Stg£10,000 per year for 3 years) – Third year	12,253
St Paul’s Summer Holiday Club, Collooney (Achonry) – Funding towards the setting-up and running of a summer holiday club for one week	1,000
The Logic Café, Moira (Dromore) – To assist financially with The Logic Café Youth Programme – (Stg£5,600)	6,862

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Xpression (Armagh) – To assist with the ongoing development of the Xpression cross community outreach initiative – (Stg£500)	613
Sub-total	€51,137
Community	
All Saints’ Caring Association, Clooney (Derry) – Financial assistance towards a Community Empowerment Project – (Stg£15,000)	18,380
Church of Ireland Board for Social Responsibility (NI) – Seed funding for an innovative project, to provide support for adoptive parents and their children – (Stg£5,000)	6,127
Lighthouse Churches’ Initiative on Suicide (NI) – Financial assistance to support a new churches’ initiative on suicide – (Stg£5,000)	6,127
Parish of Camus-Juxta-Bann (Derry) – Provision of seed capital for the development of the Macosquin ‘Incredible Edible Project’, in partnership with Macosquin Village Community Association, Macosquin Primary School and local businesses – (Stg£1,500)	1,838
St John’s House, Dublin – To assist financially with the upgrading of the fire security system	10,000
St John’s Parish, Stoneyford (Connor) – Funding for the purpose of overcoming sectarianism and parading issues in Stoneyford, by working in partnership with community stakeholders and certain groups in particular – (Stg£10,000 – First year : Stg£5,000 – Second year : Stg£5,000 – Third year) – Second year	6,127
The Kilbroney Centre, Rostrevor (Dromore) – Funding for the development and extension of the centre, in order that it may offer high quality accommodation and reconciliation programmes – (Stg£25,000 per year for 3 years) – Third year	30,634
The Mageough Home, Dublin – Funding to assist with the ongoing project, of bringing the 131 year old houses up to a modern level of comfort	5,000
The Mothers’ Union Ireland – To assist with the costs of a teleconferencing facility, for all Ireland indoor members of the Mothers’ Union, for three years – (Stg£1,000)	1,225
Willowfield Parish Community Association (Down) – Funding for a project providing advocacy and encouraging community development, in an area of sectarian tension – (Stg£15,000 – First year : Stg£10,000 – Second year) – Second year	12,253
Sub-total	€97,711
Areas of Need	
Clogher – St Margaret’s Parish Church, Clabby – To assist financially with the creation of a multi-purpose, user friendly area at the back of the church, for use by small groups , crèche and outreach events – (Stg£5,000)	6,127
Connor – Kilmakee Parish – Funding for the redevelopment of St Hilda’s Church, to provide a building that is user friendly and geared towards our developing outreach ministries – (Stg£5,000)	6,127
Ferns – Enniscorthy Church Institute – To assist with the cost of the refurbishment of the Church Institute building, for use as a parish hall and wider community activities	25,000
Glendalough – St Saviour’s Church, Arklow – To assist financially with the costs involved in upgrading the Sunday School room	10,000

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Kilmore – Arva Parish Group – Funding for a two year project, to build relationships within the four parishes in the group and the wider community	7,305
Sub-total	€54,559
Outreach Initiatives	
CORE at St Catherine’s (Dublin) – Funding for several new outreach initiatives, to reach out and foster good relations with the community	4,335
CREED Ireland – Financial support to sustain the development and implementation of CREED Pro-vision, helping churches work through the issues of finance, vision and generous giving – (Stg£10,000)	12,253
Fivemiletown Parish (Clogher) – Financial assistance for the MOPS (Mothers of Pre-schoolers) Project, to provide community support, education and spiritual hope – (Stg£3,000)	3,676
Foyle Food Bank, Londonderry – To assist financially with the provision of food parcels to families and individuals for a limited period, by the local churches in Londonderry – (Stg£1,000)	1,225
Holy Trinity Church, Dromore (Clogher) – Funding to establish and open a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre – (Stg£9,000 – First year : Stg£7,500 – Second year : Stg£5,000 – Third year) – First year	11,028
Muckamore Parish Development Association (Connor) – Financial assistance for the continuation and expansion of the evangelical work undertaken by MPDA in conjunction with the Church Army officer – (Stg£15,000)	18,380
St Andrew’s Church, Ballysally (Connor) – Financial assistance to develop ministry to the poor, needy and vulnerable of the parish, through the ‘Show the Love – Care in the Community’ project – (Stg£10,000 – First year : Stg£8,000 – Second year : Stg£5,000 – Third year) – Second year	9,803
St Andrew’s Church, Glencairn (Connor) – Funding to enable the church to engage with the disadvantaged community on its doorstep, with particular reference to unemployed men and families at risk – (Stg£2,520)	3,088
St Augustine’s Church, Londonderry (Derry) – Funding for participation in the City of Culture 2013, through an Arts and Community Tapestry venture called ‘The Big Weave’ – (Stg£2,000)	2,451
St Columba’s Community Association (Connor) – Funding to re-establish a church presence in Whiterock Parish, to connect with the unchurched and create a self-sustaining congregation in a new community building – (Stg£50,000 – First year : Stg£8,000 – Second year : Stg£6,000 – Third year) – Third year	7,352
St James’ Church, Crinken (Dublin) – To obtain funding for an outreach initiative and fresh expression of church, in the Bray/Shankill area	10,000
The Dock, Belfast – Seed funding for the significant expansion of the outreach and effectiveness of The Dock ministry in the Titanic Quarter – (Stg£20,000)	24,507
Sub-total	€108,098

Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context

Armagh Diocesan Council – To provide for a diocesan outreach to rural areas, reconnecting with young people who are involved in loyalist band and other rural organisations – (Stg£25,000 – First year : Stg£20,000 – Second year : Stg£20,000 – Third year) – Third year	24,507
Mullingar Union of Parishes (Meath) – Funding to support this parish’s project on innovative ministry	25,000
Parish of Errigal and Desertoghill (Derry) – To assist financially with a project ‘Transforming our Community – Radiating Christ’ – (Stg£6,000 – First year : Stg£4,000 – Second year) – First year	7,352
Stranorlar, Meenglass and Kiltcevogue Youth Football (Raphoe) – Provision of basic funding to allow group fundraising, to focus on developing new projects	3,000
Sub-total	€59,859
Total Allocated	€98,149

Sterling grants have been converted to Euro using the 2012 end of year rate of 0.8161.

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 Contributions to the Fund do not close until the end of February. The amount actually received by 28 February 2013 was € 536,270.

Following a recommendation from the Priorities Fund Committee, the Standing Committee in March 2013, agreed that diocesan targets for contributions to the 2014 Fund should not be increased.

31. STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

The Standing Orders Committee met in July 2012 to consider a number of aspects that arose from the General Synod in 2012. A letter was received from a General Synod member requesting that consideration be given to secret balloting at General Synod. The Standing Orders Committee felt that this was undesirable given the representative nature of the assembly. It was felt that as members of the General Synod are elected by their respective Diocesan Synods, their electorate is entitled to be able to know which way their members voted on given issues.

The Committee also considered the voting procedure used for the Human Sexuality resolution at the General Synod in 2012 and they agreed that it worked efficiently.

The Committee also recommended that members of General Synod be allowed to nominate individuals to Standing Committee by email as well as by post and urged that a motion be passed to amend the Constitution of the Standing Committee to allow for this. Resolutions to give effect to this will be proposed at the General Synod.

32. WORKING GROUP ON DISABILITY

The report of the Working Group on Disability can be read in Appendix O on page 277.

33. OBITUARY