

Standing Committee – Report 2007

APPENDIX G

THE IRISH CHURCHES' COUNCIL FOR TELEVISION AND RADIO AFFAIRS

REPORT

For the period 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2006

MEMBERSHIP

Roman Catholic Church

Mr Martin Long
Ms Brenda Drumm
Fr Paul Dempsey
Mr Noel Shannon
Ms Eileen Good
Vacancy

Church of Ireland

Dr Valerie Jones (Honorary Secretary)
Ms Janet Maxwell

Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Revd Frank Sellar

Methodist Church in Ireland

Revd Graham Hamilton (acting chairperson)

The Religious Society of Friends/Irish Council of Churches

Ms Margaret King

Secretary/Treasurer

Ms Kay Blennerhassett

MEMBERSHIP

During the period of the report we welcomed the appointment of Ms Eileen Good, Director of Religious News Network (RNN) as a representative of the Roman Catholic Church. Revd Graham Hamilton retired from the committee. An election took place for the positions. Revd Frank Sellar was elected Chairperson. Mr Martin Long was elected Vice-Chairman. Ms Brenda Drumm was elected Honorary Secretary and Ms Margaret King was elected Honorary Treasurer.

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SEMINAR ON LOCAL RADIO

On Thursday 9th November 2006 ICCTRA hosted a seminar entitled *Religious Broadcasting for Today* in Renshan Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co Kildare. The seminar was aimed at those involved in presenting, producing or researching religious programmes for local/community radio in Ireland.

The welcome and introduction was given by Rev Frank Sellar, Chairperson of ICCTRA. The Keynote address on **Religious Broadcasting – Why Bother?** was given by Ms Pat Coyle, Broadcaster and Manager of Jesuit Communications Centre.

Helpful hints – producing a quality religious programme was given by Ms Eileen Good, Director of Religious News Network (RNN). A talk entitled **From the airwaves – experiences and issues in presenting a religious programme on local radio** was given by Fr Dan Carroll, Diocesan Communications Officer, Ossory & Co-presenter of *Soul Agenda* on KCLR. This was followed by an interactive discussion with speakers.

The seminar was well attended with people attending from Donegal to Kerry. The seminar gave ICCTRA an opportunity to hear comments and suggestions from those attending, which will hopefully assist ICCTRA and its member Churches further support and nurture this specialist area of programming.