

Church's Ministry of Healing – Report 2007
THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING IN IRELAND
REPORT 2007

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**Change is inevitable
Growth is intentional**

75 years ago Canon Noel Waring formally established the Church's Ministry of Healing after some earlier personal healing experiences that God had moved him towards. The ministry and its healing services became, in his words, "part and parcel of the life of the Church". In following the command of Jesus to heal the sick Canon Waring also recognised the ministry's missionary and evangelistic influence in the Church and its sense of unity.

Over the past 75 years CMH has brought comfort, healing and hope to many and today the needs of people continue to be met through prayer, healing services, listening, counselling and teaching.

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Changes

In recent times it has become apparent that we should re-appraise how the work of the ministry of healing is carried out. The Director and Deputy Director have been developing a Diocesan focussed ministry where what happens 'on the ground' is the central ministry. Committees are being established in many Dioceses, and Diocesan representatives have been appointed to the Executive Committee.

Our Patrons, the House of Bishops, have been assisting the transition with their advice.

"The Mount", which has been the Belfast Centre for many years, has moved to new premises. The building has had a long association with CMH, having provided a sanctuary for those seeking peace, counsel & healing. We thank God for all that has been achieved there and we look forward to fresh opportunities in the new facility.

The work of the Dublin and Glendalough Diocesan Committee has increased since a review of the work in Dublin city centre. Our Wednesday midweek services at St. Michan's will shortly move to the Church of St. George and St. Thomas (on a monthly basis). We gratefully acknowledge the support of Archdeacon David Pierpoint and the Select Vestry of St Michan's over the years. The weekly lunch time services continue in St. Anne's Dawson Street each Tuesday.

After over 35 years of association with the Church's Ministry of Healing Rev. Dr Leslie Maconachie has retired as chairperson. A beautiful wooden cross, designed by David Salmon and inspired by Ezekiel 47, was presented to Leslie at his final meeting in November 2006. We also acknowledge the retirement of Canon Matt Moore (Derry) and thank God for the faithful service of both, and indeed all who have worked on behalf of the Ministry in the past. The Archbishops have appointed Rev. Baden Stanley (Bray) as chairperson during the period of transition.

Looking forward

We are excited about the opportunities that change affords us and in doing so recognise the contribution of many people who have laid foundations for this process over the years. We thank, in particular, the members of Healer Prayer Unions, Healer Circles and our intercessors across the Church of Ireland who, on a daily basis, continue to provide the ministry of healing in the everyday lives of those we serve. In honouring our Lord's command our focus will be to:

- facilitate Healer Prayer Unions,
- further the healing ministry in parishes,
- provide training opportunities for laity and clergy,
- resource Diocesan events, and
- continue to provide direction and focus for the ministry.

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The process of change is not without its challenges and we would appreciate the ongoing prayers of those who have supported us over the years, as we seek to discover new ways of resourcing and developing a more Diocesan focused ministry.

Finance Report

Income for 2006 was well up on that for 2005 (before grants) and this was due to the very good increases in Donations and Parochial Contributions for which we are well pleased. Expenses were in line with expectations.

The Loss for the year of €26,672 (or about £18,000) was, therefore, not as bad as we had anticipated.

To all the Parishes, Dioceses, and individual contributors, - thank you for your support which, in turn, enables us to support the healing ministry throughout the island.

The Parochial & Diocesan Contributions from each Diocese are given hereunder for the year ended 31 December 2006:

	<u>£Stg.</u>	<u>Euro</u>
Armagh	865	
Cashel & Ossory		1,514
Clogher	1,900	75
Cork, Cloyne, Ross		1,616
Connor	4,337	
Derry & Raphoe	1,150	381
Down & Dromore	5,188	
Dublin & Glendalough		10,041
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh		343
Limerick, Ardfert & Killaloe		610
Meath & Kildare		1,222
Armagh Diocesan Committee	500	
Connor Diocesan Committee	625	
TOTAL	<u>14,565</u>	<u>15,802</u>

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2006

	2006		2005
	€		€
Income			
Dividends and interest	20,769		19,202
Donations	21,917		12,115
Parochial contributions	43,081		33,896
Collections	6,642		6,855
Courses and seminars	4,385		4,199
Books, magazines and tapes	1,073		2,641
Fund raising events	603		2,491
Miscellaneous income	<u>1,177</u>		<u>140</u>
	99,647		81,539
Grants received	<u>0</u>		<u>25,000</u>
	99,647		106,539
Expenditure			
Salaries and pension contributions	82,465	78,604	
Travelling expenses	13,386	11,788	
Course fees	5,470	0	
Property expenses	7,586	6,449	
Office and Chapel expenses	12,361	11,353	
Books, magazines and tapes	896	4,269	
Miscellaneous payments	2,979	2,729	
Office equipment	<u>1,176</u>	<u>2,232</u>	
	<u>126,319</u>		<u>117,424</u>
Loss for year	-26,672		-10,885
Legacies received	<u>46,121</u>		<u>8,235</u>
Increase (Decrease) in General Fund	<u>19,449</u>		<u>-2,650</u>
BALANCE SHEET			
31 December 2006			
	2006		2005
	€		€
Properties – at cost			
“The Mount” Belfast	15,872		15,872
Director’s House	303,153		303,153
Investments – at cost			
RCB Unit Trusts			
Market value €786,642 (2005 €665,787)	314,506		314,506
Current Assets less liabilities			
Amounts receivable & prepayments	4,703	1,795	
Bank balances	78,255	46,142	
Amounts payable	-9,912	-4,340	
Loan from Representative Church Body	<u>-10,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>43,597</u>
Total Assets	<u>696,577</u>		<u>677,128</u>
Represented by:			
General Fund			
Opening balance	677,128		679,778
Increase (decrease) in General Fund			
Per Income and Expenditure Account	<u>19,449</u>		<u>-2,650</u>
General Fund at end of year	<u>696,577</u>		<u>677,128</u>