

GENERAL SYNOD 2007

CHURCH OF IRLAND YOUTH DEPARTMENT

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It gives me a great deal of pleasure have the opportunity to propose the report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department.

With a fresh recently launched Strategic Plan 2007 –2010, with up to 50 full and part-time youth workers working throughout our church, a strong team of committed and capable volunteer leaders countrywide, a complete central staff compliment working to optimal capacity, successful move to a new office base in Belfast, stable funding base means that all of the essential ingredients are in place to meet and to deliver on the Youth Ministry needs of our Church.

C.I.Y.D records with thanks the support of the RCB, both financially and strategically. In particular the additional funding towards our “Jump Team”, more about this exciting project later. The financial support afforded from the Priorities Fund must also be noted. The other main C.I.Y.D funding body, the Department of Education and Science continues to be maintain a very important role in the finances of C.I.Y.D.

On Tuesday 17 the April 2007 the Strategic Plan 2007 –2010 for C.I.Y.D. was launched at Church House in Rathmines. This ambitious but deemed achievable plan clearly sets out the Vision and Key Aims for C.I.Y.D for the next four years. All involved in the management of C.I.Y.D recognize the challenge involved in the achievement of the targets outlined in the plan.

The C.I.Y.D. “Jump Team” will be up and running by September 2008. In the coming weeks the recruitment process for a coordinator for this team will commence. What is the “Jump Team”? The main purpose of the “Jump Team” programme will be to recruit, train and place up to up to 10 young adults aged between 18 – 25, in Parish based youth ministry positions for one year. This pilot programme with the financial support from funders will run for 3 years.

C.I.Y.D. continues to provide a number of valuable training and retreat events through our “Connect” Training programme for everyone involved in Ministry to Young people. C.I.Y.D welcomes the splendid work of the “Ministry Formation Project Plan” team.

Our central programme events for young people continue to provide superb opportunities for young people and youth leaders to come together for experiences of fun, faith and fellowship. Our “Anois 2006” event at Clongowes Wood College, Naas, Co. Kildare attracted over 250 young people and leaders. The main speaker for the event was Mr Greg Fromholz, Director 3 Rock Youth Dublin & Glendalough Diocese who explored the theme of “Like Stars”. The launch of “Fuel”, a Bible resource designed for young people have been one of the exciting resources launched recently.

There have been numerous exciting projects and developments taking place in many Dioceses countrywide, C.I.Y.D. has been privileged to be involved. Cork Diocese welcomed their new Diocesan Youth Worker – Mr. Mark Dunwoody. Limerick Diocese is currently in the latter stages of appointment of a Diocesan Resources and Youth Ministry Development worker. Dublin Diocese continues to add to its series of interactive Crucial DVD’s. “Flight”, the first in the series, focuses on the question: what is faith? Escalate the second Dvd, looks at the topic of image and identity. Down & Dromore Diocese launched a comprehensive report on Confirmation.

To conclude the work of C.I.Y.D. continues to grow and flourish and with the continued help, support, encouragement and prayer of everyone in the entire church even greater achievements will be possible. It gives me great pleasure to formally propose the Report of the Church of Ireland Youth Department as presented in the book of reports.