

CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING IN IRELAND

REPORT 2001

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev Canon CL Maconachie (Chairman)	Rev DA Catterall
Mrs V Swanwick	Mrs JL Thompson
Miss HB Bleakley	Rev MEG Moore
Mr IH Hutchinson	and Representatives from each Diocese

The year 2000 began with a Day Conference organised in the Diocese of Connor. Entitled "A Call to Heal", it included the Wardens and our Chairman among the speakers. Thus The Church's Ministry of Healing took its place in the larger scheme of the ministry and mission of a diocese. This pattern was repeated when, later in the year, the Warden was invited to address the clergy of Tuam, Killala and Achonry as part of their Annual Conference. A new report of the Church of England, entitled "A Time to Heal", deals extensively with the principles involved.

A very successful year included Thanksgiving Healing Services in St Anne's Cathedral, with Archbishop Eames and in Christ Church Cathedral, with Bishop Richard Clarke. Our Mount Centre Conference, now adapted to one day and held in a hotel, drew a fine crowd to hear Bishop Richard Henderson, Archdeacon Kenneth Clarke and Canon Ian Ainsworth-Smith, Chaplain to a large London hospital. The Londonderry Conference was also well received and addressed by the Rev Dr Anne Townsend, a psychotherapist from London. The Dublin Quiet Day, a recent addition to our programme, continues to grow in popularity. The year at The Mount concluded with a general team meeting, which packed the house to capacity, at which the Diocesan Warden for Derry and Raphoe spoke very encouragingly of work in the North West.

The main work of the Ministry of Healing takes place in the parishes, supported by the diocesan committees. This year the Clogher committee consulted every parish in the diocese to discover what precisely was being done and what help could be given. A similar project was undertaken by the Down and Dromore committee who also, in conjunction with the Connor committee, considered how to increase the scope of the mutual support they enjoy with our Belfast Centre.

The Deputy Warden's Millennium Assessment report outlined the extensive growth and consolidation in all areas, particularly the seven-fold growth in trained care and counselling provision. This was largely responsible for our gaining UK government and European funding for the Mount, via the Northern Ireland Voluntary Trust. This was a very encouraging acknowledgement of the acceptance of our work in providing a trained, qualified, Clinical Counselling service that embraces the Christian dimension.

A new Constitution for our work as a Registered Charity in Northern Ireland, prepared in conjunction with, and approved by, the UK Inland Revenue, forms an Appendix to this report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As in previous years the underlying financial outcome from 2000 was masked by abnormal items, notably the second and final instalment (equivalent to IR£4,650) of the government (UK & EU) grant for the project to develop and promote the Ministry in Northern Ireland; a

compensation payment for the loss of some land at The Mount Centre in Belfast (equivalent to IR£17,200) and a £4,000 grant from the Ireland Fund towards the cost of restoring Egan House. Stripping out these and other extraordinary items leaves a deficit of approximately £10-12,000, much the same as in 1999. This was despite two successful fund-raising events, an art exhibition and a concert in the National Concert Hall, which together raised over £2,000.

The granting of charitable status in Northern Ireland will enhance the value of individual donations in the North by roughly one-third (£1,000), or more if a campaign to attract new donors is successful.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2000

	2000	1999
	IR£	IR£
RECEIPTS		
Donations	5,892	14,538
Grants	11,901	24,267
Contributions	24,991	19,007
Collections	6,208	6,698
Dividends & Interest	7,157	6,832
Books & Tapes (net)	159	(365)
Courses & Seminars (net)	(1,775)	(57)
Fund Raising Events (net)	2,457	503
Rent from Warden's House	8,425	7,645
Egan House	4,000	250
Proceeds of Sale of Investments	0	10,251
Insurance Claim	646	5,317
NIHE compensation	17,170	0
Miscellaneous	55	0
	<hr/> 87,286	<hr/> 94,886
PAYMENTS		
Salaries & Social Insurance	59,295	45,475
Pension Contributions	4,226	4,037
Travelling Expenses	5,572	5,527
Warden's House Expenses	315	1,011
Repairs - The Mount, Belfast	847	7,995
Chapel & Office Expenses	24,029	12,079
Subscriptions & Donations	366	49
Bank Charges	647	719
Egan House	249	7,689
Miscellaneous Payments	1,410	1,169
	<hr/> 96,956	<hr/> 85,750
BANK TRANSFERS (NET)	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 34
EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OVER PAYMENTS	<hr/> (9,670)	<hr/> 9,102

APPENDIX A**THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING IN IRELAND
(NORTHERN IRELAND)**

Patrons: The Archbishops and Bishops of the Church of Ireland

Constitution adopted by the Executive Committee at its meeting on 20 July 2000

1. OBJECTS

The objects of The Church's Ministry of Healing in Ireland (Northern Ireland) "the charity" are the advancement of the Christian Religion, including the relief of physical and mental sickness, by promoting and developing a deeper understanding and acceptance of the Healing Ministry of Our Lord Jesus Christ in every parish.

2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Church's Ministry of Healing in Ireland (CMHI) shall be the governing body of CMHI(NI).

(a) Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of:

- i) a nominee of the House of Bishops who shall ex officio be Chairman;
- ii) the Warden and Deputy Warden;
- iii) an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer who shall be appointed in accordance with the procedural section (d)iv) below;
- iv) two representatives from each diocesan committee of CMHI. where there is no such committee the Bishop of the diocese may appoint two representatives;
- v) the Executive Committee and the Warden shall each have power to co-opt two additional members.

(b) Appointment

Elected and co-opted members of the Executive Committee shall serve for a term of two years. No elected or co-opted member shall serve for more than three consecutive terms but may serve again after the next two-year term. At the inception of this amendment the present members who have served 6 years may, if elected, serve a further 2 year term.

(c) Meetings

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every year as convened by the Chairman, or, through the Chair, at the written request of at least three members. Not less than 10 days notice shall be given of any meeting, except as set out in paragraph 9.

(d) Procedure

- i) The Executive Committee at the first meeting of its term of office shall elect a Vice-Chairman.
- ii) If neither the Chairman nor the Vice-Chairman are present at a meeting of the Executive Committee the members present shall nominate one of their number to act as Chairman for that meeting.
- iii) The Chairman shall have an ordinary as well as a casting vote.
- iv) At the first meeting of its term of office the Executive Committee shall appoint an Honorary Secretary and an Honorary Treasurer who shall by virtue of office be members of the Executive.
- v) The Quorum of any meeting of the Executive Committee shall be 8.

e) Sub-Committees

The Executive Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees. The Chairman and the Warden shall ex officio be members of such committee or committees.

3. STANDING COMMITTEE

- i) A Standing Committee shall be formed and empowered on behalf of the Executive Committee to transact any business arising and requiring attention between meetings of the Executive Committee. Such business shall be reported to the next meeting of the Executive Committee.
- ii) The Standing Committee shall consist of the Chairman, the Warden, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer, and five members appointed by the Executive Committee (at least three of whom shall be from the Northern dioceses).
- iii) The quorum for any meeting of the Standing Committee shall be 5.

4. WARDEN

(a) Appointment

The Executive Committee shall appoint the Warden who must be a member of the Anglican Communion, preferably in priest's orders. The appointment to be ratified by the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin.

(b) Term of Office

The Warden may hold office for a contractual period to be agreed upon by the Executive Committee. Removal from office shall be by resolution of a general meeting of the Executive Committee passed by a majority of those present, providing at least ten members are in attendance.

5. ASSISTANT WARDENS

Assistant Wardens may be appointed by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of the Warden. The Warden shall define the duties of such Assistant Wardens in consultation with the Executive Committee.

Any appointment is subject to the approval of the relevant bishop(s). After an initial period of six months, the term of office to be three years (renewable).

6. DIOCESAN COMMITTEES

Diocesan Committees may be formed to promote the Church's Ministry of Healing in their dioceses. Such committees shall be formed only with the approval and under the guidance of the Bishop of the diocese concerned.

The Chairman of each Diocesan Committee, who shall be appointed by the Bishop, must be a member of the Anglican Communion, and preferably be in Priest's orders. Each Diocesan Committee shall appoint an Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary. Such members and officers of the diocesan committee shall be appointed/elected at Biennial General Meetings. It is recommended that no officer serve more than three consecutive terms. The Warden shall be an ex-officio member of each Diocesan Committee.

Elections and nominations to the Executive Committee to be held by Diocesan Committees every two years (at Biennial General Meetings). It is recommended that no member serve on Executive Committee for more than three consecutive terms. If a diocesan representative cannot attend a meeting of the Executive Committee he/she can appoint a substitute from the Diocesan Committee to attend with voting rights.

7. FINANCE

(a) Property

The Real and Personal property of the CMHI shall be vested in the Representative Body of the Church of Ireland in trust for the CMHI as the Executive Committee shall direct, and that the income and property of the organisation will continue to be applicable to and applied for charitable purposes only.

(b) Capital Fund

The Capital Fund shall be invested in such investments as the Executive Committee shall from time to time direct and the income therefrom shall be applied towards the payment of the stipend of the Warden and for such other expenditure as the Executive Committee shall from time to time direct. Prior permission shall be obtained from the Inland Revenue where it is intended to accumulate funds over a period in excess of two (2) years for any purpose, i.e. where funds would be accumulated rather than applied for charitable purposes.

(c) Books and Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer and the Diocesan Hon. Treasurers shall keep all necessary books to record and receipt monies received and paid out and shall deliver in each year to the Executive Committee audited statements of accounts which shall contain a Capital Account and such other accounts as may be required. Annual Audited Accounts will be kept and made available to the Inland Revenue on request.

(d) Bank Accounts

Monies received and disbursed by Belfast Office shall be transacted via a bank account(s) in Belfast. All cheques shall be authorised by two signatories who shall be the Deputy Warden and such other person or persons as appointed by the Deputy Warden.

(e) General

Diocesan Treasurers shall notify the Hon. Treasurer of the Executive Committee of any bequest received by a Diocesan Committee. A central record of these shall be kept.

Twenty-five per cent of all Parochial contributions to the Central Fund from dioceses where there is a Diocesan Committee shall be refunded to the Diocesan Committee concerned on request.

Any other monies received at Services, Meetings etc., organised by the Diocesan Committee may be retained by the Diocesan Committee concerned towards its running costs.

Contributions from Diocesan Committees to the Central Fund shall be made where possible for general upkeep.

8. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report shall in each year be presented to the General Synod of the Church of Ireland.

9. ALTERATIONS

This constitution may not be altered, repealed or added to other than by a resolution of the Executive Committee passed by three-fourths of its members who are present either in person or by proxy at a meeting of the Executive Committee convened with at least 21 day's notice on which the wording of the proposed amendment shall be stated, and only when the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Inland Revenue. No alteration shall be deemed passed unless half the membership of the Executive shall have voted, either in person or by proxy. No amendment may be made, which causes the charity to cease being a charity in law.

10. DISSOLUTION

If the charity trustees decide that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the charity, they shall call a meeting of all members of the charity, of which not less than 21 days notice (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed) shall be given. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the charity trustees shall have the power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the charity. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any profit, debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of this charity as the members of the charity may determine, or, failing that, shall be applied for some other charitable purpose.