

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

REPORT 2001

CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Appointed by the Representative Church Body

Most Rev Dr RHA Eames, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan (Chairman)

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| Rev Canon JM Barton | Mr PTS Breene |
| Mr RH Sherwood | Mr WL Dermott |
| Mr JJ Harris | |

Appointed Diocesan Stewardship Advisers by the Archbishops and Bishops

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| Armagh | Rev Canon JM Barton |
| Clogher | Rev Canon VES McKeon |
| Derry and Raphoe | Rev Canon RJ Stewart |
| Down and Dromore | Ven GA McCamley |
| Connor | Rev WKM Brew |
| Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh | Vacant |
| Tuam, Killala and Achonry | Mr DJ Auchmuty |
| Dublin and Glendalough | Rev Canon DG Moynan |
| Meath and Kildare | Vacant |
| Cashel, Waterford, Lismore, Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin | Ven KS Wilkinson |
| Cork, Cloyne and Ross | Mr Wm Perrott |
| Limerick, Ardfer, Aghadoe, Killaloe, Kilfenora, Clonfert, Kilmacduagh and Emily | Rev Canon R Warren |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan (Chairman)

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| Rev Canon JM Barton | Very Rev H Leckey |
| Rev WKM Brew | Ven GA McCamley |
| Mr PTS Breene | Mr FGG Quayle |
| Mr RH Sherwood | Mr WL Dermott |

Mr M Hunter, Stewardship Co-Ordinator (Ex Officio)

The Central Committee met once during 2000.

The Executive Committee met three times during 2000.

“THREE YEAR TRIAL”

In 1997 the Allocations Committee agreed to fund the Christian Stewardship Organisation to the amount of £50,000 per annum for a three-year period from 1998 to 2000. The cost to a parish for a Christian Stewardship Development Programme was linked to the aforementioned figures and was set at £2 per family unit. It was hoped that this financial restructuring would tempt more parishes throughout Ireland to consider and eventually launch Christian Stewardship Parish Development Programmes. During this period 19 programmes were completed. 679 dedicated and enthusiastic Parish Visitors visited a total of 5185 households.

The positive outcomes to these parishes were:

- (a) a tremendous source of lay involvement
- (b) an insatiable appetite for further education in putting their faith into action
- (c) a significant measurable increase in planned giving.

The results of (a) and (b) produce intangible benefits for parishes and these results should not be overlooked in the terms of the contribution made during development programmes. However, (c) showed an increase in planned financial contributions (including Covenant Tax Rebate) of over £600,000. Not a bad return on an investment of £150,000!

The Allocations Committee have launched an in-depth review of the Christian Stewardship Organisation as part of this “three year journey”. An independent Consultant has been engaged to carry out this Review with a wide ranging brief covering (a) how relevant/important is the ‘continued existence’ of the Christian Stewardship Organisation to (b) where does it fit within the ‘Mission Structure’ of the Church of Ireland. The outcome of this review should be known by late Spring/Early Summer.

However, during the period of the Review, the Christian Stewardship Organisation will continue to expound the Biblical principles of Christian Stewardship and direct those Parish Development Programmes, that have been agreed.

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