

**THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING IN IRELAND  
REPORT 2005**

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## **THE BROADER VIEW**

*The heart of the healing ministry remains the same: prayer in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*In the gospel we see the love of God manifested in the pastoral concern Jesus had for those who were ill, disabled or demon-possessed. He had pity on the leper and the blind...He was angry at the callousness of the Pharisees, who were more concerned to see if he would break the Sabbath than to see the paralysed man healed. Furthermore, Jesus' pastoral concern stretched beyond the people of the covenant to the Gentiles, foreshadowing the worldwide spread of the gospel'. A Time to Heal p27*

The Church's Ministry of Healing in Ireland continues to endeavour to enable and resource the wider Church in areas of Pastoral Care and Healing. As the Healing Ministry broadens and expands within the contemporary church to include areas of reconciliation and mediation, as well as aspects of personal development, CMH has begun to consider an appropriate response. In order to gain the informed understanding this requires, knowledge of key social and health care issues and the needs of our communities, congregations and clergy is recognised as essential. To identify these needs, CMH is forming on-going links and associations with the Hospice Movement (particularly with the Education Dept of Our Lady's Hospice Dublin), *Grandma's* HIV Care Agency, and *Mothers' Hope* Shankill (Belfast). Links with the C of E House of Bishops' - Healing Ministry Steering Group have also proved informative. Ecumenical 'partnerships' are being explored and negotiations with the Oakhouse Community in the West Midlands are to form the basis for a North/South Ecumenical programme of events in Autumn 2005.

During 2004 CMH has organised or been involved in numerous events including retreats, quiet days, conferences and training courses throughout the country. Clergy Study Days and more general courses in listening skills are a new and expanding area of ministry for CMH. Visits to churches and Healer Prayer Unions however, continue to be the main focus for the Director and Deputy Director as they seek to encourage and resource the parish groups and clergy in their Ministry of Healing. In this regard the relevant liturgies in the recently introduced *Book of Common Prayer* have proved invaluable.

## **DUBLIN AND BELFAST CENTRES**

Following the retirement of Deputy Director Mrs Jean Thompson in February 2004, the Rev Dr Patricia Mollan was appointed in April and continues the long established ministry at The Mount in Belfast. Both centres find their main function each week to be the lunch-time services (Friday St. Anne's Cathedral Belfast and Wednesday St Michan's Dublin, both at 1.05pm). On-going training is provided for the volunteer ministry teams in both centres.

Telephone calls and enquiries to the offices are increasing. Requests for information about services, liturgy and courses are regularly received, but in both centres telephone prayer requests are taken and names given for the intercessions during the weekly services. In Dublin the Intercessors' Network has approximately 100 intercessors who

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pray daily for specific people. The Director and Deputy Director greatly value and appreciate the work of their office staff and volunteers. The facilitation of the various prayer ministries and many Healer Prayer Unions across the country could not continue without them.

### **DIOCESAN COMMITTEES**

Members of the Diocesan Committees wish to express their appreciation for the encouragement they have received from the Archbishops and their Diocesan Bishops.

The **Armagh** Committee met three times, and the quarterly services with prayer for healing continue to attract steady attendance. Those involved are appreciative of the prayerful support received. Services with prayer for healing at St. Mark's Portadown on the first and third Fridays continue.

**Derry and Raphoe** Committee also met three times, and monthly services in St. Peter's Londonderry continue to be well supported. CMH greatly value the prayer support given by the group who meet weekly at St. Peter's. Donegal Parish have recently begun to hold a monthly service with prayer for healing. The annual Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Healing was held this year in Raphoe Cathedral for the first time. During Holy Week a series of services was arranged by the Dean and presented by CMH in the Cathedral.

**Connor** Diocesan Committee have emphasised the need for small, local area services and three parishes have begun to hold regular services which have been well supported.

**Down and Dromore** Committee continued to meet as before. In November 2004 two evening seminars entitled 'Exploring Healing' were presented.

Although there is no Diocesan Committee, there are a number of Healer Prayer Unions in the **West Midlands** holding monthly meetings. The Intercessors' Network based in Ballinasloe covers a large area; the Vice Chairman of CMH who lives nearby oversees this ministry. Members of the Oakhouse Community in Loughrea Co Galway are also involved as an HPU in this part of the country, and the Community organised an Ecumenical Healing Service in Portumna in September.

The Dioceses of **Kilmore and Clogher** are considering a joint venture with CMH. A four session series called 'Growing a Healing Ministry' has been arranged by Clogher for Oct/Nov 2005. Events for early 2005 have yet to be confirmed. Services at St Macartin's Cathedral Enniskillen continue every second and fourth Thursday.

**Meath and Kildare** have had an active year with a Clergy Study Day in April, and a great deal of activity in various parishes both in terms of HPUs and Healing Services during 2004. Mountmellick and Geashill are especially active.

Although the United Dioceses of **Cashel & Ossory** have as yet not formed their Diocesan Committee, there is a great deal of interest and enthusiasm for the Ministry of Healing. The Bishop arranged a Clergy seminar given by the Bishop of Monmouth early in 2004, focusing on *Anointing with Oil*. CMH was invited to present a Clergy Study

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Day in October and made visits to parishes and HPUs during the year. A Diocesan Committee is to be formed in 2005 and a programme is already underway.

**Cork, Cloyne and Ross** formed a new Diocesan Committee during 2004, which has already created a very full programme for 2005. Clergy training, Listening Courses and Diocesan Readers' Programmes are already arranged.

**Dublin and Glendalough** Committee continued in their established pattern, presenting a Lenten Quiet Day, and members attended CMH Listening Courses and retreats during the year. Individual members of the committee are involved in HPUs and Healing Services in the City and throughout the Diocese, and also help facilitate the 90 HPUs along the Eastern side of the country.

The enthusiasm and faithfulness of Diocesan Committee members is invaluable. All within CMH are extremely grateful to those who give so generously of their time and personal resources in the service of the Lord Jesus.

### FINANCES

Financial support from parishes and Diocesan Committees was generous and consistent during 2004. The Executive Committee are extremely thankful and appreciative of the gifts and donations received from the Churches and from many individual people.

In previous years the Accounts were prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis which took into account only the actual receipts and payments made during the year regardless of whether or not they were for the previous year, the current year or the next year. This year the reporting document is changed to an Income and Expenditure Account which shows the Surplus or Loss for the year under review by reference to the receipts and payments that pertain to that year only.

During the year there were a number of payments made for prior years which, after deducting a small amount of income received in respect of the previous year, give a total figure of €17,989 for Prior Year adjustments.

This meant that the excess of Expenditure over Income for the year was €13,767 compared to an excess of Payments over Receipts in the previous year of €13,221.

The Working Loss for the Year, before deducting the cost of Office Equipment purchased, was €19,770 and this is the Loss that will remain in 2005 and for ensuing years if income and expenditure remain at current levels.

The Balance Sheet shows the Assets and Liabilities of the Ministry at the 31 December 2004. Assets are shown at cost and there is no change since the end of last year. Current Assets less Liabilities reflect our Cash Resources and the large decrease from last year to this year of €73,909.

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The Parochial & Diocesan Contributions from each Diocese are given hereunder for the year ending 31 December 2004.

	2004	
	£	€
Armagh	775	
Cashel & Ossory		1,165
Clogher	2,000	70
Cork, Cloyne, Ross		855
Connor	2,290	
Derry & Raphoe	500	175
Down & Dromore	5,345	
Dublin & Glendalough		7,881
Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh		285
Limerick, Ardfert & Killaloe		535
Meath & Kildare		1,275
Armagh Diocesan Council	500	
Down & Dromore Diocesan Council	380	
Down & Dromore Diocesan Committee	500	
TOTAL	<u>12,290</u>	<u>12,241</u>

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004**

	2004	2003
	€	€
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations & Legacies	12,288	11,150
Contributions	28,755	28,794
Collections	5,808	7,634
Courses & Seminars	629	361
Fund Raising Events	1,702	1,584
Miscellaneous income	170	208
	<u>49,352</u>	<u>49,731</u>
Dividends and interest	19,449	12,805
Grants	4,587	11,587
	<u>73,388</u>	<u>74,123</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Salaries & Social Insurance	74,127	53,667
Pension Contributions	7,952	0
Travelling Expenses	18,394	3,700
Director's house expenses	195	5,570
Property expenses – Egan House	3,535	2,881
Property expenses – “The Mount”	546	1,185
Chapel & Office Expenses	13,316	14,837
Books, magazines & tapes	1,164	250
Subscriptions and donations	388	285
Bank charges	395	291
Miscellaneous Payments	3,146	4,678
	<u>123,158</u>	<u>87,344</u>
Working Loss	<u>-49,770</u>	<u>-13,221</u>
<b>Exceptional expenditure</b>		
Office equipment purchased	<u>-6,008</u>	
<b>Excess of payments over income</b>		
<b>pertaining to 2004 only</b>		
	-55,778	
Prior year adjustments		
Income	914	
Expenditure	<u>-18,903</u>	<u>-17,989</u>
<b>EXCESS OF ALL PAYMENTS OVER</b>		
<b>INCOME DURING THE YEAR</b>		
	<u>-73,767</u>	<u>-13,221</u>