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The United Appeal for Mission is at the very heart of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. As a Church we are making big differences here in Ireland and all over the world.

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Thank you for your continuing generous support of the United Appeal for Mission. Your generosity is commendable, recognising the disruption caused by Covid and the difficulties everyone faces with cost-of-living increases.

The United Appeal funds the work of our councils which facilitates the work we do in our congregations. Your generous support helps build significant infrastructure projects across the island of Ireland, funds our global mission workers throughout the world, supports the administration of our social care projects and trains the next generation of deaconesses, community outreach workers and ministers.

Personally, I have seen the benefit of your support in the funding of Irish mission workers. These men and women bring gifts in the areas of evangelism, children's work and Bible teaching; through partnership with them kingdom growth has been experienced in Cahir, Co Tipperary, Fermoy, Co Cork and in Dublin city centre.

I humbly ask you all to be generous towards the United Appeal of 2024, and supportive of the variety of ministries of PCI – for the growth of the kingdom of God and the praise of his glory.

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Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Hundreds of projects and programmes at home and overseas are helping to advance God's kingdom, showing God's love in action to hundreds of thousands of people.

Thanks to the generous support that Presbyterians like you continue to offer, this work can flourish.



Sharing stories of our Church's mission...

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Doing things together

As a Church we are doing a vast array of things together, making big differences in our society here in Ireland as well as all over the world.

Some of what we support...



Over 440 bed spaces

Providing residential, nursing, sheltered housing, supported housing and student accommodation

Over 3500* took part in Taking Care training sessions, adult and child safeguarding, and domestic abuse training.

Over 750* attended youth and children's events



- Currently 18 ministry students – 10 starting September 2023
- 22 assistant ministers
- Over 240 accredited preachers now trained

46 Chaplains

Rural
University
Forces
Prisons
Hospitals

14 Deaconesses working in congregations, hospitals and local communities

17 Community outreach workers

62 Home/urban mission congregations

4 Irish mission workers

New beginnings in Balbriggan

In 2016, as Donabate Presbyterian Church in Co Dublin grew and became a little tight for space in its community centre building, under the vision of Rev Andy Carroll, the elders and congregation hoped to plant a new church.

Following prayer for God's guidance, it became clear that the nearby town of Balbriggan should be the location; some families opened their homes and hearts to the idea, sensing God leading them to start a new church in the town. Over the next four years, with the support of Josh McCance, community outreach worker, a loving community developed as people met for weekly Bible studies in each other's homes and ran free kids' camps each summer. Those early years contained many cups of tea, as well as praying and reading God's Word together.

In January 2020, weekly Sunday services began in Balbriggan Clubs Community Centre with a small group. Nowadays, over 60 people, from 24 different countries – from Peru to Croatia – are part of the church community. It is not surprising to find people from all over the world gathering there for worship, since Balbriggan is Ireland's most diverse town.

In Revelation, God shares his plan for his diverse people: "After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language... And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Balbriggan certainly allows a small glimpse of this every Sunday.



"It has been a joy to grow together in our love for God and each other. We are grateful to everyone who committed to this church from the start and all the people who joined along the way. We pray that we will continue to be united by the gospel and bring the good news of Jesus to the community."

Josh McCance
Community outreach worker and minister in training, Balbriggan

*In the previous 12 months