



*Together we can do more than we ever could on our own*

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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*“One of the strengths of belonging to the Presbyterian Church, is that no congregation stands on its own. With United Appeal there are so many different ways in which we can do things together that we couldn’t do individually.”*

Rev. Colin Martin, 2nd Dunboe and Ringsend Presbyterian Churches

*“I believe the United Appeal follows the good biblical initiative and principle found in 2 Corinthians 8:13-15 which speaks of believers being generous and of working towards equality. Churches that have plenty coming together under the umbrella of United Appeal, giving to help other churches in need.*

*“Through United Appeal, a lot of work is being done in difficult areas, not just here in Kilkenny but in other cities, towns and villages across our land, and indeed overseas.”*

Rev. Daniel Reyes-Martin, Kilkenny Presbyterian Church

Thanks to you, United Appeal for Mission supports many other mission projects. To find out more watch the video at...

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# mission together



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## Building a caring fellowship

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.*



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Sharing stories of our Church's mission...

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## Taking care of children



**Around 120,000 children and young people are connected to a local Presbyterian congregation, attending church services, organisations and holiday clubs.**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland's (PCI) Taking Care programme, supported entirely by United Appeal, provides support for churches to ensure that these children and young people, along with their leaders are kept safe.

Providing guidelines, promoting best practice and delivering child protection training to congregations are key tasks for the Taking Care office, as well as giving professional advice and help when an issue arises.

- Approximately 120,000 children and young people attending PCI youth and children's organisations
- Since police checking was introduced 10 years ago, Taking Care has processed 18,000 police checks through Access NI and Garda Vetting
- 140 training sessions, on average, each year
- 28 volunteers have completed the Accredited Taking Care Trainers' course, accredited by Union College



*"The [Taking Care] training was very relevant for our Holiday Bible Club. Jesus always showed great love to children and I feel that as a Church we need to do likewise."*

Helen Nevin, Ringsend Presbyterian Church

*"Thanks to United Appeal, congregations can be assured that if an issue is brought to our attention it is dealt with promptly and professionally. Together we can do more."*

Deborah Webster, Taking Care Co-ordinator  
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## Building a caring fellowship in Kilkenny

**Kilkenny Presbyterian Church seeks to be a caring fellowship and is able to do so through the generosity of Presbyterians across Ireland supporting them via United Appeal. Funding contributes towards the work of both the minister and the Irish mission worker.**

**Tom Dowling** has had the privilege of serving as their Irish mission worker since 2006. "An Irish mission worker is someone who has been called by God to share the good news of Jesus Christ", explains Tom. "We work alongside ministers and congregations to reach out to those in our communities."

**Minister, Rev. Daniel Reyes-Martin** appreciates the assistance Tom provides in Kilkenny. "We have members from six different counties which makes pastoral work and visitation demanding with the volume of travelling required. Tom is in charge of the evangelistic areas of our ministry, allowing me more time to devote to pastoral care."



Tom Dowling and Rev. Daniel Reyes-Martin

**In Ireland, United Appeal supports outreach through:**

- 6 Irish mission workers
- 8 community outreach workers
- 73 home mission congregations – 15 North & 58 South
- 25 deaconesses
- Nightlight team in Belfast

*"One of our outreach activities involves working alongside Gardaí in the city at night – picking up bottles so they are not used as weapons, calling taxis for people to get them home safe and having a presence in the town. Our example comes from what it says in Jeremiah 29:7, so we work and pray for the city, demonstrating our love for its people."*

Tom Dowling, Irish mission worker, Kilkenny

Short films featuring the work of Taking Care and Tom Dowling in Kilkenny can be viewed here:  
[www.presbyterianireland.org/Resources/United-Appeal/Videos](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/Resources/United-Appeal/Videos)