

NEWS


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CHURCH IN IRELAND

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FOR MINISTERS

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Time for Clarity over PMS

The Moderator and members of the General Board expressed their growing frustration at the ongoing uncertainty around finding a resolution to the Presbyterian Mutual Society crisis and the need for clarity over various options that have recently been suggested.

“This crisis needs urgent resolution,” the Moderator Dr Carson told members of the General Board at their meeting in Belfast on Thursday, 11th March. “We continue to make representations which would result in all the savers getting their money back and are consistently arguing for HM Government and the Treasury to be proactive in seeking a commercial solution. As yet that has not happened.”

The Moderator told members that as long ago as last August the Church had made a detailed submission to the Prime Minister’s Working Group indicating how the assimilation of the PMS by a larger financial institution, the so called

‘commercial solution’, could be effectively achieved.

This was followed up with a series of meeting to promote and persuade decision-makers to take this course of action, the most recent of which was with Economic Secretary to the Treasury, Dr. Ian Pearson.

“Whatever the perception, the PMS savers have not been abandoned by their church,” continued Dr. Carson. “Last year’s Moderator, Dr. Patton was constantly working on the issue. Since I came in to office last June I have been aware of the strenuous efforts being made by the Clerk of Assembly and the church’s representatives and their

advisors, usually on a daily basis, to seek a resolution of this crisis. Unquantifiable amounts of time have been spent on the issue. Many meetings have been held with key decision-makers both at Stormont and Westminster, dozens of letters and submissions have been written and innumerable telephone calls made, all with the purpose of relieving the stress and anxiety of savers and having their deposits restored to them.

“Personally I feel very sorry for the distress and anguish that this situation has caused for so many good people. I have spoken and corresponded with a great many. As Moderator, I will continue to work energetically with the Clerk and my colleagues for a resolution that sees this crisis resolved fairly and equitably and in the light of recent statements from Executive ministers we have sought written clarification on the current state of play.

“While addressing this issue, it is important to recognise that many other Presbyterians are suffering as a result of the economic recession including a great many who have lost their jobs.”

In support of the Moderator the General Board resolved to encourage “the Moderator to write to the Prime Minister expressing deep concern that there has still not been any reply to the Church’s submission to the Working Group in July and emphasising that the commercial option is the only way to ensure a complete return of savings to all savers.”

Presbyterians Raise Over £1M For Relief And Development

Over the last four months Presbyterians around Ireland have donated over £1m for relief and development projects. To date approx £700,000 has been contributed in response to the World Development Appeal and a further £300,000 to the Moderator’s Appeal for Haiti.

Describing the total as “absolutely superb” the Moderator wasn’t surprised by the generosity shown. “Presbyterians are always extremely generous when need arises and particularly when they know that their donations will be put to good use by our partners Christian Aid and Tearfund. Both have asked me to, and I would join with them in conveying deep appreciation and thanks to all who contributed.”

Between them Tearfund and Christian Aid have nearly 20 partner agencies

working in Haiti and all are now hard at work alongside many others in bringing emergency and longer term relief.

Together they have helped 1000’s of families sourcing and distributing items including food parcels, hygiene and baby kits, tents, blankets, medical supplies, torches, cash and clothing.

Much of what has happened so far has represented a huge effort by the local development agencies, many of whom have had staff killed or seriously injured and suffered damage to their buildings.

Attention is now focussing on longer term aid and partners of both Tearfund and Christian Aid have been assigned camps and special responsibilities to take charge of.

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Email Addresses For Church House

Below are some of the email addresses for contacting the various departments in Church House.

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Mission Overseas

Celebration of Global Mission

'Seize the Moment' is the theme for the Celebration of Global Mission evening taking place in Banbridge Road Presbyterian Church Dromore on Tuesday, 23rd March. The main speakers are Derek and Jane French (Spain), Maurice and Helen Kennedy (Malawi) and Ron and Hilary McCartney (Pakistan). The evening will commence at 7.45pm and finish around 9.30 pm.

Unfortunately the evening planned for Thursday, 25th March in Myroe Presbyterian Church, Limavady has had to be cancelled, so there will only be one Celebration event this spring not two.

For further information, go to: www.pcimissionoverseas.org/events/ or contact the Mission Overseas Office.

Training Days for Teams 2010

Overseas Teams Training (OTT) - for teams and individuals planning on being involved in short-term mission projects overseas in the coming year, being held on Saturday, 17th April in Hillhall Presbyterian Church near Lisburn. This day of training seminars aims to give helpful guidance and practical advice on a number of highly relevant issues. Whilst the programme is still to be finalised, it is likely to include such topics as Spiritual Well-Being; Team Health; Health and Safety (for those involved in practical work); Child Protection in a Cross-Cultural Setting; and Personal Security Overseas.

Debriefing for Senders – for team leaders and those sending teams overseas to train them on the how to provide effective debriefing to those returning from short-term mission assignments overseas. Debriefing is an important tool that aims to help such people work through the impact of their feelings and emotions, helping them to benefit from their overseas experiences as they settle back into the routines of 'normal life' at home. The workshop will be held on Saturday 15th May in Banbridge Road Presbyterian Church, Dromore.

Information leaflets including booking forms on the training events can be obtained from the Mission Overseas Office or online at: www.pcimissionoverseas.org/events/.

Personnel News

Fiona Innes, a member of Portrush Presbyterian Church, who was commissioned for missionary service in January arrived safely in Mzuzu, Malawi at the end of February and is settling in to life there. Fiona will be taking up the role of Monitoring and Evaluation Officer in its Early Childhood Development Programme. This will involve working closely with *Diane Cusick* in the development of the *Montessori* teaching and training methodology in pre-schools throughout the Livingstonia Synod area.

Volker and JinHyeog Glissmann from Harmony Hill Presbyterian Church, Lisburn have been accepted as candidates for missionary service in Malawi by the Board of Mission Overseas. The Glissmanns have three young children and the family plan to leave for Malawi this summer. Volker has been invited to take up the role of Executive Director of Theological Education by Extension Malawi (TEEM). Volker is excited about reaching out to villages with lay-leadership training in Theology and JinHyeog hopes to develop a music ministry in rural church settings.

Presbyterian Orphan and Children's Society

Spring Selection

Applications to be received by
31st March 2010

Applications can be downloaded
from [www.presbyterianorphanand
childrenssociety.org](http://www.presbyterianorphanandchildrenssociety.org)

Board of Christian Training

Summer Assistant

Application for a Summer Assistant
in 2010 must be sent to Rev. R.
Hetherington, Union Theological
College, Botanic Avenue, Belfast, BT7
1JT Tel: (028) 9020 5088 Email: [dms@
union.ac.uk](mailto:dms@union.ac.uk) before 26th March 2010.

Mission in Ireland

Personnel Committee

Home and Urban Mission Ministers and Church Planters

Rev. Andy Carroll received a Call to serve as Church Planter in Donabate, North Dublin. Andy was ordained and inducted by Dublin & Munster Presbytery on 7th February 2010.

Rev. William Montgomery received a Call to serve as minister in Fermoy and Cahir congregations. William will be ordained and inducted by Dublin & Munster Presbytery on 20th March 2010.

Deaconesses

Gillian Martin has given notice of her intention to resign from her position in Woodvale with effect from 28th March 2010. She will remain as a Deaconess without charge under the Care of North Belfast Presbytery.

Irish Mission Workers

Stephen Wilson has moved to Kells and Ervy congregations to work alongside Rev. Dr. Brian Savage.

Put it in your Diary!
Annual Peacemaking Conference

27th November 2010

Convenerships

The following Convenerships will be appointed at the General Assembly:

General Board

Convener of Global Concerns Committee

Convener of Church Relations Committee

Convener of Memorial Record

Any nominations should be with the Clerk of Assembly by Monday, 19th April, 2010

Board of Education

Convener of Board of Education

Board of Christian Training

Convener of Board of Christian Training

Convener of the Union Theological College Management Committee

Convener of the Committee for Training and Resources

Any nominations should be with the Deputy Clerk by Monday, 19th April, 2010

Board of Youth and Children's Ministry

Convener of Research and Education Committee

Any nominations should be with Director of Youth and Children's Ministry by Monday, 19th April, 2010.

Presbyterian Historical Society

The Robert Allen Lecture "Conversion, Revival and Prophecy: Spiritual Experience in Seventeenth Century Presbyterian Ulster" will be given by Dr. Robert Armstrong (Trinity College, Dublin) at 8pm on Thursday 22nd April 2010 at Union Theological College, Belfast.

WANTED: Revised Church Hymnary music or hymnbooks and Hymns of Faith hymnbooks. If you can help please contact William Moody of Brookside, Ahoghill on (028) 2587 1245 or wmoody@presbyterianireland.org

BMI Total Church Day Conference

On Thursday, 15th April 2010, the Board of Mission in Ireland will be hosting a Total Church Day Conference with Steve Timmis.

Meeting at Hillhall Presbyterian Church, Lisburn, from 10am-3pm, the conference will stimulate thinking about how the process of Congregational Mission Planning might begin to have an impact on other areas of church life such as preaching and worship, organisational and pastoral matters and structures for fellowship and discipleship.

Steve is perhaps best known as an experienced church planter who has used the principles of Total Church to shape the Crowded House church planting network in Sheffield, England. Of course most of us are not in a church planting situation, designing a new church from scratch, rather we are seeking to refine our existing congregations to make them better correspond to the Bible, and in so doing, re-aligning them to be effective in mission today.

Through a series of addresses, question and answer sessions and discussions, Steve will help us to think again about how we can push the boundaries of what it means to be effective as churches in mission, while ensuring that we keep the gospel central, both to what we do and who we are.

The conference is open to all and will cost £15, which includes morning coffee and lunch. Further details and booking forms are available from the Board of Mission in Ireland, Church House, Belfast.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

MARCH, 2010

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Rev. S.W.W. Neilly RESIGNED	Minister of Third Portglenone
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Rev. J.E. McDowell DELETE	Associate Minister of Wellington, Ballymena
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