

NEWS

October 2011

FOR MINISTERS

Clean Fresh Water to a Tap Near You

This year's World Development Appeal 'Let Justice Flow: Thirsting for Justice', was launched on Tuesday, 18th October supporting projects of Christian Aid and Tearfund.

The main project focus this year is the Kigezi Diocese (Church of Uganda) Water and Sanitation Programme, which has been successfully addressing water and sanitation issues in the region for 25 years.

Information on the Appeal is being distributed to congregations via Presbyterian World Development Agents and details will be available soon on our website at www.pcimissionoverseas.org/world-development



AWAKE 2012 God Speaks: Good News for a Church in Exile

Over the last number of years, the Board of Mission in Ireland's AWAKE resource has become a valued fixture in the annual activities of many congregations. AWAKE 2012 will take on a new format of a DVD Bible Study resource for use in home group, midweek or alternative-format Sunday night settings. An accompanying booklet will provide 35 supplementary devotional pieces for individual use.

Entitled *God Speaks: Good News for a Church in Exile*, the resource will relate the biblical theme of Israel's experience of exile in the Old Testament to the position the church now finds itself occupying in contemporary Irish society. The project will also provide a possible means for congregations to connect to the General Assembly's theme for the denomination in the year 2012.

'A prophetic voice, confidently proclaiming where it stands and who it stands beside, in a society which is increasingly secular

and often opposed to Christian values and lifestyles.'

The material will be firmly rooted in the Irish and Presbyterian context, by highlighting stories from around the Church of new forms of outreach that show how different congregations have begun to address mission from the new place in which they find themselves. In doing so AWAKE 2012 will provide both a biblical basis for understanding the church's realistic starting point for mission in contemporary Ireland and a stimulus to expand our imagination as to ways in which we may begin to respond.

Pre-launch promotional materials will be available in March 2012, before the official launch at the General Assembly in June 2012.

Fit For Purpose

The General Assembly has agreed a number of priorities to help focus the mind of the Church. These have resulted in five key themes being identified as Assembly themes for the next five years.

To discuss the programme, under the title "Fit for Purpose," Presbyteries, Boards and SPUD have been asked to send representatives to a meeting in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday, 16th November at 2pm.

Building Good Relations Conference

The Building Good Relations Conference planned for 5th November has had to be rescheduled. It is now planned for Saturday, 18th February, 2012 and will take place in Carnmoney Presbyterian Church. More details will follow in due course.

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Payroll & Assessments	9041 7219/216
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Personnel Office	9041 7286
Board of Social Witness	9041 7234
Taking Care	9041 7290
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Youth & Children	9041 7246
Director's Secretary	9041 7249
Communications	9041 7294
Presbyterian Women	9041 7278

East Africa Appeal Update

The East Africa crisis appeal launched by the Moderator, Dr. Ivan Patterson, to support emergency relief in the drought stricken area continues to gather momentum.

So far, donations to the Moderator's special appeal total £232,000. However there remains a great need in the areas affected and donations can still be made through churches across Ireland.

Dr. Patterson said, "With other world news taking over our headlines, it can be easy to forget the situation in East Africa but the crisis is continuing and demands our support, both financially and prayerfully. I urge fellow Presbyterians, if they haven't already done so, to give generously to the appeal, in order for us to bring hope and come to the practical assistance of the many people suffering in this appalling crisis."

Mission In Ireland

Invitation to be part of Mission Development Networks

It's good to talk, to learn from each other, to encourage one another as we seek to rise to the challenge of mission in Ireland today. The Board of Mission in Ireland's Mission Development Networks seek to bring people together around common issues faced in mission to stimulate fellowship in the best sense of the word. We want to do more than have a cup of coffee and an opportunity to catch up with each other. Rather, as described in Hebrews 10:24&25, we want to '*consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds*' and '*encourage one another*'.

Through a series of gatherings through the year, we will consider together the common challenges faced in leading change for mission in all of our congregations and the particular challenges of mission in urban and rural settings. We want to spur one another on and be encouraged by what is happening in our own setting and the ministries of those in other congregations.

Ministers, Elders and church members are all invited to come along and be part of the Networks.

Ministers will receive information by email about local gatherings and Presbytery Clerks will be circulated with invitations to be distributed at Presbytery meetings.

All events are free, but it is essential to book in advance by emailing the Board of Mission in Ireland at bmi@presbyterianireland.org

Transformission: Missional Church Network

Transformission, the Missional Church Network, exists to stimulate a conversation around the challenges of leading congregations on the journey from maintenance to mission and to spotlight fresh models of mission for contemporary Irish society. It will hold its gatherings on a regional basis.

Forthcoming Transformission Gatherings

This year we take hold of perhaps the biggest question facing the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in this generation, how do we lead congregations in the kind of change that allows us to become more outward looking in mission?

At each of the following venues we will be considering and discussing the challenges of leading change for mission in the church, hearing from those who have insights into what that looks and feels like and reflecting on some fresh models of being the church in mission.

Tuesday, 29th November 2011 10am-1pm GREENISLAND
(For members of Carrick, Templepatrick, North Belfast Presbyteries)

Tuesday, 14th February 2012 10am-1pm FIRST ARDS
(For members of Ards, East Belfast, South Belfast, Down Presbyteries)

Tuesday, 17th April 2012 10am -1pm FIRST COOKSTOWN
(For members of Tyrone, Omagh, Derry and Donegal, Monaghan Presbyteries)

Tuesday, 15th May 2012 10am-1pm TRINITY, BALLYMONEY
(For members of Coleraine and Limavady, Ballymena, Route Presbyteries)

Rural Mission Network

The Rural Mission Network exists to stimulate a conversation around the challenges of mission in rural environments around Ireland today and to spotlight good models of showing and sharing Christ's love in the countryside. The Network will seek to grapple with the wide range of different rural environments across Ireland today and hold its gatherings on a regional basis.

Forthcoming Rural Mission Network Gatherings

At each of the following venues we will be considering and discussing the challenges of mission in rural church and community and reflecting on the possibilities of some fresh models of rural mission.

Tuesday, 22nd November 2011 10am-1pm SECOND BROUGHSHANE
(For members of Coleriane and Limavady, Ballymena, Route, Templepatrick, Carrick Presbyteries)

Tuesday, 21st February 2012 10am-1pm CLOUGHHERNY
(For members of Derry and Donegal, Omagh, Tyrone, Monaghan Presbyteries)

Tuesday, 24th April 2012 10am-1pm SECOND DROMARA
(For members of Dromore, Iveagh, Newry, Armagh Presbyteries)

Tuesday, 22nd May 2012 10am-1pm RAFFREY
(For members of Ards, Down Presbyteries)

Urban Mission Network

The Urban Mission Network exists to stimulate a conversation about the challenges of mission in urban environments around Ireland today and to spotlight good models of showing and sharing Christ's love in our cities, towns and estates.

Forthcoming Urban Mission Network Gatherings

Thursday, 10th November 2011 10am-1pm RAVENHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BELFAST - Steve Timmis 'Mission by being good neighbours' (open to all)

Thursday 23rd February 2012 10am-1pm Board Room, ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS - Urban futures in Belfast – change, community and church (For members of East, North and South Belfast Presbyteries)

Personnel

Home and Urban Mission Ministers And Church Planters:

Deaconesses: Mrs. Amy Magee has received a Call to serve in Muckamore congregation

Irish Mission Workers: Mr. Harry Moreland has been redeployed to serve in Cork City

Events

Evangelists Course:

As followers of Jesus, we are called to play our part in his mission to the world to make him known in every way, in every place. There are many ways to contribute to the mission of God, but perhaps you sense that where you particularly fit is in sharing Christian faith with others in evangelism.

Perhaps you have experience in evangelism through the work of your congregation, with some other Christian agency or just have found yourself gossiping the gospel in your everyday life. Maybe you sense God's calling upon your life to further explore and develop an evangelistic gift that is beginning to emerge. Alternatively, perhaps you are already an experienced evangelist who is finding that you need to sharpen your thinking about what it means to really engage with unbelievers today in our rapidly changing society.

The Board of Mission in Ireland is pleased to offer you an opportunity to do all of these things through its new course of the Training of Evangelists. The course will be held at Union Theological College over a period of ten weeks. Meeting on Monday evenings throughout January and March, each session will last for two hours (7.30 pm – 9.30 pm) and will bring together a team of experienced teachers and practitioners to help us consider together what effective evangelism might look like in a range of settings across Ireland today.

For more information and to download an application form visit www.missionireland.org

PCI Family Holiday 2012

Share Centre, Lisnaskea

We are looking for any young person 18+ willing to serve on the youth team for the Family Holiday at Easter 2012.

Anyone interested please contact Mavis Cunningham, telephone +44 (0)28 9263 8893 email: mavis_cunningham940@hotmail.co.uk

Bungalows for Rent

Retired Ministers House Fund has two bungalows available for rent. Positioned in quiet residential areas of Bangor and Downpatrick, they would be ideal for a retired couple. Please contact Ian McElhinny +44 (0)28 9041 6220 for further information.

Mission in Ireland Calendars

Two attractive Mission in Ireland calendars are now available. These make the ideal congregational gift to leave with people at Christmas. A generous discount is given to churches that purchase calendars to give as gifts. For more information contact ehuddleston@presbyterianireland.org

Psalms Road Shows

After the success of two Psalms Road Shows held in spring 2011, the BMI Worship Panel has organised two more.

Saturday, 4th February 2012 in High Kirk Presbyterian Church, Ballymena

Saturday, 3rd March 2012 in Derry/Donegal area at a venue to be confirmed

A list of useful worship resources can be found on www.missionireland.org

Email Addresses For Assembly Buildings

Below are some of the email addresses for contacting the various departments in Assembly Buildings.

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Finance Office

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Youth and Children's Office

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Mission Overseas Office

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Social Witness Office

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Presbyterian Women

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Mission in Ireland Office

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Presbyterian Herald

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Information Office

info@presbyterianireland.org

Taking Care Office

takingcare@presbyterianireland.org

Other Contacts

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p.gray@btconnect.com

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bcm@presbyterianireland.org

Assignment of Assistant Ministers 2012

Any minister considering applying for an assigned Assistant from summer/autumn 2012 should initially discuss it with the Rev. Ronnie Hetherington, Director of Ministerial Studies (+44 (0)28 9020 5088 dms@union.ac.uk), and then have a firm expression of interest with the Clerk of the General Assembly (clerk@presbyterianireland.org) by Friday, 16th December 2011.

Mission Overseas

New Mission Wall Poster

An updated wall poster for 2012, giving information on Presbyterian Mission personnel currently serving overseas, has just been published. Included are those who have begun their service in recent months: Matt Williams (Malawi), Johnny and Lyn Dowds and family (Malawi), and Eddie and Mary Dorrans (Kenya).

This year, a free copy of the poster is being made available to every congregation within our Church. Please make sure you collect your congregation's copy of the poster and display it somewhere suitable, such as on your church notice board, so that members of your church can be better informed about our mission personnel around the world. Additional copies may be obtained from the Mission Overseas Office.



Convenerships

The following Assembly Convenerships will become vacant at the next Assembly:

Union Commission

Board of Mission in Ireland

Church and Society Committee

If anyone is interested, or would like to nominate someone, please let the Clerk of Assembly know by 31st December 2011.

Structures Review

The **Structures Review Panel** is holding a series of Focus Group meetings for Presbytery representatives. These will be held at 7.30 p.m. on:

15th November in New Row, Coleraine

22nd November in First Armagh

29th November in Assembly Buildings, Belfast

Another date will be arranged within the Dublin and Munster Presbytery.

Chaplain to the UK Oil and Gas Industry

Applications are being sought for the above post. It is described as "a broad and challenging role, requiring a wide range of skills from the pulpit, via the board room to the drilling rig floor. The incumbent must have proven crisis management skills and may well be called upon to field interviews to the local and national press. The role also involves extensive travel, including regular visits to offshore installations, rigs and vessels. The UK Oil and Gas Chaplaincy, plus supporting administration, is fully funded by Oil and Gas UK, the industry trade association. The Trustees are therefore seeking a seasoned and dynamic individual."

The Consultant handling the process wishes to receive all applications for this post by online application to www.upwebsite.com/chaplaincy.html where more detailed information about the role may also be found.

Should you wish to make any further enquiries concerning the post contact Mrs. Alison Cusiter (01224 643465) or Brian S. Wilkie, the Chairman of Aberdeen Oil Industry Chaplaincy Trust.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

OCTOBER, 2011

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