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"The Leaders in Training programme is a practical expression of partnership with churches and partner organisations. Developing key leaders and providing them with opportunities for further study has a long-term impact. We offer grants to develop leaders in areas including theological education, medical mission, sustainable development and capacity development.

Most Leaders in Training study in their own, or a neighbouring, country. In some instances the most appropriate course is in the UK, which gives us more opportunity to build a relationship with the student."

Peter McDowell, PCI Mission Support Officer (Partnerships)

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

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Building a community of global concern

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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Caring for global leaders

Amon Chanika is the National Director of Scripture Union (SU) Malawi. Their vision is to see children, young people and families in Malawi transformed as they read the Bible and grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Under the Leaders in Training programme funded by the United Appeal for Mission, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) helps to further equip Amon for this ministry by facilitating study in the UK. Amon has been studying for an MA in Global Leadership at Redcliff College for the last two years. He attends intensive classes in the UK intermittently and works on the assignments back in Malawi alongside his normal work with SU Malawi.

Amon shares, "I believe this course will greatly help me to develop diverse skills to lead SU Malawi. It is broadening my understanding of working in a multicultural context.

"I enjoy my studies greatly, and especially the diversity of students I study alongside. I found it very helpful to study in the UK and, although it was difficult leaving my wife, and three children, it was only three weeks at a time. I thank God for the financial support from PCI for my studies."

Each year, PCI sponsors a number of Leaders in Training (LITs) from overseas partner churches while they undertake further study aimed at helping each in their personal development for future ministry and leadership within their own country and context. This is made possible because of United Appeal giving.



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Caring in the city

David Boyd is an Irish mission worker in Dublin – the only Irish mission worker in a city with a population that is greater than the whole of Northern Ireland. In Dublin there are many opportunities to reach out to people, however, it can be a challenge to overcome the secularisation that has settled in people's minds

David has been working at Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church for 20 years and in that time he has seen the demographic of the city change dramatically, with an increasing cosmopolitan make-up that is reflected in his congregation.

Through an International Café, David and other members of the congregation have the opportunity to welcome and befriend those from other countries living in Dublin. David runs a Bible study beforehand to allow an opportunity for discussion on spiritual issues. He shares, "I've had people coming who had never seen a Bible in their lives. Starting from scratch and explaining everything is not so easy at times, especially with people who don't have good English. It has been very rewarding though – it's great to see people grow from week to week as they get to grips with the claims of the gospel."

David's job as an Irish mission worker is only made possible through United Appeal. He says, "Here in the South many congregations are very small and it's only thanks to United Appeal that myself and other Irish mission workers can be funded."

Irish mission workers work as evangelists alongside ministers and congregations across Ireland. The work is fully supported by the United Appeal for Mission.

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"Thank you to everyone who gives financially, who supports us in prayer and who really takes this work to heart. United Appeal is a great reminder that together we can do more."

David Boyd

Irish mission worker, Adelaide Road, Dublin

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A short film featuring the work of David Boyd and the International Café can be viewed here: www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappeal