



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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“From the earliest days of the church, the apostles understood the need for partnership in taking the gospel to the world. Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, endured much for his evangelistic mission while also training, encouraging and enabling others in this commissioned work. The Great Commission remains today and Presbyterians in Ireland are encouraged to partner together for the sake of the gospel. Recognising that ‘together we can do more’, our Presbyterian congregations must be in partnership together and contribute to this Presbyterian fund for mission, enabling the work conducted by our central councils.”

Rev Mark Catney
Convener, United Appeal for Mission Committee

▶ Short films featuring some of the work supported by the United Appeal for Mission, including Fresh Light, are available to view at www.presbyterianireland.org/unitedappealfilms



mission together



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Bringing light together

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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Rev Paul Jamieson and Stephanie Windrum

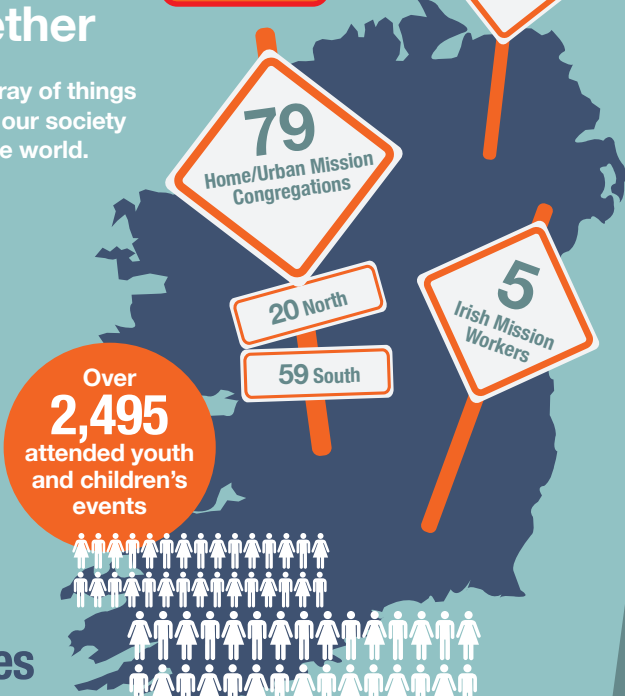
Doing things together

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...

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Global Mission workers in **11** countries

- Brazil
- Jordan
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Nepal
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- Spain
- UK
- Zambia



Over **2,495** attended youth and children's events



- Currently 20 ministry students (with 23 assistants)
- 801 completed 'Handling the Word'
- 216 accredited preachers now trained, with 20 currently in training.
- 18 auxiliary ministers now trained, with 9 currently in training

465 Bed Spaces

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

Over **2,650** took part in training for ministry, eldership, worship, youth and children's work, preaching, disciple making and leadership.

28 Chaplains

- University
- Hospitals
- Forces
- Prisons

13 Deaconesses working in congregations, hospitals and local communities



Bringing fresh light

In the dark times we can all benefit from fresh light being cast on our circumstances and struggles. Often this comes through others drawing alongside and giving us space and support to explore the situation we are going through.



Fresh Light is the counselling service of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and is available to adults of all faiths and none. Previously known as PCI Counselling, Fresh Light operates from a Christian understanding of life and the world, with volunteers committed to the standards of best practice in their counselling.

Stephanie Windrum, Fresh Light coordinator, explains that stress, anxiety, depression and relationship breakdown are among the issues counsellors regularly deal with. "Life events too can sometimes throw people off course. Maybe it's a bereavement or loss issue. Those loss issues can be things like jobs, loss of ambitions or career opportunities, as well as people dying."

The ministry offered seeks to bring comfort, strength, peace, hope and transformation in difficult seasons of life. Fresh Light is an expression of God's love for the world shown through the life of his people in the church.



"As a Church it is so imperative, in my opinion, that we are there to help people with their mental health issues. I'm just so excited that our Church has the vision to do this, and to help people through that brokenness and through some very dark times."

Rev Paul Jamieson
Chairperson of Fresh Light advisory group

To make a first appointment or to explore the type of help on offer, telephone +44 (0)28 9261 0586 on weekdays between 9am and 1pm. Messages can be left on the answering machine outside of these hours. More information can be found at: www.presbyterianireland.org/freshlight