



CMU ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2013



Catholic Missionary Union
of England and Wales

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I invite all Christians,
everywhere, at this very
moment, to a renewed personal
encounter with Jesus Christ,
or at least an openness to
letting him encounter them; I
ask all of you to do this
unfailingly each day. No one
should think that this
invitation is not meant for him
or her, since "no one is
excluded from the joy brought
by the Lord". The Lord does
not disappoint those who take
this risk; whenever we take a
step towards Jesus, we come
to realize that he is already
there, waiting for us with open
arms.

*Pope Francis, The
Joy of the Gospel*



Dioceses		Where are we in 2015?
Arundel/Brighton	Verona Fathers	Every weekend, across England & Wales you will meet missionaries in parishes. These CMU members value greatly the opportunity to meet people and share their stories, encouraging active participation by all in the missionary nature of the Church. The list on the left shows where we will be in 2015. On page 5 you will see the financial results from previous years.
Birmingham	Missionary Sisters	
Brentwood	SMA Fathers	
Cardiff	Columban Missionaries	
Clifton	Verona Fathers	
East Anglia	Missionary Sisters	
Hallam	Missionary Sisters	
Hexham/Newcastle	Holy Ghost Fathers	
Lancaster	Combined Mission Societies	
Leeds	Holy Ghost Fathers	
Liverpool	Columban Missionaries	
Menevia	SMA Fathers	
Middlesbrough	Combined Mission Societies	
Northampton	White Fathers	
Nottingham	Missionary Sisters	
Plymouth	Missionary Sisters	
Portsmouth	Volunteer Mission Movement	
Salford	Combined Mission Societies	
Shrewsbury	SMA Fathers	
Southwark	St Patrick's Missionaries	
Westminster	Xavarian Missionaries	
Wrexham	Combined Mission Societies	

Front cover picture:

Columban Mission-
ary Fr John Hegerty
with the people of
Christo Salvator
parish in Peru
where he serves.
The Columbans are
members of the
CMU and just one
example of the
work all our mem-
bers do across the
world.

President's Report 2013

In this my last annual report as President of the Catholic Missionary Union of England & Wales I wanted to look back over my terms of office and consider the current strengths and challenges for our organisation which is the only national membership body for missionaries.

Our strengths lie in the motivation and continued energy of our people who after years in the so called 'mission field' have a prophetic vocation to serve in our domestic parishes and projects.

The challenge lies in expressing ourselves clearly to our brothers and sisters in England & Wales both clerical and lay. Many of our brothers and sisters do not understand the continued need for a vibrant missionary cycle encompassing this country and countries in the so called developing world. A new missionary cycle of returned missionaries contributing the church at 'home' is now complemented by missionaries from the young church overseas coming to the UK 'on mission'. Alongside these new realities we should not forget that the Lord still calls people to be missionaries and we must strive to be open to vocations.

During my time it has been a pleasure to have some excellent gatherings of missionaries – often engaging positively with our own Bishops. I was always very keen to open membership of the CMU more widely to the 'new' missionaries and we welcomed some in 2012. I'm sure that the priority will continue to be for a membership list which more accurately represents the varied missionary life in this country. In recent months I have represented the CMU at the Missionary Endeavour Review where the bishops are looking to renew and enhance the annual parish appeal programme – a

deeper and wider CMU membership will underpin these developments.

Thanks should go to the Vice President Sr Natalia and everyone who has served on the Executive over recent years. I would also like to thank the two secretaries during my time: Seamus Crowe and Richard Owens.

Lastly may I wish my successors every blessing as they take the CMU into the next era. I will remain a passionate advocate of the positive impact that returned and new missionaries can have on the life of the domestic church in England & Wales.



Fr. Rob Morland SMA

JOIN the CMU today!

Membership form

Name of society/organisation

- ☐ Lay Mission
- ☐ Society of Apostolic Life
- ☐ Religious Congregation
- ☐ Diocesan Fidei Donum scheme
- ☐ Observer and mission supporter eg charity supporting missionaries.

Address for published membership lists:

Website:

Name of leader/provincial:

Name of regular contact:

Email address for correspondence

Telephone number

Enclose membership fee £130 cheque payable to CMU. A receipt will be provided.

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Fr Rob baptising twins on a recent visit to Nigeria

Dates for the diary 2015

February 3rd 2015

Bishops Conference building, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX

10.30am— 'open table', a chance for CMU members to gather and share stories and experiences especially what is going on overseas:

Secondly it is an opportunity to raise any issues or practicalities about the parish appeals face to face with the Secretary in an Appeals 'surgery' !

June 9th 2015

10.30am

Bishops Conference building, 39 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1BX

Theme: Missionary Animation in schools

Speaker: Sheila Isaac, Education Coordinator, Children & Young People at Missio

Other contributions (hopefully) from CMU members on presenting the missionary vocation in schools. This is an area of interest to many members.

(both above networking events will run until 12.30 and include coffee)

October 14th 2015

AGM venue to be decided

Keep an eye on regular email updates from the CMU for more details.

Missionaries Connecting

As a result of feedback from members at the 2012 AGM the secretariat arranged some networking meetings during 2013 under the title 'missionaries connecting'.

Pictured below: top: Anne Carthy from Solidarity with South Sudan addressing those gathered last year. Bottom : session on preparing effective mission appeals— sharing best practice.



Mission Alive Innovation Awards 2013-14

In 2013-14 we decided to use a small amount of our reserves and to experiment with a small award scheme. The successful awardees are listed below. The small financial investments in the projects at home and abroad were matched by our prayers and solidarity

- 1: Columban Lay Missionaries. Hope Garden, Asylum Seekers Birmingham £723
- 2: Verona Fathers, Pokot region, Kenya £ 938 Empowerment of rural youth
- 3: Comboni Mission Sisters South Sudan £760
- 4: Spiritans Salford £500 Just Youth project. IT equipment
- 5: IHM sisters Eastern Nigeria £800 youth catechetical centre
- 6: Collaboration of 3 Missionary sisters for pilot schools project in London £500

Parish Appeal Programme 2013

Dioceses	Parishes approached	Appeals Made	% reach	£total	For comparison	
					2012	2011
Arundel/Brighton	84	50	67%	£41,456	£89,127	£81,210
Birmingham	164	101	61%	£53,009	£99,560	£97,210
Brentwood	88	33	39%	£21,920	£49,707	£34,520
Cardiff	45	28	62%	£17,611	£32,631	£22,445
Clifton	103	54	52%	£36,700	£34,379	£18,227
East Anglia	60	42	70%	£32,985	£23,992	£24,455
Hallam	50	38	76%	£22,610	£13,990	£14,047
Hexham/Newcastle	122	76	62%	£40,362	£45,770	£47,318
Lancaster	97	63	64%	£36,440	£27,927	£38,736
Leeds	86	67	77%	£45,624	£37,589	£38,472
Liverpool	150	113	75%	£68,117	£85,039	£82,794
Menevia	33	0	0	£0	£4991	£6294
Middlesbrough	77	40	51%	£14,401	£23,421	£22,921
Northampton	81	62	76%	£29,869	£29,951	£39,058
Nottingham	89	62	69%	£28,803	£39,627	£43,069
Plymouth	68	53	77%	£24,928	£26,038	£27,703
Portsmouth	86	59	68%	£41,250	£50,503	£39,787
Salford	159	96	60%	£53,523	£53,897	£39,196
Shrewsbury	90	28	31%	£18,139	£45,582	£28,709
Southwark	179	131	73%	£89,209	£102,556	£84,874
Westminster	208	123	59%	£113,719	£89,607	£91,595
Wrexham	37	28	75%	£10,284	£7,407	£6032
				£840,959	£1,013,291	£928,672

A huge THANK YOU to the people, clergy and bishops of England & Wales for their generosity.

The annual mission appeal remains the only official opportunity for the faithful to hear directly from missionaries in a well crafted talk about the work of the church throughout the world.

For updates, membership lists, appeals rota, links and stories from the missionary sector visit our website:

www.cmu.org.uk

And why not link to us from your own site?





MISSION AS PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

Rev. Dr. Stephen Bevans, SVD

The first thing that needs to understand about Mission is that it is rooted in the overflowing life of the Trinity, which is itself a community-in-mission. God's first act of mission is creation, and, God has been present and active in creation from its first nanosecond. Such presence and activity is the work of the Spirit, who from the beginning persuades, encourages, cajoles, inspires—but never imposes on creation's freedom. And so came to be the gasses, the molecules, the stars, the galaxies, and our earth with its abundant life. As human beings emerged on our planet, the Spirit was there, and was present in humanity's first groping toward understanding the depth and breadth of life's meaning in local and then in the world's great religions. One of these religions was that of Israel, the God's presence and activity was expressed often in the images of wind, fire, breath, water, oil, a soaring bird—all images that, while palpable, are nevertheless illusive and mysterious, images of God's Mystery "inside out" in creation and human history. We read of God breathing life into "earth creature" (Gen 2:7), anointing prophets to proclaim healing and justice (Is 61:1-2), flowing like a river to bring freshness and life in the desert (Ez 47), blowing over dry bones to bring them together and back to life (Ez 37:1-14).

The history of the presence of the Holy Spirit in creation and in particular in Israel is a prelude to understanding the foundation of the church, which begins with the mission and ministry of Jesus. In the "fullness of time," as Paul wrote (Gal 4:4) the ever-present saving activity of God took on flesh and a human face in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. As Elizabeth Johnson writes eloquently, "through [Jesus'] human history the Spirit who pervades the universe becomes concretely present in a small bit of it." Jesus' mission was, in the words of Neil Ormerod, the advancement of the Reign of God—the continuation of God's saving work from the beginning, but now imminent. "This is the time of fulfillment. The

kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mk 1:15). Jesus *witnessed* to this coming fulfillment by his own personal behavior of welcoming, inclusion, a personal freedom from the ritualistic and dehumanizing aspects of religious custom. He *served* his vision by his healings and exorcisms—signs of the wholeness of God's salvation and of God's liberating action in human life. And he *preached* God's nearness especially in parables that spoke of God's mercy, God's commitment to justice, God's inclusion, and God's tenderness. Jesus is a person filled with the Holy Spirit, anointed by the Spirit at his baptism to proclaim the good news and bringing healing and hope to God's people (Lk 4:18-19).

Such behaviour, however, got Jesus into trouble. What infuriated and scandalized the religious leaders of his day, says Latino theologian Virgilio Elizondo, was "his willingness and ability to have a good time with anyone and everyone" and his refusal "to be scandalized by anyone." And so they killed him. But, of course, three days later his disciples began to experience his living presence among them, and gradually, in the aftermath of Pentecost, they came to the amazing realization that the Spirit that had been lavished upon Jesus and been lavished upon them. In this growing realization that *their* mission was *Jesus'* mission, the church was born—born of crossing boundaries, born of mission. The church is indeed "missionary by its very nature" because it is missionary in its very origin.

Mission, ultimately, is partnership with God, participation in the life of the Trinity, which is a going forth in Mission. This is the amazing reality into which we are plunged at Baptism. We become members of Christ's body, stones that make up the Temple of the Spirit, sacraments of the Mystery of God. We put on Christ, we are sharers in the divine nature. Mission is not so much a duty as a privilege, a privilege of grace, a privilege of being called to service. Mission is, indeed, partnership with God.

The CMU was very pleased to welcome Dr Bevens to its **conference** on 15th October 2014 presented in partnership with Missio, Mill Hills and the Jesuits.

Finance Report 2013

<u>Income</u>	2013	2012
Membership subscriptions and mission appeal levies	£14,188	£28,517
Bank interest	£904	£1,161
TOTAL	£15,092	£29,678

<u>Expenditure</u>		
Outsourced secretariat fee	£26,592	£26,595
Innovation awards	£2921	-
AGM	£691	£600
Travel	£1132	£1429
Other	£311	£299
TOTAL	£31,647	£28,931

Surplus for the year	- £16,555	£747
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Total funds at 31st December	£95,893	£112,448
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Note:

The Executive recommended and the AGM approved a 1 year reduction in the appeal levy/fees in order to reduce the charity's cash in the bank. Combined with the approved spend on the innovation awards this means that, as planned, the charity's reserves reduced to a more reasonable level (equivalent to approximately 3 years of operation)

For 2014 the membership fees have been fixed at sustainable level to ensure the annual accounts will break-even or show a small deficit.

Full accounts available from CMU Secretariat on request.

Independent Examiner of accounts:

Mr Sam Corcoran MA (Oxon), FCA, CTA fellow

Achilles Accountancy Ltd

Honorary Treasurer: Miss Alice Davidson OBE

Secretariat Service: provided by Enkindle consulting Ltd



Fr Bernard Fox MHM in Cameroon



Sr. Gaudencia MMS in Kenya



Fr Tom Ryan SMA in Liberia with Fr Garry Jenkins SMA



Sr Noel FMSJ returned missionary work in Rochdale



Ssps sisters in East Timor



Sr Maria Jose CMS in Equador

Lay mission for the 21st Century

In 2013 the CMU had a lively 'round table' discussion in Liverpool about how lay mission can develop in this country (hosted by VMM, thank you) and we will continue that conversation. The CMU has had the Volunteer Mission Movement (VMM) as a member for several years and they are approved by the bishops for the current parish mission appeals rota.

However, other Lay missionary groups are welcome to join the CMU providing they can demonstrate their participation in the missionary work of the Catholic Church around the world and a base in England & Wales. In 2014 we are expecting memberships and renewals from: Viatores Christi, Jesuit Missions and Network for a Better World as members.



Lay missionary, (VMM) Racheal Kavanagh from Devon

Mission is alive... in 2013-2014

Orientation Course for Overseas Pastoral Workers -

since 2011 Richard Owens has been facilitating a course to help people understand better the context of their ministry here in the UK - a vital opportunity for an honest sharing of their fears and hopes.



The next programme runs:

Dec 2014 or April 2015 (or by special arrangement)

and is open to religious sisters, lay missionaries, religious priests and diocesan clergy.

from experience we find this course works for both newly arrived **and** people who have arrived within the last 12-16 months - as it is about personal development and not the basic initial localised induction which is proper for the community to provide.

For bookings and enquiries

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Covering issues including:

- Culture shock
- team dynamics
- models of church
- safer boundaries - making friends
- healthy living and the health system
- personal communication styles
- modern society
- constitution & law
- expressions, language & humour
- calling to overseas mission
- women's issues
- models of communication
- history
- food and manners
- societal expectations & structures
- pastoral differences
- money, inequality and economy
- addictions

Guest speakers in the past have included: Fr Brendan Rice, Fr Rob Morland SMA, Jean Washbourne, Msgr Vincent Harvey, Fr John Heneghan, Alice Davidson OBE, Sue Gravells, Suzi Jaques, Sr Kathryn Summerfield RSJ a diocesan safeguarding professional and Richard Owens