



Annual Report
of the
Irish Council of Churches
for the
year ending December 31
1990

ANNUAL REPORT

for the year ending December 31, 1990

Introduction by the General Secretary

I write at the end of what has been a year of international upheaval – and particularly in Central and Eastern Europe where winds of change continue to sweep through political structures. For Churches in Europe the burden has been heavy and it is good to see that Irish Christians have been ready to identify with the struggle and to offer much in the way of practical assistance.

Irish Council of Churches links worldwide are strong, especially through the Conference of European Churches and the Middle East Council of Churches. This has enabled us to stand alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ in some of the world's most troubled regions. Even as 1990 ends we face the awful menace of turmoil in the Gulf. Here again our Council has responded to appeals from Christians in the Middle East for policies which will promote "a climate of peace, instead of the prevailing dynamic of war".

In today's kind of world, where we are called to be neighbours, it is vital that this outreach should continue.

At home, too, Christians are responding to the partnership call and, as this Report indicates, both at home and overseas, the Churches in Ireland are increasingly engaged in pilgrimage together. As a Council we thank God for the opportunity to engage in such newness of outreach and for the faithful service of all those who witness on our behalf.

Officers

Mrs. C.M. Barkley and the Rt. Rev. B.D.A. Hannon became President and Vice-President respectively at the Annual Meeting in March. We express our thanks to the outgoing Chairman, the Rev. C.G. Eyre, for all the time and attention to the work of the Council during his term of office. (It was agreed at the Annual Meeting to change the designations of the Principal Officers of the Council to President and Vice-President and of the Boards to Moderator and Deputy Moderator).

General Secretaryship

The Rt. Hon. D.W. Bleakley has announced his intention to resign from his post following the AGM of 1992, in order to concentrate on international commitments. A job description and timetable for a new appointment has been drawn up by a sub-committee of the Executive.

Meetings

The Annual Meeting was held in March in Belfast. Mr. David Montgomery spoke about the WCC Conference of World Mission and Evangelism held at San Antonio, Texas, in May 1989 which he attended as a Council representative. The Autumn Council Gathering was held in Enniskillen when the Rev. Sean McDonagh spoke on the theme 'Stewardship of Creation'.

Co-options

The Rev. Canon R. Richey and the Rev. C.G. Eyre were co-opted to the Council.

The Churches' Council for Health and Healing

Following a resolution at the Annual Meeting, the Churches' Council for Health and Healing has been invited to send an observer to Council Meetings.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Advisory Forum on Human Rights

The Forum and the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace published their joint study of the Northern Ireland Prison system in June. Subsequently, a meeting was held with the minister responsible for Prisons and the Prison Controller to discuss the Report.

The Forum has embarked on a Study of the Rights of Victims.

Inter-Church Emergency Fund for Ireland

Mrs. N. Dodds replaced Mr. R. Moore as a member of the Committee during the year.

The following grants were agreed for 1990:

	£
Lisburn YMCA – towards second stage of renovation work	500
Bannagh Community Project – towards renovation of community hall	100
Moyola Community Youth Committee – towards equipment	220
Women's Information Drop-In Centre – towards costs of homework class	100
Cornerstone Community – towards repairs to house	2,500
Cathedral Community Services – towards equipping of new centre	2,000
Committee on the Administration of Justice – towards civil liberties handbook	750
Glencairn After-School Youth Club – towards deficit on summer scheme	90
Townpark South Tenants' Association – towards equipping portacabin	500
National Council of YMCAs in Ireland – towards canoes for Glen River National Centre	900
Alliance-Ardoyne Playscheme – towards deficit on 1990 playscheme	1,000
Children's Community Holidays – towards minibs	1,500

Between – towards heating system	2,500
Antrim YMCA – towards equipment	500
Irish Peace Museum – towards exhibition	250
Woodvale Support Group – towards cross-community activities	300
Laurencetown, Lenaderg and Tullylish Residents' Association – towards equipment for community house	400
Glenshane Community Development Ltd. – towards new enterprise centre	1,000
Oldpark Clifton Community Project – towards equipment for work with elderly	600
Drumalane Community Association – towards summer activities	100
Presbyterian Youth Board – towards costs of employing youth reconciliation officer	1,000
Inter-Cultural Conflict and Reconciliation Project Working Group – towards production of materials	500
Ballysally Community Association – towards deficit on summer scheme	500
Mill Diner Youth Project – towards equipment	400
Springhill Youth Action Group – towards summer programme	500
Urban Mission Trust – towards furnishing of community business centre	1,500
Upper Donegall Road Social and Reconciliation Committee – towards residentials	400
Peace and Reconciliation Group – towards minibus	1,000
Seagoe Youth Group – towards renovation work	1,000
Moyard/New Barnsley Play Project – towards swings	600
Kesh Development Association Charitable Trust – towards equipment and tools	750
Coa Community Association – towards renovating new community centre	250
Irish School of Ecumenics – towards work of the School	2,500
The following monies were designated by donors:	
From Methodist Relief and Development Fund:	
Peace and Reconciliation Group, Londonderry	1,250
Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme	1,250
From Swiss Inter-Church Aid:	
Corrymeela Community	667

Irish Ecumenical Church Loan Fund Committee:

Urban Mission Trust	£12,000 for 4 years at 7% – development of a community business centre
Braniel Joint Presbyterian/ Methodist Church	£5,000 for 3 years at 7% – further loan
Cottage Trust	£5,000 for 3 years at 7% – towards further renovation work
Seagoe Youth Group	£10,000 for 3 years at 7% – towards renovation work
Ulster People's College	£10,000 for 5 years at 7% – towards renovation to College

Peace Education Programme

There are many more demands on the Peace Education Programme and the Resources Centre because Education for Mutual Understanding is becoming a significant part of the curriculum in schools in Northern Ireland. Mr. N.L. Richardson has been involved in a series of Queen's University in-service courses for teachers responsible for EMU.

A module for secondary schools on the theme of Violence is currently being printed. An adult study guide, "What the Bible Says About the Environment", has been written by Maurice Wigham, a Quaker from the Republic, and is about to be printed.

The Council's Peace Education Officer has also been closely associated with a new programme for adult Christian Education on diakonal themes in association with the World Council of Churches and the Conference of European Churches.

Discussion regarding funding for the Programme took place with the Minister of Education in the Republic during the year.

Mr. John Lampen, Moderator of the Board, met the Minister with responsibility for education in Northern Ireland to discuss funding for Education for Mutual Understanding.

Philip D. Shipman has resigned from the Joint Peace Education Programme Committee and a new ICC appointment is pending.

Fair Employment

The following Resolution was agreed at the Annual Meeting: that "the Irish Council of Churches welcomes the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1989 and urges all employers to implement its provisions not only in letter but in spirit.

The Council supports its Member Churches in their view that:

- (1) fair employment and equality of opportunity are fundamental entitlements for all citizens;
- (2) in the secular field, appointments should be based solely on merit and not on the religious affiliation of applicants.

The Council supports measures (for example in advertising and training) intended to enhance equality of opportunity, but is opposed to any form of reverse discrimination.

When a Church or religious body is the employer, the Council believes that religious affiliation and commitment may be among the vital factors in determining the individual's suitability for certain posts.

The Council believes that provision of greater all-round job opportunity through investment, particularly in areas of high unemployment, is an essential ingredient in eradicating discrimination."

'Keeping Sunday Special'

The Board has been in correspondence with both the Northern Ireland MEPs and the Republic's Government on this subject.

Chaplaincy Scheme for Residential and Nursing Homes for the Elderly

The Board has been considering this matter following a Resolution at the Annual Meeting.

INTER-CHURCH AFFAIRS

Women's Church Organisations

The Annual Fellowship Day was held in Newry. The themes chosen for the day were: 'Who in the World Are We?' and 'What in the World Are We Doing?'. After a shared act of worship, the story of women in the world's history, and in today's world, was explored and illustrated. In an afternoon session, representatives of the organisations described their involvement in the world beyond their own membership, as Christian women.

Child in the Church Group

Another 'Walk through Holy Week' weekend for Sunday School teachers and children was held at Corrymeela. The Consultative Group on Ministry among Children which involves a wide range of denominations from throughout Britain and Ireland, had its meeting in Bangor from 27-29 November.

Youth Committee

1990 has been a year of change on the church youth scene. At an inter-church level the British Council of Churches Youth Unit followed its parent body into history. The Youth Committee was able to send a representative to the final meeting of the Youth Unit Reference Group on Iona, in March. There was some sadness at the demise of a body which had always encouraged us to keep a wider vision for inter-church youth work. Yet there was gratitude also, for the friendship and support received over the years from British colleagues and for the greatly valued contribution we in Ireland had been able to make to the Youth Unit's programme. The practical implications for our work of the new ecumenical structures and relationships remain to be worked out.

One of the last events to be organised by the B.C.C. Youth Unit was an exchange trip to China. Two young people from Ireland were part of the ecumenical group which travelled there in September.

Within Ireland there have been changes also. In terms of personnel, the Committee has lost some of its most faithful and long serving

members. There has been a re-organisation of youth work structures within some of our member churches. In Northern Ireland the creation of a new body for the co-ordination of inter-church youth work has been discussed, together with the possibility of obtaining government support for such work.

The Inter-Church Meeting's report on "Young People and the Church" has set a challenging agenda for all church youth work in Ireland. The Committee were gratified to note that a number of the report's recommendations concurred exactly with its own suggestions regarding the development of inter-church youth work. Once again, it remains to be seen how all these developments will affect the future role and work of the Committee. As a practical contribution towards the development of inter-church youth activity, the Committee has been developing a one year "youth encounter" scheme. This scheme is based on a series of residential weekends for an ecumenical, all-Ireland group of young people. An International Summer Camp is also planned for August 1991.

Involvement has continued in our larger European body, the Ecumenical Youth Council for Europe. At Easter, a group of ten young people attended the Fifth European Ecumenical Youth Conference held at Plön in what was then West Germany. Through the channel of EYCE, Nigel Kirkpatrick from Belleek took part in an eight month internship programme with the Christian Council of Asia.

During August the Committee hosted a European ecumenical group for a two week visit, based in Belfast and Dublin. In October two delegates attended the General Meeting of EYCE in Finland, where they discovered that the changing face of Europe is creating considerable change in that organisation also.

The busy programme of the Youth Committee is only possible through the committed service of its members. As 1990 has been a year of some changes, it is fitting to record the Committee's deep appreciation of the contributions made over the years by individuals and organisations who are "no longer with us", for one reason or another.

As new developments arise and changes continue, the Committee looks forward with some degree of uncertainty but also with anticipation and hope.

Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland

The British Council of Churches was replaced by the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland at the beginning of September. The Council passed the following Resolution at the Annual Meeting in regard to the Council's relationship to the new body:

“the Council agrees to establish a relationship between the Irish Council of Churches and the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland under its new Constitution as the legal successor to the British Council of Churches on the understanding that this be without prejudice to the future relationship between the Irish Council of Churches, the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland and the Irish Inter-Church Meeting.”

The Board discussed during the year the implications of the decisions made by the Irish Churches with regard to the new Council. It has also been discussing more generally the difficulties facing ecumenical progress in Ireland and the future role of the Council and its relationship with its member Churches. The Board is currently engaged in a consideration of the future of ecumenism in Ireland.

Irish Ecumenical News

Three editions were produced during the year. Mr. N.L. Richardson continues to be acting editor; he is also responsible for press liaison for the Council.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The joint ICC/RC sub-committee produced an eleventh Irish Order of Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Relations with the Irish Inter-Church Meeting

The following resolution was passed at the Annual Meeting:

“This meeting of the Irish Council of Churches recognises the development of the Irish Inter-Church Meeting and the supporting Irish Inter-Church Committee; directs the Executive Committee to explore actively ways in which the ICC can facilitate more effective co-operation of the member Churches in the Irish Inter-Church Meeting, especially in the areas covered by the ICC Boards of Community and Overseas Affairs.”

Irish Inter-Church Meeting

An Irish Inter-Church Meeting was held in November when the theme was ‘The Church in Urban Society’.

Five meetings of the Irish Inter-Church Committee were held during the year. Regional meetings are being planned for Newry and Cork.

Department of Social Issues

The Working Parties on ‘Young People and the Church’ and ‘The Challenge of the Urban Situation in Ireland Today’ produced their Reports during the year. Follow-up possibilities are being explored. A Working Party on ‘Sectarianism’ under the co-Chairmanship of

Mrs. Mary McAleese and Mr. John Lampen is in the process of being set up and will commence work in the New Year. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Dean F. McLarnon resigned during the year as co-Chairman of the Department; he was replaced by the Rev. G. Clifford.

Department of Theological Issues

Joint Biblical Study Notes are to be published with the support and encouragement of the National Bible Society of Ireland in October 1991 in time for advent. Joint studies on 'The Understanding of Salvation and Grace', 'Christian Decision Making' and 'Ecumenical Principles' continue. The Department is also co-operating with the Christian Education Movement in the production of suitable material for joint services for use in schools and youth groups. The study into 'The Theological Implications of the Report "Marriage and the Family in Ireland Today"' was approved and returned to the Department with directions that a special group be organised to look into the problem areas identified in the study. Various documents and studies forwarded from ecumenical bodies outside Ireland have been reviewed, and whenever possible reviews prepared in a form which made them suitable for distribution to denominational publications.

OVERSEAS AFFAIRS

World Mission Committee

During the year, new Guidelines have been drawn up, after full discussion, for the work of the World Mission Committee. It has been decided to retain this Committee, in order to foster relationships with the Irish Missionary Union and with the different 'inter-denominational' evangelical missionary Societies, and also to focus the attention of the Board of Overseas Affairs from time to time on the whole question of World Mission.

The Rev. Leslie Wallace, of the Methodist Missionary Society, has succeeded the Rev. Dr. D.M. Kennedy as the Moderator of the World Mission Committee.

Ireland/Middle East/South Africa

The combined Consultation on the theme 'Religion in Situations of Conflict: its Uses and Misuses' took place in Cyprus at the end of April. Eleven people attended from Northern Ireland. A follow-up weekend for the Northern Irish participants and those interested in the role of religion in conflict situations was held at Corrymeela in October.

Irish Churches' Delegation Visit to Israel and Palestine

The idea of a delegation from the Churches in Ireland to Palestine and Israel in October 1991 is currently being explored.

Middle East Crisis

A Press Statement and Prayer were circulated.

Visitors

During the year the Board was involved with visits to Ireland of the Rev. Dass Babu, Director of Communications of the Church of South India, Dr. Jaroslav Ondra of the Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, and the Rev. Harold Fernando from the Methodist Church in Sri Lanka.

Christian Aid Ireland

Income for the year ending 31st March 1990 totalled £511,762.79 plus IR£280,404.89.

There were many special appeals throughout the year, those for Cambodia and Ethiopia being the largest. Grants were also received from the Irish Government and various Third World funds in the Republic of Ireland. Christian Aid is indebted to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Christmas Appeal and the Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for grants to selected projects, and to the Methodist World Development and Relief Fund for unearmarked grants. Since March 1990 there have been special appeals for Bangladesh, Iran, The Gulf and Cambodia in addition to the usual Harvest and Christmas Appeals. In many cases Christian Aid is able to use the valuable church networks to ensure money raised for disaster situations is spent effectively. However, Christian Aid's main purpose is still to encourage development work which will change people's lives for the better and it is important that the welter of special appeals does not distract from this aim.

Christian Aid which was a department of the British Council of Churches until the BCC was reformed into CCBI in August 1990, has established a new relationship with the Churches. It is encouraging that all the ICC member Churches have agreed to become 'sponsoring Churches'. This means that they will have a direct say in the affairs of Christian Aid and will receive reports directly from Christian Aid. One immediate result of these changes is that there are now three Irish people on Christian Aid's Board. These are the Rev. Dr. Dick Gordon who was appointed as the ICC nominated representative for a further three year period, Mrs. Gillian Kingston who has been reappointed for a further term and Bishop Roy Warke of Cork who has joined the Board recently. After a consultative meeting of Church representatives in April, an Irish National Committee which will function as a sub-committee of Christian Aid's Board, has been set up. This committee includes two representatives of each of the Irish sponsoring Churches and will be able to co-opt up to eight other individuals. The ICC's representative for a two year period is the President, it has met once,

in November, appointing Mrs. Gillian Kingston as Chair, and it is hoped that it will have a practical role in developing Christian Aid's work in Ireland. Particular thought is being given to the best way forward for the work in the Republic of Ireland.

Christian Aid has also been involved in a Corporate Planning exercise for the next five years setting out priorities and plans so that effective use may be made of our limited resources.

During the year visitors from various places came to Ireland and plans were laid for a two week visit to Ireland in March 91 by Mr. Constantine Dabbagh of the Near East Council of Churches. Mr Dabbagh works in Gaza. These visits are part of the ongoing educational work which is undertaken in order that people in Ireland may have a deeper understanding of the issues involved. Partners overseas see this as an important aspect of Christian Aid's work.

In January Ms Maureen Eastwood travelled to South Africa and Namibia, gaining many insights into the developing situation there. She was accompanied by Mr. Pat Comerford, International Editor of the *Irish Times*, who wrote extensively about South Africa on his return.

During the year there has been a continuing effort in Northern Ireland to recruit Link People in local congregations so that Christian Aid literature can be effectively circulated to those who may use it. Young people and youth groups have been encouraged to enlist in the Changemakers Scheme and Sixth Form Conferences have been held in Corrymeela. Five young adults are planning a learning visit to the Philippines in January 1991 and will be available to speak to youth groups on their return. A reciprocal visit of Filipino youth is anticipated.

Christian Aid has played its part in encouraging interest groups such as the Cambodia Support Group in Northern Ireland and al Sadaqa, the Irish Palestinian Support Group. These groups have sometimes encouraged people to write to MPs, TDs and Government urging a more just attitude towards the world's poor. In preparation for a major campaign on World Debt in 1991 a conference was organised in the Republic in conjunction with Pax Christi and Trocaire. In 1992 special thought will be given to links between Europe and Central and Latin America on the 500th Anniversary of Columbus.

Christian Aid has continued to give grants to support development education work in various parts of Ireland, these being allocated by a special committee under the chairmanship of Mrs Hilary Sloan.

BRITISH COUNCIL OF CHURCHES/COUNCIL OF CHURCHES FOR BRITAIN AND IRELAND

A meeting of the BCC/ICC Consultation Group took place in Rostrevor in January. With the demise of the BCC the future of the consultative machinery is uncertain.

The Division of Community Affairs of the BCC held its last meeting in Bangor in February.

The Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland came into existence in September; Mr. N.L. Richardson was involved in the preparation of the worship for the inaugural Service. Bishop J. Neill of Tuam is one of the six Presidents of the new Council.

EUROPEAN ECUMENICAL COMMISSION FOR CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The Rev. T. Kingston attended the Annual Assembly of the Commission in Brussels in June.

CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN CHURCHES

The General Secretary attended a Consultation organised by CEC for Secretaries of National Council of Churches in October.

A visit of the joint CEC/CCEE (Council of European Episcopal Conferences) committee took place in Northern Ireland from 1-4 February. It included a public meeting in Fitzroy Presbyterian Church.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Dr. Emilio Castro, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, visited Belfast from 18-19 October. Mr. N.L. Richardson took part in a WCC visit to Sri Lanka in November. He was also involved in the production of adult Christian education material for a WCC-CICARWS project on education for diakona in Europe.

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE 1990

General

1. **'The Irish Council of Churches: 1923-1983'** by the Rev. Prof. J.M. Barkley, Price 80pstg. plus postage.
This pamphlet was produced to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Council. It gives a concise account of its origins and work.

2. Advisory Forum on Human Rights:

'Northern Ireland Prisons' (1990) – prepared by a joint ICC/Irish Commission for Justice and Peace study group, Price £1.50stg. plus postage.

'An Ageing Population: Challenges and Opportunities' (1989), price £1stg. plus postage.

'Health Care in Ireland' (1986), a study dealing with the issues relating to the right to health care in Ireland, price £1stg. plus postage.

'Response to the Report of the Committee of Inquiry into the Penal System', prepared by a joint ICC/Irish Commission for Justice and Peace/Council for Social Welfare Working Party (1986), price £1stg. plus postage.

'A Study in Privacy', a study with special reference to computers, technical surveillance and the media (1984), price £1stg. plus postage.

3. Peace Education Materials:

- (a) **'Free to Be'** – a programme of peace studies for children aged 8-12 years, prepared jointly by ICC and the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace. Sample pack £4stg. plus 75p postage and packing.

- (b) **'Looking at Churches and Worship in Ireland'** - a programme prepared jointly by the ICC and the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace to help children in the 10 + to 12 + age group appreciate the various religious traditions in Ireland. Information available on request.

- (c) Titles in the 'What the Bible says about...' adult Study Guide series:

'What the Bible says about Peace' 30pstg. plus postage

'What the Bible says about Violence' 30pstg. plus postage

'What the Bible says about Justice' 30pstg. plus postage

'What the Bible says about Reconciliation' 30pstg. plus postage

'What the Bible says about Poverty' 35pstg. plus postage

'What the Bible says about the Environment' 40pstg. plus postage

- (d) **Secondary School Peace Education Modules -**

Peace Maker

Now available

Power to Hurt (Violence)

Available soon

- (e) A Peace Education Resources Centre Catalogue – available on request.

- (f) Videos: Viewpoint on Being Roman Catholic, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian, Methodist, price for schools £16stg. each plus postage.

4. Irish Inter-Church Meeting

- (a) **Department of Social Issues:**

'Young people and the Church' (1990), price £1.50stg. plus postage

'The Challenge of the City' (1990), price £1.50stg. plus postage

'The Churches and the Technological Age' (1986), price £1.25stg. plus postage

'Leisure in Ireland - a report to the Churches' (1982), price 80pstg. plus postage

'Environmental Problems in Ireland' (1980), price 80pstg. plus postage

'Violence in Ireland' (1976), price £1stg. plus postage

(b) **Department of Theology:** Bible Study Notes on St. Luke's Gospel and Advent, prepared by the Department, price £1stg. plus postage
Notes on St. John's Gospel, The Psalms and the Acts of the Apostles, produced by the Working Party on Church, Scripture and Authority, are also available.

(c) Reports of the Working Parties of the Inter-Church Meeting until 1987, price £3.50stg. plus postage.

5. Inter-Church Activity

(a) A list of local inter-Church groups, councils, etc. price 50pstg. plus postage

(b) **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – an order of worship prepared by a committee of representatives of the Irish Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church, available November.

(c) **Irish Ecumenical News** – 3 issues per year, price £1stg. or £1IR including postage.

(d) **'Christian Nurture – resources for Family Life'** prepared by Rev. H. McKelvey for the ICC Child in the Church Group, price £1stg. plus postage.

6. Visit to Soviet Union:

'These Three Remain: Love, Faith and Hope in the Soviet Union' – A Report on the Irish Churches' Delegation to the Soviet Union, August 1987, price £2.50stg. plus postage.

7. ICC Annual Report – available at cost of postage.

8. Development Education:

'Development Education; Practice and Possibilities in Irish Education' produced by the Joint Development Education Supervisory Committee of the Irish Commission for Justice and Peace and the ICC, and written by Sylvia Diamond, O.P., price £2.50stg. plus postage.

9. **'Briefing Paper on Ireland'**, includes information on the Churches in Ireland, price 50pstg. plus postage.

All available from:

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