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Together, Growing God's World Church

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Our People

WORLD CHURCH CONNECTIONS

- Methodist Church Ghana (Linked with MCI NE District)
- Methodist Church Togo (Linked with MCI Southern District)
- United Methodist Church in Poland (Linked with MCI NW District)
- Methodist Church Upper Myanmar
- Methodist Church in Haiti
- Methodist Church in Britain
- Methodist Church of Chile

MISSION PARTNERS

- Jonathan and Isabel Hill (Zimbabwe)
- Gina Siatwinda-Oliver (Zambia) with Malcolm Oliver as accompanying volunteer
- Keith and Ida Waddell (Zambia)
- Hans and Mary Van den Corput (Nigeria)
- Michael and Joanna Tettey (Togo)
- Claire Smithson (Kenya)
- Wendy Kilworth-Mason (Sri Lanka)
- Rachel and Sylvester Deigh (Sierra Leone)
- Angleena Keizer (Palestine/Israel)
- Sheila Norris (Japan)
- Barry and Gillian Sloan (Germany)
- Daniel and Grace Pratt Morris-Chapman (Italy)
- Fiona Kendall (Italy)
- Matthew Laferty (Italy)
- Melissa Newell (Ecuador)

MISSION ASSOCIATES

- James & Hazel Farmer and family (Southeast Asia with Logos Ministries International)
- Stephen McCann (with 24-7 Ibiza)

COMMITTEE

- Laurence Graham (General Secretary)
- Sahr Yambasu (Ministerial Treasurer)
- Ian Patterson (Lay Treasurer)
- Nicky Algie (Secretary)
- Janet Unsworth
- William Carson
- Pat Jamison
- Oliver Hetherington
- Judith Weir

DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

- Lorna Kingston (Southern District)
- Judith Weir (NE District)
- NW District tbc

STAFF

- Tim Dunwoody (World Mission Officer)
- Laura Kerr (Admin. & Communications)

Together, Growing God's World Church



God's absolute desire is that every person everywhere would have the opportunity of meeting Him personally. What incredible news; yet many have not heard that offer.

Jesus' main instruction to His followers before He ascended was that they were to tell that news. That is the Church's task and Methodists have been telling people about Jesus for centuries. As a result, our global Methodist family is a growing one. Are we in Ireland still up for the challenge of telling everyone about Christ?

World Mission Partnership helps us:

- Share what we have with the world church for mission.
- Receive what we need from the world church for mission.

So, will you help:

- by giving what you can so that we can pass it on?
- by allowing the passion, energy and commitment of fellow Christians in other places to re-ignite us in mission here?



by Rev. Dr. Laurence Graham
General Secretary for WMP

Pictured: with Bolivian Methodists



Scripture in their own language

Through WMP, Irish Methodists support the Bible Society Northern Ireland in their mission to reach everyone with God's word in a language and format they can access.

Catherine Little, General Secretary of the Bible Society Northern Ireland, shares an update on the two projects we are currently supporting:

- Bible distribution in Cuba and
- Bible translation in Portugal.



"Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the way the Bible Commission in Cuba has carried out their work. The team have developed new methods of communications with church leaders and individuals. They have facilitated online workshops to improve Bible engagement and continued with Bible distribution with enhanced safety measures in place. Bibles have been distributed in hospitals as a way of showing care to those who have cared for others throughout the pandemic.

The political situation in Cuba remains tense following anti-government protests in summer 2021. The Bible Commission continue to work despite these challenges.

In Portugal, work on the Almeida Translation revision has continued. The Almeida is the most loved and oldest Bible Translation in Portugal. The last revision was in 1898 and so the language used is outdated. This revision will bring the Almeida Bible to new generations in Portugal, and also Africa and South America where many millions of people speak Portuguese.

In 2021, the Bible Society in Portugal completed the Synoptic Gospels as well as the pilot texts of Jonah and Galatians. Imagine the privilege and responsibility of working on the revision of the Bible for a new generation.

We are so grateful to Irish Methodists for the support."

Melissa Newell

NEW MISSION PARTNER ECUADOR

"I am from Dungannon Methodist Church but have just started my mission partner service with the Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Unida del Ecuador (IEMUE)/ United Evangelical Methodist Church in Ecuador. I'm based in Santo Domingo de los Colorados with time split between teaching and working with the local church – focused on working with youth groups, training young leaders and developing discipleship in the church.

I had been working as a teacher in Ireland and was active in my local church but had a call on my heart which didn't allow me to settle. It involved a lot of prayer and discernment. During my recent training, each of the new mission partners identified an almost indescribable, but completely irresistible, call to the place we were being sent. This has been reassuring and inspiring.

Going as a mission partner is not so much about 'us going to them' as it is about the 'whole world going to the whole world'. All Christians can be active participants in mission, at home or away. For me,

it has been about following the call of God, the same God who called Abraham from his home and told him to go to the land he would show him. It is ultimately God who sends.

I hope to work alongside the church in discipleship formation and help young people and young adults explore and deepen their faith and embark upon a lifelong journey of discipleship. We are starting in one church and hope to expand to other churches. I think there is blessing in knowing that you are in God's will. Anything else I experience will be an added blessing.

I would ask you for prayers. I am sending regular updates, especially on social media. There have not been many links between the Methodist churches in Ireland and South America so it would also be great if you can learn about this exciting place as I go on this journey. Hopefully by me being in Ecuador, this can help those in MCI connect as well."



TOGETHER, GROWING GOD'S CHURCH WORLD



OUR MISSION PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES HAVE RESPONDED TO GOD'S CALL TO GO AND SERVE WITH THE WORLD CHURCH. WE ASKED THEM WHAT GOD'S CALL TO 'GO INTO ALL THE WORLD' MEANS TO THEM...



Barry & Gillian Sloan
MISSION PARTNERS
GERMANY

"During the Covid-19 lockdown, we started a YouTube channel called 'Irish Pilgrims', to share about life and work here in Germany. As well as staying in touch with family, friends and church back home in Ireland, it's also an attempt to reach a wider audience, including those who might not normally be interested in church or faith. Our YouTube channel was a new way to "Go into all the world". We want to share about our life in Germany but, because Jesus is such a part of our life, we also share about our faith. We are excited to see how the channel develops, as we journey with friends and strangers."

James & Hazel Farmer & Family
MISSION ASSOCIATES
SOUTHEAST ASIA

"Go into all the world' reminds us that there are still major people groups among the nations where there remains little or no encounter with the gospel. The necessity to 'go' to such places to reach these peoples remains a great and unfulfilled commission for the church."



Stephen McCann
MISSION ASSOCIATE, IBIZA

"Go into all the world' means being available and showing God's love and kindness to all those we meet and trusting that, through this kindness, people will see God and meet with him. It affirms the Methodist tradition that all can be saved and so we should provide everyone with the opportunity to get to know God."

Learning Together with the world church

A LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

One of World Mission Partnership's aims is to enable Irish Methodists to learn with and from others in God's world church. Imagine reading God's Word and discovering a different perspective from a Christian in another culture. Think what it would be like to discuss the Bible, knowing that the study had been prepared on another continent.

New world church Bible studies have been prepared for the Lent period this year.

There are contributions from Methodists in Poland, Ghana, Togo and Ireland. The series, with its simple format, can be downloaded from the World Mission Partnership website with each of the seven sessions containing a reading, prayers, commentary and discussion questions. There is also the option to watch the commentary as a video made by the author. All are designed to help us apply God's Word in a practical way.

'LEARNING TOGETHER with the world church' is an opportunity to reflect upon God's word, acknowledging that we can learn much from and with our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. The wonderful thing is that the same material will be used by Methodists in our sister churches too. Join us.

Visit our website for more information.

Churches Growing Together

MALAYSIA

The World Mission Fund of the Methodist Churches in Britain and Ireland is helping the Methodist Church in Malaysia (MCM) support migrant workers from Myanmar. As well as practical help, they provide pastoral care and opportunities for worship. Methodist Church Upper Myanmar provides a minister and MCM provides accommodation and pastoral support.

MOZAMBIQUE



The Methodist Church in Zimbabwe has seconded a minister, Rev. Mutangamhazha, to the Chimoio Circuit of the Methodist Church in Mozambique. This has been sponsored by the Methodist Churches of Britain and Ireland. A church has been built and a house (pictured) for a visually impaired couple. The Methodist Church Southern Africa has also given support.

POLAND

Once a small inactive congregation, God's Love United Methodist Church in Poland is now an "open and cooperative church that supports its members and those in need". Rev. Dariusz Zuber (pictured) says renewal has meant "working with others and proclaiming the Kingdom of God" through concerts, university courses, film discussions, social action and more. The congregation is made up of "committed, open-minded parishioners who help shape our community".

GERMANY

The United Methodist Church in Germany is planting 5 new churches in south Germany. The national church saw the opportunity that new plants present and asked its church planting committee to research where they should happen; to be modelled on previous successful plants.





Standing Together

WITH MYANMAR

The military coup in 2021 reminded many of the previous 50 year period of military dictatorship in Myanmar (then Burma), only recently ended. Then, MCUM was restricted and foreign missionaries expelled. This time, many people, including Methodists, have had to flee into the jungle to avoid the violence. This has been compounded by the COVID pandemic. Over one thousand Methodists have been infected with 56 deaths, including 4 ministers. In a small church, this is significant. Tahan Methodist Hospital has also been under huge strain. MCUM President, Rev. Kok Thang has led with wisdom and strength.

Members have fallen into poverty due to job loss and displacement. Previously, MCUM had funds to support the vulnerable but churches being closed during lockdowns has reduced congregational income, making such social support

impossible. WMP has brought prayer needs before Irish Methodists and Rev. Kok has said, "We are courageous by your prayers".

Despite hardships, the church remains committed to mission; sending indigenous missionaries and planting new churches. A new Methodist District, Kanpetlet, is being helped by WMP to implement an income-generating programme so that the employees and mission of the church can be supported. WMP grants have also enabled lay leader training and supported work at Tahan Methodist Hospital.

When a member of your family needs help, you help. Thank you for your prayers, concern and giving.

Left: MCUM has provided PPE, sanitising kits and even bottled oxygen amongst the communities



Join with God's Mission

Through World Mission Partnership, the Methodist Church in Ireland is joining with its global family to grow the world church and share God's love. Each of us is called to be part of this global mission. Here are ways you can get involved. If you have any questions or ideas, please contact the office or visit the website.

Right: JMA resource



PRAY

Sign up to receive bimonthly prayer requests from those serving overseas and/or monthly Prayers of Solidarity for our global family.

GIVE

Donate online, set up a standing order, or send a cheque payable to 'World Mission Partnership'.

LEARN

About MCI's world church connections and how, together, we're growing God's world church.

JMA (Junior Mission for All)

Use our annual resource in your local church to help engage children in God's global mission. JMA can be used with any children's organisation.

CONTAINER MINISTRY

Visit the website for updates and requests.

GO

Check out our website for updates and future opportunities.



How to Give (UK)

MONTHLY DONATION: STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Complete all 8 boxes marked *

To:	* Your bank name:	Branch Address:	* Your bank address:
Please pay:	AIB	Branch: University Road, Belfast	SC: 93-84-24
For the credit of:	World Mission Partnership		Acc no: 22382013
The sum of:	* Amount in figures	* Amount in words	
Commencing:	*	Frequency: Monthly	Date of last payment: *
Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary above.			
Name of account to be debited:	*	Acc no:	*

For Gift Aid and Standing Orders, all the details below **MUST** be completed:

Title:	Name(s):
Signature(s):	Date:
Address:	Postcode:
Telephone:	Email:



BOOST YOUR DONATION BY 25P FOR EVERY £1 AT NO COST TO YOURSELF.

I want to gift aid my donation of £ _____ per month & any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years.

Name of charity: Irish Methodist World Mission Partnership (of the Methodist Church in Ireland)

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

When completed, return form to:

Mr Ian Patterson, WMP Treasurer, 9 Meadow Dale, Newtownabbey, BT37 OUT.

For Standing orders, a copy will be kept and the original forwarded to your bank. **Queries:** +4428 90767969 or worldmission@irishmethodist.org

Bank Transfer: see above
Charity reference number:
XN69890

How to Give (Republic of Ireland)

MONTHLY DONATION: STANDING ORDER MANDATE

Complete all 9 boxes marked *

To: * Your bank name: Branch Address: * Your bank address:

Please pay: AIB Branch: Ballsbridge, Dublin 4 SC: 93-12-68

For the credit of: World Mission Partnership Acc no: 11345-009

The sum of: * Amount in figures * Amount in words

Commencing: * Frequency: Monthly Date of last payment: *

Please cancel any previous Standing Order in favour of the beneficiary above.

Name of account to be debited: * Acc no: * IBAN: *

For Tax Reclaim and Standing Orders, all the details below MUST be completed:

Title: Name(s):

Signature(s): Date:

Address: Postcode:

Telephone: Email:

Please tick this box if you would like to receive our bimonthly newsletter via email.

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If you pay income tax in the Republic of Ireland and donate more than €250 in a tax year to the Methodist Church in Ireland and its departments, then the Methodist Church in Ireland (Irish Methodist World Mission Partnership) could claim tax relief on your donation and boost the value of your gift without it costing you a cent.

I wish tax to be reclaimed on my regular giving of € _____ per month (standing order).

Signature(s): Date:

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Bank transfer details:

Swift/BIC: AIBKIE2D
IBAN: IE63 AIBK 9312 6811 3450 09
Charity Tax Reference: CHY253

Your Support of Growing God's World Church in 2020

	STERLING			EURO		
	CIRCUIT	JMA		CIRCUIT	JMA	
Southern District	£78.36			€34,457.89	€1,126.12	
Western District	£24,750.69	£1,698.53		€1,372.65		
North Eastern District	£33,643.21	£19,387.38				
MWI			£37,498.31			€3,021.75
Dividends & Trust			£60,156.68			
Other			£17,688.44			€15,681.91
Total:			£194,901.60	Total:		€55,660.32

The Methodist Church has always carried the gospel beyond borders. By giving to World Mission Partnership, you support evangelism, discipleship, church planting and Bible translation and distribution.

Examples of support given in past 12 months:

- Methodist Church of Chile: outreach amongst vulnerable migrants
- Methodist Church in Haiti: lay leader training
- Methodist Church Togo: leadership training
- Methodist Church Sierra Leone: transport for church mission
- Methodist Church Upper Myanmar: leadership training

WMP avoided major impact on income in 2020 (the reported period) but we predict a significant drop in the 2021 due to the pandemic. Prior to Covid-19, Irish Methodists, on average, were giving just £12 / €14 per year to world mission.

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The Methodist Church in Ireland asks us to seriously consider our giving to

World Mission Partnership so the unreached can hear Christ's gospel and more indigenous churches can become self-supporting.

DONATIONS

Cheques payable to 'World Mission Partnership'

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Our Mission:

Enabling Methodist people in Ireland, and friends, to join with partners around the world to proclaim Christ's love and offer of salvation & to promote church growth. We do this by giving and receiving, teaching and learning, praying and being prayed for and serving and being served.



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