

## **Diocesan President report on behalf of the Trustees for 2021**

Following the effects of the Covid Pandemic and the necessity to make our administrator redundant we were pleased that we had begun the year financial stable with a reasonable balance in the bank.

However very few branches were holding meetings and many Trustees who were in their 6<sup>th</sup> year of serving were feeling the strain. We continued to Zoom meetings with members joining from across the Diocese. We had four Cluster and Trustee meetings zoomed over the year

1. Outreach and how we could continue to serve. The women's Refuges were still not taking items for their homes, the students were not holding their normal tea sessions where MU members provided food and a chance to talk if required. Members did however continue to knit for the Baby's Basket Charity which continued to operate throughout the pandemic although maternity hospitals could not receive gifts.
2. The opportunity to pay subs by Direct Debit was open to all members
3. The chance to nominate a new team of Diocesan President and Trustees for the next Trienium was organized and supervised.
4. Ideas on how they could reach out to MU members across the world whose suffering was worse than our own were discussed and funds raised by various means.

Members from our Cluster Dioceses Ely, Norfolk, Peterborough and Lincoln met by Zoom on 4 occasions giving each other support and ideas for the future. The newly appointed DP's were able to join the last of these meetings.

Clusters and Branches were involved in reaching out to their members and local communities by zoom and face to face meetings in churches, gardens and halls observing social distancing when needed.

With Churches opening for Easter Services again members helped the clergy in any way they could to prepare, support and set the churches up with sanitizing seating, hands etc.

Summer Council was arranged for St Peter at Gowt, Lincoln but was cancelled when it was deemed unsafe to meet following the current outbreaks of a new variant; this was again a zoomed AGM following the directions and advise given at the time.

The main High Leigh conference for MSH staff and Diocesan Presidents from across the UK was also cancelled for a second year and changed to a zoom service on the Monday and three consecutive meetings on the following day.

We were also having zoom meetings with the staff at MSH to cover specific items such as Managing the Direct Debit payments, managing finance and budgets, the Clewer Initiative & County Lines, Prison updates all of which were attended by one or two representatives from LDMU.

July 17<sup>th</sup> saw the first Diocesan face to face meeting held in Bourne Abbey church with the Bishop of Grantham officiating. The Diocesan banner was brought down from Lincoln and displayed along with a few branch banners. There was no procession, all wore masks, we followed the hymns but no singing. However it was a sunny day, refreshments were served from the great west door and there were representatives from across the Diocese. It was such a relief to be back together again.

We had permission to keep the Banner until our Commissioning service in Lincoln St Peter at Gowt on 1<sup>st</sup> November when a good number of members came to see their new DP, new Chaplain and new Trustees installed by Bishop Nicholas for the next Trienium 2022-24. The banner had, in the intervening months been carefully stored and taken to MU church services in Horncastle, Immingham, and Cherry Willingham. Following the Commissioning service, it was returned to the Cathedral.

We have lost members, some branches never got back together but some have new members who have joined. Our current membership is just over 500 and we look forward to a more normal year in 2022.

# Lincoln Diocesan Mother Union

## Treasurer's Report for the Accounts 2021

20 Mar 2021

### 1. Financial Review

- a. For the second year running we are seeing a profit for the year-end accounts equating to £7081, which is an increase from the previous year of £5498. However, we need to review the Income and Expense accounts for receipts and payments that we would not normally process as shown below.
- b. The Balance Sheet is now showing the funds from the CBF LDMU Investment account. This was normally accounted for in the Wright, Lilley & Co financial report. However, as we have dispensed with this report, I have added this to our accounting figures to reflect a true value of the LDMU.
- c. From the previous report as advised, £7000 was paid into the CBF Investment account, which should see an increase in the quarterly investment income returns on the CBF LDMU Deposit account.

### 2. Income

- a. The true figure for income can only be reflected by removing the funds received from the Branch closures, CBF AFIA Fund and the Gift Aid Rebate overpayment. This provides us with a value of £25,151
- b. We are still seeing a continual reduction in the overall subscription income which is down by £1367 on the previous year to £14,530

### 3. Expense

- a. As we have taken into account the additional income, we also have to remove the additional expenses that we would not normally see. The 'Account Closure' of £2312 of the CBF LDMU AFIA Fund and the Gift Aid refund of £886, our total expenses for the year equates to £19,204. This then provides us with our true profit for the year (Income £25,151 – expenses £19,204) equalling £5947.

4. So that we can review our profit and loss correctly, we also have to remove the income for the previous year that would not normally be received.

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Income	£27,184	£29,486
Less Branch Closures	£ 347	<u>£ 2,020</u>
Account Closure		<u>£ 2,313</u>
Total	<b>£26,837</b>	<b>£25,151</b>
Less		
Expenses	£21,685	£22,404
Account Closure		£ 2,313
Gift Aid Refund		<u>£ 886</u>
Total	<b>£21,685</b>	<b>£19,204</b>
Gross Profit	<b>£ 5,151</b>	<b>£ 5,947</b>

5. Currently we have a healthy bank balance of £6898 for the year-end. I would suggest a further payment to the CBF Investment fund of £2,000, which will again increase our quarterly investment rebates received throughout the year. Should we encounter a shortfall in funds a withdrawal from the CBF Deposit account can be made as required.



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**Treasurer's Report for the Accounts 2021**

Annexes:

- A. LDMU – Profit and Loss Report 2021
- B. LDMU – UK Balance Sheet – As of 31 December 2021

# Lincoln Diocesan Mothers' Union Profit & Loss

	Jan - Dec 20		Jan - Dec 21
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>		<b>Income</b>	
Investment Income	1,148.21	Investment Income	1,145.81
LDMU-Branch Closure	347.10	LDMU-Account Closure	1,912.48
LDMU-Diocesan News incl postage	330.01	LDMU-Account Closure-Aveland	108.27
LDMU-Donations & Gift Income	3,221.74	LDMU-Donations & Gift Income	780.40
LDMU-Gift Aid	786.92	LDMU-Gift Aid	1,750.77
LDMU-Insurance	261.00	LDMU-Insurance	195.00
LDMU-Newsletter	1,272.00	LDMU-MUE Dividend	576.05
LDMU Diocesan Membership	1,288.00	LDMU-Services/Triennial	48.90
MSH-Appeals-Donations	65.12	LDMU Diocesan Membership	1,010.00
MSH-Overseas	217.60	MSH-BIDF	102.00
Subscriptions	15,897.50	MSH-Overseas	579.53
Units-Action+Outreach	274.56	MSH IMPC Subs	100.00
Units-AFIA Holidays	400.00	MSH Relief	1,345.32
Units-Faith+Policy	10.00	Subscriptions	14,530.00
Units-IMPC (F&P)	260.00	Units-Action+Outreach	991.48
Units-Literature sales-MUE	1,404.73	Units-AFIA Holidays	2,530.49
		Units-IMPC (F&P)	50.00
		Units-Literature sales-MUE	1,729.67
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>27,184.49</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>29,486.17</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>27,184.49</b>	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>29,486.17</b>
<b>Expense</b>		<b>Expense</b>	
		Account Closed	2,313.63
LDMU-Conferences	153.00	LDMU-Conferences	204.77
LDMU-Diocesan Fares Fund	19.50	LDMU-General Expenditure	10.00
LDMU-Diocesan News/incl postage	58.98	LDMU-Gift Aid Refunds Ex	886.63
LDMU-Donations & Gift Expense	25.70	LDMU-Insurance Expense	430.00
LDMU-Insurance Expense	495.31	LDMU-Office Expense	569.23
LDMU-Newsletter Expense	498.00	LDMU-Postage and Delivery	273.85
LDMU-Office Expense	302.94	LDMU-President/Area P expenses	220.00
LDMU-Postage and Delivery	114.03	LDMU-Rent and Rates	1,080.00
LDMU-Rent and Rates	1,080.00	LDMU-Returned Cheques	1,816.57
LDMU Salaries	6,415.17	MSH-BIDF Ex	102.00
LDMU Utilities	207.69	MSH-Cluster Subscriptions	8,320.00
Miscellaneous	218.00	MSH-Diocese Subscriptions	2,680.00
MSH-Cluster Subscriptions	9,975.50	MSH-IMPC Ex	100.00
MSH-IMPC Ex	10.00	MSH-Over Seas	579.53
Units-Action + Outreach	274.56	MSH-Relief Fund Ex	1,562.32
Units-Faith + Policy	40.00	Units-AFIA Holiday	250.00
Units-Literature Sales MUE Ex	1,797.45	Units-Faith + Policy	300.00
		Units-Literature Sales MUE Ex	705.80
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>21,685.83</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>22,404.33</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>5,498.66</b>	<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>7,081.84</b>
<b>Profit for the Year</b>	<b>5,498.66</b>	<b>Profit for the Year</b>	<b>7,081.84</b>

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THE MOTHERS UNION (Diocese of Lincoln Branch)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's Accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

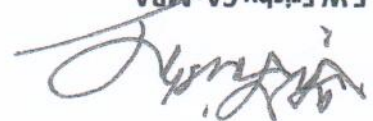
I have completed my examination and can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act or

2. The Accounts do not accord with those records or

3. The Accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the Accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



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