

Reports for Exeter Diocese Mothers' Union AGM 21st May 2021

Report on AFIA 2020 for AGM Friday 21st May 2021

As usual we sent out the application forms in November 2019, and they came back in the spring and summer of 2020. We had in the pipeline 20 holidays for the caravan site at Haven Exmouth for the 3-night break. For the first time as well, we were supporting two families to attend the Spring Harvest festival and one family attending New Wine to take place in August 2020. This was supporting church families wishing to experience a Christian event.

If 2020 had gone ahead, we would in total supported: 30 Adults to include 2-parent families, grandparents and single-parent families; 50 Children in total – 50 children varying in ages from 6 months up to 17 years.

Then in March the Covid pandemic started, and all holiday camps and festivals closed, so all the holidays were cancelled. All the 2020 families were offered a holiday in 2021.

The Trustees agreed to give each family £100 to spend on themselves to give the family a treat for the summer. Families bought games, sports equipment, craft materials and Wendy houses and paddling pools. Thank goodness for online shopping.

Looking forward, the Trustees agreed that we would source a camp site in North Devon to enable families in that area to experience a 3-night break.

Janet Jones, AFIA Representative

Diocesan Members' Representative's Spring report 2021

- Branches continue to close – some members then become DMs. A couple of people have moved to Devon and become DMs.
- Numbers have remained stable because of ex-Branch members becoming DMs. Many DMs have not renewed this year. Various reasons: moving, becoming MU@Home members, joining Branches – or no reason given. Not obvious what action can be taken to keep membership up. Cluster Co-ordinators will be sent up-to-date information once numbers confirmed after AGM.
- Around two-thirds of DMs have e-mail addresses or contact with someone who does, maybe as a member of a group of DMs who meet together. We are grateful for this, and those who keep in touch by phone, and looking forward to groups meeting up again.
- More e-mails being sent out than before – hopefully this makes people feel more connected. Subjects include: *Roots and Shoots*, resources for prayer and Bible study, messages from MU received to forward. Material sent by post to DMs not on e-mail more than in the past.
- Anyone who has not received *Connected* magazine contact Sue Addy for a copy.

Sue moved last year. New contact details: e-mail is the same; tel 01364 73069; address: Book View Cottage, 6 New Orchard, South Brent. TQ10 9DL

Sue Addy

Social Policy report for AGM Friday 21st May 2021

This year has seen the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act working its way through Parliament and it now has the Royal Assent. It is a milestone for women and girls throughout the UK, whether or not they are currently victims or survivors of domestic abuse or sexual violence. Mothers' Union had the privilege to be involved in advocating for certain amendments or additions to the Bill and although these

efforts were not as fruitful as many hoped the government has for example commissioned ongoing research into the issue of migrant women with insecure residential status when they become victims of abuse. We look forward to further news.

This year I have also become involved as part of the new Mothers' Union Focus Group on Domestic Abuse. This consists of some 56 women from all over Britain and All Ireland, plus me and one other man, all of us members of Mothers' Union. The group decided that it needed a smaller group of some 9 of those people to form a Steering Group and I offered, and am therefore a member, of that Steering Group. We meet by Zoom every quarter to discuss ongoing issues around the topic. The Focus Group is referred to now as the **Advocacy and Policy Community of Interest**. I have been asked specifically to do some research into organisations which exist for men and boys who wish to be involved in campaigning for an end to violence against women and girls. The aim is to explore forming working partnerships with these organisations on the basis that together we are stronger. I have so far had very interesting conversations with Restore, the White Ribbon Campaign and MenEngage. The latter is a global organisation whose aims and objects are very similar to our own in this specific regard. These talks have been very positive, we have a lot in common, they are interested in working with us and I am to report back to my Steering and Focus groups in June.

We have kept up our contact with dioceses and Mothers' Union groups on the question of Modern Day Slavery, entirely by means of Zoom meetings because of the restrictions. The Clewer Initiative, which is owned and operated by the Church of England, is a vitally important participant in this campaign and they are a valuable source of guidance, information and training and awareness resources. We have all learned a great deal from these and myself and Lesley Thurley, fellow Trustee here with a great interest in this subject, are better-equipped for when we are able to meet other people and resume our 'live' talks to Mothers' Union branches. Invitations to come and talk are very welcome please!

A highlight of the year for me has been the opportunity to attend online the 65th annual convention of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. This took place in March this year and was for the first time done 'virtually' via online computer link because of the pandemic. I learned a great deal and would love to talk to members about what takes place at this convention, which is joined by thousands of women from all over the world, plus a few men! Please invite me to come to your branch or group to tell you more.

John Vinton, Trustee, Social Policy

Prison work - Big Book Share

The Big Book Share is set up and running in all three Devon prisons - Dartmoor, Channings Wood and Exeter. Provision at Exeter was established before lockdown.

Dartmoor and Channings Wood have over 100 books each; Exeter has 150 books and puzzles. Exeter is different because of being a remand prison, so prisoners are not there for so long.

Lockdown has prevented much being done but it is hoped that work will re-start, pick up and continue when lockdown measures are lifted completely.

Maureen Styler hopes to have more to report at the AGM, and has photos of the activities.

Safeguarding Report 2020

The Trustees reviewed our safeguarding procedures.

We adopted the policies and procedures laid out by the safeguarding team at Mary Sumner House.

We advise the Branch Leaders to know the name of the safeguarding person in their parish and discuss any concerns with them and to be aware of the Exeter Diocese safeguarding procedures.

We will offer a training session with our branches if they should ask for information.

During 2020 we have not had brought to our attention any safeguarding concerns from our members.

Janet Jones, Trustee Board Safeguarding Representative

Mothers' Union Diocese of Exeter

End of Year Financial Statements

Year ending December 2020

- **Introduction**

Mothers Union Diocese of Exeter 2020 Accounts

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	1,029	17,883	—	18,912	19,248
Income from charitable activities	241	840	—	1,081	—
Other trading activities	5,062	—	—	5,062	5,033
Other income	20,631	—	—	20,631	35,046
Total income	26,964	18,723	—	45,687	59,328
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	13,965	24,233	—	38,199	31,633
Expenditure on charitable activities	50	—	—	50	189
Other expenditure	27,169	—	—	27,169	13,080
Total expenditure	41,184	24,233	—	65,418	44,903
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(14,220)	(5,510)	—	(19,731)	14,424
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(14,220)	(5,510)	—	(19,731)	14,424
Total funds brought forward	84,253	—	—	84,253	69,828
Total funds carried forward	70,032	(5,510)	—	64,522	84,253
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	70,032	—	—	70,032	84,253
Restricted					
AFIA DIOCESE	—	3,169	—	3,169	—
BIG BOOK SHARE DIOCESE	—	60	—	60	—
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MSH	—	(9,734)	—	(9,734)	—
EMERGENCY RELIEF MSH	—	206	—	206	—
MULFEP MSH Fund	—	2,094	—	2,094	—
Overseas MSH Fund	—	(1,430)	—	(1,430)	—
UK NEEDS DIOCESE	—	124	—	124	—

Balance sheet

Class and code	Description	This year	Last year
Current assets			
6300	HSBC Current Account	22,881	42,721
6301	CCLA	41,640	41,531
	Total Current assets	64,522	84,253

Reserves

Z01	Excess / (deficit) to date	(19,731)	—
	Starting balances	84,253	84,253
	Total Reserves	64,522	84,253
	Represented by funds		
	Unrestricted	70,032	84,253
	Designated	—	—
	Restricted	(5,510)	—
	Endowment	—	—
	Total	64,522	84,253

Statement of assets and liabilities

	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
HSBC Current Account -	28,391	—	(5,510)	—	22,881	42,721
CCLA -	41,640	—	—	—	41,640	41,531
Totals	70,032	—	(5,510)	—	64,522	84,253
Grand total	70,032	—	(5,510)	—	64,522	84,253

Fund movement by type

	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
AFIA - AFIA DIOCESE						
Restricted	—	8,451	5,282	—	—	3,169
Sub-total for AFIA	—	8,451	5,282	—	—	3,169
BIGBOOK - BIG BOOK SHARE DIOCE						
Restricted	—	60	—	—	—	60
Sub-total for BIGBOOK	—	60	—	—	—	60
CDC - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMEN						
Restricted	—	1,118	10,852	—	—	(9,734)
Sub-total for CDC	—	1,118	10,852	—	—	(9,734)
ER - EMERGENCY RELIEF MSH						
Restricted	—	2,430	2,224	—	—	206
Sub-total for ER	—	2,430	2,224	—	—	206
MULFEP - MULFEP MSH Fund						
Restricted	—	2,094	—	—	—	2,094
Sub-total for MULFEP	—	2,094	—	—	—	2,094
OVERSEAS - Overseas MSH Fund						
Restricted	—	4,445	5,875	—	—	(1,430)
Sub-total for OVERSEAS	—	4,445	5,875	—	—	(1,430)
UKNEEDS - UK NEEDS DIOCESE						
Restricted	—	124	—	—	—	124
Sub-total for UKNEEDS	—	124	—	—	—	124
General - General fund						
Unrestricted	84,253	26,964	41,184	—	—	70,032
Sub-total for General	84,253	26,964	41,184	—	—	70,032
Grand total	84,253	45,687	65,418	—	—	64,522

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS

Donations and legacies

0113 - Overseas Fund	—	—	4,445	—	4,445	2,702
0114 - MULFEP	—	—	2,094	—	2,094	1,918
0115 - Community Development Co-ordinators	—	—	1,118	—	1,118	1,571
0116 - Emergency Relief	—	—	2,430	—	2,430	2,629
0117 - Lady Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
0118 - Summer of Hope	—	—	—	—	—	—
0124 - UK Needs MSH	—	—	124	—	124	—
0125 - Diocesan Fund	186	—	—	—	186	1,700
0129 - AFIA	—	—	7,611	—	7,611	8,129
0132 - Big Book Share	—	—	60	—	60	595
0133 - Legacies	—	—	—	—	—	—
0134 - Miscellaneous	643	—	—	—	643	—
Donations/Income						
0136 - MSH Emergency Appeal Covid19	200	—	—	—	200	—
Total	1,029	—	17,883	—	18,912	19,248

Income from charitable activities

0137 - MSH Christmas Appeal	241	—	—	—	241	—
0138 - AFIA NHS	—	—	840	—	840	—
Total	241	—	840	—	1,081	—

Other trading activities

0119 - MUE Shop Income	5,062	—	—	—	5,062	5,033
Total	5,062	—	—	—	5,062	5,033

Other income

0101 - Diocesan Members MSH Subscriptions	2,391	—	—	—	2,391	2,499
0102 - Branch Members MSH Subscriptions	9,364	—	—	—	9,364	9,604
0120 - Branch Diocesan Subscriptions	6,160	—	—	—	6,160	16,221
0121 - Diocesan Members Subscriptions	1,743	—	—	—	1,743	2,375
0122 - Closed Branch Funds	190	—	—	—	190	314
0123 - MU@Home Subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—
0126 - Income from recycling (ink + stamps)	54	—	—	—	54	147
0127 - Gift Aid Claim	—	—	—	—	—	2,053
0128 - MSH Conference	—	—	—	—	—	—
0130 - Annual Retreat	400	—	—	—	400	1,280
0131 - Diocesan Member Admin	218	—	—	—	218	317
0135 - CCLA Annual Interest	109	—	—	—	109	235
Total	20,631	—	—	—	20,631	35,046
INCOME TOTAL	26,964	—	18,723	—	45,687	59,328

EXPENDITURE

Raising funds

2201 - DM Subscriptions to MSH	1,087	—	—	—	1,087	1,484
2202 - Branch Subscriptions to MSH	8,989	—	—	—	8,989	9,604
2203 - Overseas Fund	—	—	3,977	—	3,977	2,094
2204 - MULFEP	—	—	1,898	—	1,898	1,918
2205 - Community Development Co-ordinators	—	—	10,852	—	10,852	1,296
2206 - Emergency Relief	—	—	2,224	—	2,224	2,629
2207 - Lady Day	—	—	—	—	—	—
2208 - UK Needs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2209 - MUe Stock	3,337	—	—	—	3,337	4,762
2210 - MUe Postage	177	—	—	—	177	12
2231 - MU@Home Admin Costs	79	—	—	—	79	225
2232 - Diocesan Members Admin Costs	294	—	—	—	294	384
2235 - AFIA	—	—	5,282	—	5,282	7,221
Total	13,965	—	24,233	—	38,199	31,633

Expenditure on charitable activities

2236 - Outreach Projects	50	—	—	—	50	50
2237 - Big Book Share & Toy Box Scheme	—	—	—	—	—	138
Total	50	—	—	—	50	189

Other expenditure

2211 - Diocesan President Expenses	389	—	—	—	389	636
2212 - Trustee Expenses	394	—	—	—	394	1,673
2213 - Staff Costs	9,968	—	—	—	9,968	3,079
2214 - Telephone/Internet	707	—	—	—	707	722
2215 - Gas	569	—	—	—	569	487
2216 - Electricity	392	—	—	—	392	471
2217 - Rent	864	—	—	—	864	864
2218 - Event Room Hire	112	—	—	—	112	251
2219 - Business Rates	1,034	—	—	—	1,034	907
2220 - Insurance	532	—	—	—	532	418
2221 - Maintenance	64	—	—	—	64	—
2222 - Audit Fees	60	—	—	—	60	60
2223 - IT Maintenance	202	—	—	—	202	37
2224 - Office Equipment	474	—	—	—	474	124
2225 - Stationery	61	—	—	—	61	189
2226 - Postage (Office)	828	—	—	—	828	—
2227 - Printing Costs	249	—	—	—	249	955
2228 - Photocopier costs	—	—	—	—	—	94
2229 - Marketing/Advertising	—	—	—	—	—	21
2230 - Training Courses	—	—	—	—	—	175
2233 - Clothing Label Costs	—	—	—	—	—	—
2234 - Retreat	—	—	—	—	—	1,465
2238 - Sundries	31	—	—	—	31	—
2239 - Bank Charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
2240 - Miscellaneous	32	—	—	—	32	447
2241 - SPEAKERS EXPENSES	51	—	—	—	51	—
2242 - MSH Appeal	10,150	—	—	—	10,150	—
Total	27,169	—	—	—	27,169	13,080
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	41,184	—	24,233	—	65,418	44,903
GRAND TOTAL	(14,220)	—	(5,510)	—	(19,731)	14,424

- **Conclusion**

Well, what a year! We had to close the office in March 2020 at the beginning of the pandemic in the UK. Lorna and I, along with our Diocesan President, Nickie, Vice President, Janet and the Trustees and Chaplains have been working in our various ways for the good of the Mothers' Union. I was very thankful to welcome Lorna into our midst. She has become a great friend and colleague. Financially we have kept our heads above water and have been able to make some large and valuable donations to Mary Sumner House. We have had the usual overheads of rent, business rates and utility bills etc. and of course we realise that our branches and members haven't been able to organize much in the way of fundraising. Let us pray that 2021 will bring some cheer and easier times.

Financial figures:

The starting balances in the two bank accounts were a total of £84253.00 and at the end of December 2020 were £64522.00.

Apart from the usual Mary Sumner House subscriptions and branch donations we made two large donations to Head Office. These were £10000.00 for Community Development Co-ordinators and £10000.00 to help with Head Office finances.

Julie Hingston

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees of the Mothers' Union – Exeter Diocese

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

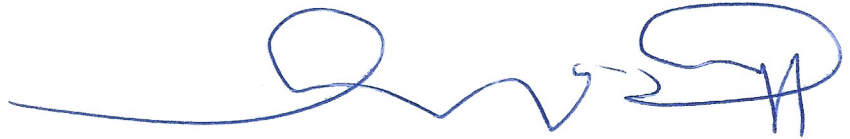
Respective responsibilities of the trustees and the examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Basis of independent examiner's report
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:
1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



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