

Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100834

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-02-09
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Activities

Purposes: The Mothers' Union is a world-wide society whose Aim is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In order to carry out this Aim its Objectives are: I. to uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and to promote its wider understanding; II. to encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church; III. to maintain a world-wide fellowship of Christians, united in prayer, worship and service; IV. to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; V. to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Education/training, Overseas aid/famine relief, Religious activities, Volunteer development

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Overseas/developing countries, Parents, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£54,315	£48,897	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mrs Anita Hill		
Mrs Delma Cooper		
Mrs Diane White		
Mrs Heather Houston		
Mrs Jean Thompson		
Mrs Kaye Nesbitt		
Mrs Margaret Boyd		
Mrs Rita Smith		
Rev Linda Hughes		
Rev Rosie Diffin		

Accounts

Mothers' Union Diocese of Derry and Raphoe

**Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments
and Assests and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31 December 2024

Charities Number : 100834

Diocese of Derry

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-24

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Reference and administrative details

Charity Name : Mothers' Union Diocese of Derry

Charity Registration Number : 100834

Diocesan President: Mrs Jacqui Armstrong
Diocesan Secretary: Mrs Kathleen Finlay
Diocesan Treasurer: Mr Peter Clampett

Trustees

See attached report

Trustee Annual Report for the year ended : 2024

See attached report

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended

31-Dec-24

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Opening Bank and Cash Balances		42,878.87	6,619.80	49,498.67	50,489.10
Receipts					
Subscriptions, Donations & Legacies	2	22,232.07	0.00	22,232.07	19,411.11
Investment Receipts	3	103.70	0.00	103.70	89.21
Receipts for MU Activities	4	6,623.19	12,033.09	18,656.28	15,372.64
Other Receipts	5	13,323.28	0.00	13,323.28	4,847.26
Total Receipts		42,282.24	12,033.09	54,315.33	39,720.22
Payments					
Diocesan and Branch Expenses	6	29,793.03	0.00	29,793.03	21,520.47
Payments to MU Activities	7	5,991.46	10,458.79	16,450.25	16,308.18
Other Payments	8	2,654.40	0.00	2,654.40	2,882.00
Total Payments		38,438.89	10,458.79	48,897.68	40,710.65
Transfers between funds		-897.95	897.95	0.00	0.00
Closing Bank and Cash Balances		45,824.27	9,092.05	54,916.32	49,498.67

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at

31-Dec-24

		Diocesan	Branch	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
		£	£	£	£
Investment Assets					
investments in RCB Unit Trust	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other investments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total investment Assets		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds					
Petty Cash		0.00	3,024.77	3,024.77	1,852.83
Current Accounts		23,763.24	23,910.37	47,673.61	47,645.84
Deposit Accounts		4,217.94	0.00	4,217.94	0.00
Total Cash Funds		27,981.18	26,935.14	54,916.32	49,498.67
Other Assets					
Stocks MU enterprise	10	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Debtors		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total other assets		200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Total assets		28,181.18	26,935.14	55,116.32	49,698.67
Liabilities					
Creditors		1,574.00	0.00	1,574.00	1,574.00
Subscriptions in advance	11	0.00	385.00	385.00	0.00
Total Liabilities		1,574.00	385.00	1,959.00	1,574.00
TOTAL ASSETS LESS TOTAL LIABILITIES		26,607.18	26,550.14	53,157.32	48,124.67
Unrestricted Funds	12	17,515.13	26,550.14	44,065.27	41,504.87
Restricted Funds	13	9,092.05	0.00	9,092.05	6,619.80
Total Funds		26,607.18	26,550.14	53,157.32	48,124.67

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-24

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(i) Investments
None

(ii) Stocks
Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Specific provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock on an item by item basis.

(iii) Subscriptions in advance
None

(iv) Unrestricted funds
Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated which are expendable at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of its objectives.

(v) Restricted funds
Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purpose.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-24

		Diocesan	Branch	Set-Off	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	Analysis	£	£	£	£	£
2. Subscription, Donations & Legacies						
Members' Subscriptions	Unrestricted	180.00	13,324.00		13,504.00	13,112.00
Donations & Legacies	Unrestricted	826.67	7,901.40		8,728.07	6,299.11
Donations & Legacies	Restricted	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Branch Contributions	Unrestricted	14,519.00	0.00	-14,519.00	0.00	0.00
		15,525.67	21,225.40	-14,519.00	22,232.07	19,411.11
3. Investment Receipts						
Bank Interest	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	Unrestricted	60.32	43.38	0.00	103.70	89.21
Investment Income	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Income	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		60.32	43.38	0.00	103.70	89.21
4. Receipts for MU Activities						
Worldwide Fund	Restricted	6,205.19	5,001.24	-5,899.19	5,307.24	6,092.73
Mums in May	Restricted	4,094.10	1,598.65	0.00	5,692.75	1,260.00
Away From it all	Restricted	1,033.10	0.00	0.00	1,033.10	2,100.00
Centenary Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conference	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapel	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MU Enterprises	Unrestricted	985.39	335.50	0.00	1,320.89	655.59
Outings	Unrestricted	0.00	5,302.30	0.00	5,302.30	5,192.40
Receipts for other MU activities	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Receipts for other MU activities	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.92
		12,317.78	12,237.69	-5,899.19	18,656.28	15,372.64
5. Other Receipts						
Fundraising Events Receipts	Unrestricted	642.00	6,586.60	0.00	7,228.60	2,983.60
Fundraising Events Receipts	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Receipts	Unrestricted	0.00	6,094.68	0.00	6,094.68	1,863.66
Sundry Receipts	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		642.00	12,681.28	0.00	13,323.28	4,847.26
6. Diocesan and Branch Expenses						
Bank Fees	Unrestricted	56.68	611.32	0.00	668.00	632.77
Meeting and Travel expenses	Unrestricted	198.67	2,340.00	0.00	2,538.67	1,574.36
Officers' Expenses	Unrestricted	177.99	40.00	0.00	217.99	277.51
Stationary/Postage/Photocopying	Unrestricted	0.00	189.62	0.00	189.62	88.95
Gifts	Unrestricted	355.00	5,996.30	0.00	6,351.30	3,802.38
Other Diocesan & Branch expenses	Unrestricted	2,742.75	4,290.70	0.00	7,033.45	2,535.50
Contributions to Diocese/ All Ireland	Unrestricted	13,188.00	14,125.00	-14,519.00	12,794.00	12,609.00
		16,719.09	27,592.94	-14,519.00	29,793.03	21,520.47
	Analysis	£	£	£	£	£
7. Payments to MU Activities						
Worldwide Fund	Restricted	6,205.19	5,899.19	-5,899.19	6,205.19	5,885.47
Mums in May	Restricted	1,408.60	1,495.00	0.00	2,903.60	800.00
Away From it All	Restricted	850.00	0.00	0.00	850.00	1,770.00
Centenary Fund	Restricted	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Conference Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapel	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MU Enterprises	Unrestricted	419.18	620.85	0.00	1,040.03	733.95
Outings	Unrestricted	0.00	4,862.83	0.00	4,862.83	6,664.14
Payments to other MU activities	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments to other MU activities	Unrestricted	88.60	0.00	0.00	88.60	454.62
		9,471.57	12,877.87	-5,899.19	16,450.25	16,308.18
8. Other Payments						
Fundraising Events Payments	Unrestricted	2,065.50	588.90	0.00	2,654.40	2,882.00
Fundraising Events Payments	Restricted					
Sundry Payments	Unrestricted					
Sundry Payments	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		2,065.50	588.90	0.00	2,654.40	2,882.00

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-24

	Diocesan	Branch	Set-Off	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
9. Investments in RCB Unit Trusts					
Opening Valuation					
Additions					
Disposals					
Movement in fair value					
Closing Valuation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10. Stocks					
MU Enterprises stock	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
11. Subscriptions in advance					
2025 Subscriptions received	0.00	385.00	0.00	385.00	0.00
12. Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	17,515.13	0.00	0.00	17,515.13	19,697.77
Branch Unrestricted Funds	0.00	26,550.14	0.00	26,550.14	21,807.10
	17,515.13	26,550.14	0.00	44,065.27	41,504.87
13. Restricted Funds					
Worldwide Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Away From it All	3,862.64	0.00	0.00	3,862.64	3,679.54
Mums in May	4,133.64	0.00	0.00	4,133.64	1,344.49
Community Grant	1,095.77	0.00	0.00	1,095.77	1,595.77
	9,092.05	0.00	0.00	9,092.05	6,619.80

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended

31-Dec-24

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Opening Bank and Cash Balances		8,734.16	200.00	8,934.16	9,062.59
Receipts					
Subscriptions, Donations & Legacies	2	2,582.00	0.00	2,582.00	2,884.97
Investment Receipts	3	2.41	0.00	2.41	0.17
Receipts for MU Activities	4	1,626.00	2,057.41	3,683.41	2,883.24
Other Receipts	5	4,071.63	0.00	4,071.63	3,557.67
Total Receipts		8,282.04	2,057.41	10,339.45	9,326.05
Payments					
Diocesan and Branch Expenses	6	4,296.09	0.00	4,296.09	4,692.91
Payments to MU Activities	7	603.47	3,963.41	4,566.88	4,736.57
Other Payments	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00
Total Payments		4,899.56	3,963.41	8,862.97	9,454.48
Transfers between funds				0.00	0.00
Closing Bank and Cash Balances		12,116.64	-1,706.00	10,410.64	8,934.16

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at

31-Dec-24

		Diocesan	Branch	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
		€	€	€	€
Investment Assets					
investments in RCB Unit Trust	10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other investments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total investment Assets		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds					
Petty Cash		0.00	0.00	0.00	107.61
Current Accounts		7,177.24	2,158.40	9,335.64	8,826.55
Deposit Accounts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash Funds		7,177.24	2,158.40	9,335.64	8,934.16
Other Assets					
Stocks MU enterprise	11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Debtors		1,817.30	0.00	1,817.30	1,817.30
Total other assets		1,817.30	0.00	1,817.30	1,817.30
Total assets		8,994.54	2,158.40	11,152.94	10,751.46
Liabilities					
Creditors		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subscriptions in advance	12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unrestricted Funds	13	8,949.54	2,158.40	11,107.94	10,551.46
Restricted Funds	14	45.00	0.00	45.00	200.00
Total Funds		8,994.54	2,158.40	11,152.94	10,751.46

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-24

1. Accounting policies

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b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(i) Investments

None

(ii) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Specific provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock on an item by item basis.

(iii) Subscriptions in advance

None

(iv) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated which are expendable at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of its objectives.

(v) Restricted funds

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-24

		Diocesan	Branch	Set-Off	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-20	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-23
	Analysis	€	€	€	€	€
2. Subscription, Donations & Legacies						
Members' Subscriptions	Unrestricted	0.00	2,407.00	0.00	2,407.00	2,607.00
Donations & Legacies	Unrestricted	0.00	175.00	0.00	175.00	277.97
Donations & Legacies	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Branch Contributions	Unrestricted	2,370.00	0.00	-2,370.00	0.00	0.00
		2,370.00	2,582.00	-2,370.00	2,582.00	2,884.97
3. Investment Receipts						
Bank Interest	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	Unrestricted	1.30	1.11	0.00	2.41	0.17
Investment Income	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Investment Income	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		1.30	1.11	0.00	2.41	0.17
4. Receipts for MU Activities						
Overseas - Worldwide Fund	Restricted	2,960.41	1,885.41	-2,960.41	1,885.41	2,219.87
Mums in May	Restricted	260.00	172.00	0.00	432.00	20.00
Diocesan Away From it all	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Centenary Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapel	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MU Enterprises	Unrestricted	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	270.00
Outings	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	373.37
Receipts for other MU activities	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Receipts for other MU activities	Unrestricted	0.00	191.00	0.00	191.00	0.00
		3,320.41	2,248.41	-2,960.41	2,608.41	2,883.24
5. Other Receipts						
Fundraising Events Receipts	Unrestricted	0.00	1,165.50	0.00	1,165.50	1,843.40
Fundraising Events Receipts	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Receipts	Unrestricted	2,428.35	477.78	0.00	2,906.13	1,714.27
Sundry Receipts	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		2,428.35	1,643.28	0.00	4,071.63	3,557.67
6. Diocesan and Branch Expenses						
Bank Fees	Unrestricted	41.96	56.39	0.00	98.35	98.37
Meeting and Travel expenses	Unrestricted	0.00	152.00	0.00	152.00	673.40
Officers' expenses	Unrestricted	88.98	0.00	0.00	88.98	178.20
Stationary/Postage/Photocopying	Unrestricted	0.00	71.00	0.00	71.00	71.80
Gifts	Unrestricted	450.00	309.15	0.00	759.15	211.00
Other Diocesan & Branch expenses	Unrestricted	425.00	562.61	0.00	987.61	1,120.14
Contributions to Diocese/ All Ireland	Unrestricted	2,139.00	2,370.00	-2,370.00	2,139.00	2,340.00
		3,144.94	3,521.15	-2,370.00	4,296.09	4,692.91
	Analysis	€	€	€	€	€
7. Payments to MU Activities						
Overseas - Worldwide Fund	Restricted	2,960.41	2,560.41	-2,960.41	2,560.41	2,550.00
Mums in May	Restricted	260.00	327.00	0.00	587.00	800.00
Away From it All	Restricted	816.00	0.00	0.00	816.00	458.00
Centenary Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chapel	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
MU Enterprises	Unrestricted	373.42	0.00	0.00	373.42	10.00
Outings	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments to other MU activities	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payments to other MU activities	Unrestricted	0.00	230.05	0.00	230.05	50.00
		4,409.83	3,117.46	-2,960.41	4,566.88	3,868.00
8. Other Payments						
Fundraising Events Payments	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising Events Payments	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Payments	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry Payments	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-24

	Diocesan	Branch	Set-Off	Total	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-22
9. Investments in RCB Unit Trusts					
Opening Valuation					
Additions					
Disposals					
Movement in fair value					
Closing Valuation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
10. Stocks					
MU Enterprises stock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
11. Subscriptions in advance					
2023 Subscriptions received	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
12. Unrestricted Funds					
General Funds	7,132.24	0.00	0.00	7,132.24	6,692.31
Branch Unrestricted Funds	0.00	2,158.40	0.00	2,158.40	3,232.58
	7,132.24	2,158.40	0.00	9,290.64	9,924.89
13. Restricted Funds					
Mums in May	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	200.00
Other Restricted Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	200.00

Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100834

Accounts

Mothers’ Union Diocese of Derry and Raphoe

**Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments
and Assets and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31 December 2023

Charities Number : 100834

Diocese of Derry

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name : Mothers' Union Diocese of
Derry and Raphoe

**Charity Registration
Number :** 100834

Diocesan President: Ms Jacqui Armstrong
Diocesan Secretary: Mrs Kathleen Finlay
Diocesan Treasurer: Mr Peter Clampett

Trustees
See attached report

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3	Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended		31-Dec-23					
4								
5			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total		
6			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds		
7			31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22		
8		Notes	£	£	£	£		
9	Opening Bank and Cash Balances		42,997.15	7,491.95	50,489.10	44,075.93		
10								
11	Receipts							
12	Subscriptions, Donations & Legacies	2	19,411.11	0.00	19,411.11	14,818.00		
13								
14	Investment Receipts	3	89.21	0.00	89.21	19.88		
15								
16	Receipts for MU Activities	4	5,919.91	9,452.73	15,372.64	18,679.74		
17								
18	Other Receipts	5	4,847.26	0.00	4,847.26	5,380.90		
19								
20	Total Receipts		30,267.49	9,452.73	39,720.22	38,898.52		
21								
22								
23	Payments							
24	Diocesan and Branch Expenses	6	21,520.47	0.00	21,520.47	16,361.10		
25								
26	Payments to MU Activities	7	7,852.71	8,455.47	16,308.18	14,855.90		
27								
28	Other Payments	8	2,882.00	0.00	2,882.00	1,268.35		
29								
30	Total Payments		32,255.18	8,455.47	40,710.65	32,485.35		
31								
32	Transfers between funds		1,869.41	-1,869.41	0.00	0.00		
33								
34	Closing Bank and Cash Balances		42,878.87	6,619.80	49,498.67	50,489.10		
35								
36								
37								

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3	Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at		31-Dec-23					
4								
5								
6			Diocesan	Branch	Total	Total		
7			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds		
8			31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22		
9	Investment Assets		£	£	£	£		
10	investments in RCB Unit Trust	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
11	Other investments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
12	Total investment Assets		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
13								
14	Cash Funds							
15	Petty Cash		0.00	1,852.83	1,852.83	1,143.86		
16	Current Accounts		27,691.57	19,954.27	47,645.84	49,345.24		
17	Deposit Accounts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
18	Total Cash Funds		27,691.57	21,807.10	49,498.67	50,489.10		
19	Other Assets							
20	Stocks MU enterprise	10	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00		
21	Debtors		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
22	Total other assets		200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00		
23								
24	Total assets		27,891.57	21,807.10	49,698.67	50,689.10		
25								
26	Liabilities							
27	Creditors		1,574.00	0.00	1,574.00	942.15		
28	Subscriptions in advance	11	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.00		
29								
30	Total Liabilities		1,574.00	0.00	1,574.00	1,162.15		
31								
32	Unrestricted Funds	12	19,697.77	21,807.10	41,504.87	42,977.15		
33	Restricted Funds	13	6,619.80	0.00	6,619.80	6,549.80		
34								
35	Total Funds		26,317.57	21,807.10	48,124.67	49,526.95		

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3	Notes to the financial statements for the year ended	31-Dec-23							
4									
5		Diocesan	Branch	Set-Off	Total	Total			
6		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds			
7		31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22			
8		Analysis	£	£	£	£	£		
9	2. Subscription, Donations & Legacies								
10	Members' Subscriptions	Unrestricted	150.00	12,962.00	0.00	13,112.00	11,010.00		
11	Donations & Legacies	Unrestricted	0.00	6,299.11	0.00	6,299.11	3,808.00		
12	Donations & Legacies	Restricted							
13	Branch Contributions	Unrestricted	13,980.00	0.00	-13,980.00	0.00	0.00		
14			14,130.00	19,261.11	-13,980.00	19,411.11	14,818.00		
15	3. Investment Reciepts								
16	Bank Interest	Restricted							
17	Bank Interest	Unrestricted	49.64	39.57	0.00	89.21	19.88		
18	Investment Income	Restricted							
19	Investment Income	Unrestricted							
20			49.64	39.57	0.00	89.21	19.88		
21	4. Receipts for MU Activities								
22	Worldwide Fund	Restricted	5,865.47	5,630.51	-5,403.25	6,092.73	5,960.78		
23	Mums in May	Restricted	1,260.00	0.00	0.00	1,260.00	1,403.50		
24	Away From it all	Restricted	2,100.00	0.00	0.00	2,100.00	4,000.00		
25	Centenary Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
26	Conference	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
27	Chapel	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
28	MU Enterprises	Unrestricted	605.59	50.00	0.00	655.59	640.58		
29	Outings	Unrestricted	0.00	5,192.40	0.00	5,192.40	6,223.28		
30	Receipts for other MU activities	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
31	Receipts for other MU activities	Unrestricted	0.00	71.92	0.00	71.92	451.60		
32			9,831.06	10,944.83	-5,403.25	15,372.64	18,679.74		
33	5. Other Reciepts								
34	10. Stocks								
35	MU Enterprises stock		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00		
36			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00		
37									
38	11. Subscriptions in advance								
39	2024 Subscriptions received		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.00		
40									
41	12. Unrestricted Funds								
42	General Funds		19,697.77	0.00	0.00	19,697.77	19,356.88		
43	Branch Unrestricted Funds		0.00	21,807.10	0.00	21,807.10	23,620.27		
44									
45			19,697.77	21,807.10	0.00	41,504.87	42,977.15		
46									
47	13. Restricted Funds								
48	Worldwide Fund		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00		
49	Away From it All		3,679.54	0.00	0.00	3,679.54	3,849.54		
50	Mums in May		1,344.49	0.00	0.00	1,344.49	1,084.49		
51	Community Grant		1,595.77	0.00	0.00	1,595.77	1,595.77		
52			6,619.80	0.00	0.00	6,619.80	6,549.80		

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3	Notes to the financial statements for the year ended	31-Dec-23					
4							
5			Diocesan	Branch	Set-Off	Total	Total
6			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
7			31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
8		Analysis	£	£	£	£	£
9	7. Payments to MU Activities						
10	Worldwide Fund	Restricted	5,885.47	5,403.25	-5,403.25	5,885.47	6,043.22
11	Mums in May	Restricted	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	1,200.15
12	Away From it All	Restricted	1,770.00	0.00	0.00	1,770.00	2,228.95
13	Centenary Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
14	Conference Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	Chapel	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
16	MU Enterprises	Unrestricted	493.10	240.85	0.00	733.95	225.85
17	Outings	Unrestricted	0.00	6,664.14	0.00	6,664.14	4,657.73
18	Payments to other MU activities	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
19	Payments to other MU activities	Unrestricted	454.62	0.00	0.00	454.62	0.00
20			9,403.19	12,308.24	-5,403.25	16,308.18	14,855.90
21	8. Other Payments						
22	Fundraising Events Payments	Unrestricted	0.00	2,882.00	0.00	2,882.00	1,268.35
23	Fundraising Events Payments	Restricted					
24	Sundry Payments	Unrestricted					
25	Sundry Payments	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26			0.00	2,882.00	0.00	2,882.00	1,268.35
27	9. Investments in RCB Unit Trusts						
28	Opening Valuation						
29	Additions						
30	Disposals						
31	Movement in fair value						
32	Closing Valuation		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
33	5. Other Receipts						
34	Fundraising Events Receipts	Unrestricted	0.00	2,983.60	0.00	2,983.60	4,380.54
35	Fundraising Events Receipts	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36	Sundry Receipts	Unrestricted	956.36	907.30	0.00	1,863.66	1,000.36
37	Sundry Receipts	Restricted					
38			956.36	3,890.90	0.00	4,847.26	5,380.90
39	6. Diocesan and Branch Expenses						
40	Bank Fees	Unrestricted	59.03	573.74	0.00	632.77	669.28
41	Meeting and Travel expenses	Unrestricted	0.00	1,574.36	0.00	1,574.36	1,948.75
42	Officers' Expenses	Unrestricted	182.51	95.00	0.00	277.51	152.08
43	Stationary/Postage/Photocopying	Unrestricted	0.00	88.95	0.00	88.95	41.30
44	Gifts	Unrestricted	0.00	3,802.38	0.00	3,802.38	1,997.41
45	Other Diocesan & Branch expenses	Unrestricted	1,670.59	864.91	0.00	2,535.50	761.28
46	Contributions to Diocese/ All Ireland	Unrestricted	12,609.00	13,980.00	-13,980.00	12,609.00	10,791.00
47			14,521.13	20,979.34	-13,980.00	21,520.47	16,361.10
48							
49							

1	Diocese of Raphoe						
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3	Notes to the financial statements for the year ended	31-Dec-23					
4							
5			Diocesan	Branch	Set-Off	Total	Total
6			Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
7			31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-23	31-Dec-22
8		Analysis	€	€	€	€	€
9	7. Payments to MU Activities						
10	Overseas - Worldwide Fund	Restricted	3,807.57	3,807.57	-3,807.57	3,807.57	2,550.00
11	Mums in May	Restricted	235.00	0.00	0.00	235.00	800.00
12	Away From it All	Restricted	520.00	0.00	0.00	520.00	458.00
13	Centenary Fund	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	Chapel	Restricted					
15	MU Enterprises	Unrestricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
16	Outings	Unrestricted	0.00	74.00	0.00	74.00	0.00
17	Payments to other MU activities	Restricted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
18	Payments to other MU activities	Unrestricted	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	50.00
19			4,662.57	3,881.57	-3,807.57	4,736.57	3,868.00
20	8. Other Payments						
21	Fundraising Events Payments	Unrestricted	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
22	Fundraising Events Payments	Restricted					
23	Sundry Payments	Unrestricted					
24	Sundry Payments	Restricted					
25			0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00
26	9. Investments in RCB Unit Trusts						
27	Opening Valuation						
28	Additions						
29	Disposals						
30	Movement in fair value						
31	Closing Valuation		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32							
33	10. Stocks						
34	MU Enterprises stock		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
35			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
36							
37	11. Subscriptions in advance						
38	2023 Subscriptions received		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
39							
40	12. Unrestricted Funds						
41	General Funds		8,229.25	0.00	0.00	8,229.25	6,692.31
42	Branch Unrestricted Funds		0.00	2,322.21	0.00	2,322.21	3,232.58
43							
44			8,229.25	2,322.21	0.00	10,551.46	9,924.89
45							
46	13. Restricted Funds						
47	Mums in May		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
48	Other Restricted Funds		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
49			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
50							

Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100834

Annual report



2023 Derry & Raphoe Mothers' Union Annual Report and Review of Diocesan Activities

Method of Election

Office Bearers within the Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe MU are elected for a term of three years and are eligible for re-election for a second term. Not less than fourteen days before the meeting of the Council nomination papers are sent out to each member of the Council who may nominate one member for the post of President or other Diocesan Official. The nomination papers are returned within a period of time agreed by the Trustee Board to the Finance and Central services Unit Co-ordinator. No name which has received less than three nominations is submitted to the vote. Permission must be sought from a nominee before nomination. On the receipt of the nomination papers by the Finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinator, a voting paper giving the names of the persons nominated is sent to every member of the Council. Each member of the Council has one vote.

The voting papers are handed to the Finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinator at the Council meeting and are unsigned. A member of the Council unable to attend the meeting may record their vote by sending their completed and signed voting paper to the Finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinator before the Council meeting.

All Diocesan Officials are elected by the Diocesan Council and must retire triennially. They shall be ineligible for re-election to the same office, if they have already served two consecutive periods. In the year 1994 and triennially thereafter at the second meeting of the Council held in that year the Diocesan President is elected. In the year 1996, and triennially thereafter, at the first meeting of the Diocesan Council held in that year, the election of all Diocesan Officials, including the Diocesan Secretary is announced and they take up office in January of that year.

Regarding the election of Area Secretaries, nomination and voting papers are prepared by the retiring Area Secretary and copies sent to each Branch Leader, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Member and Clergy wife (if a member of M U) in her area. Once again, no name

which receives less than three nominations can be submitted to the vote and the consent of the nominee must be obtained before nomination.

Main Banker

Mr Peter Clampett, Diocesan Treasurer, Address as above. Banks used for Mothers' Union Diocesan business are the Ulster Bank, Catherine Street, Limavady and the AIB, Main Street, Letterkenny.

Auditor

Mr Gavin Harkin.

Registered with the Charity Commission for NI: NIC100834

UK Inland Revenue No. XR76024

Recognised as a Charity by the Revenue Commissioners: CHY5161

Registered Charity No: 20007331

Aim, Purpose and Objectives of the Mothers' Union

Purpose, Aim and Objects

The Purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

The Aim of the Society is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In order to carry out this Aim, its Objects are:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding;
2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church;

3. To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children;
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Mission statement of the Mothers' Union

1. The Mothers' Union is an Anglican organisation which promotes the well-being of families world-wide.
2. We achieve this by:
 - (i) developing prayer and spiritual growth in families;
 - (ii) studying and reflecting on family life and its place in society;
 - (iii) resourcing our members to take practical action to improve conditions for families, both nationally and in the communities in which they live.

Diocesan Structure

In keeping with the All-Ireland structure, Derry and Raphoe MU has a Trustee Board and Diocesan Council.

The Trustee Board

The Trustee Board consist of the Diocesan President, the Diocesan Secretary, the Bishop's spouse (if he or she so desires), the four Vice-Presidents and the four Unit Co-ordinators and also the Diocesan Treasurer (non-voting). The Diocesan Chaplain (ex officio) may attend meetings of the Trustee Board but may not vote. In addition, the Diocesan President has authority to invite an individual to any meeting where expertise is required for a specific

task, but they may not vote. The Diocesan President shall have the authority to appoint persons to fill all vacancies created by resignations.

The Trustee Board is the decision-making body in the Diocese. Subject to the approval of the Council, the Trustee Board exercise powers assigned to them by the Diocesan Council. The Trustee Board has the power to form sub-committees. All sub-committees lapse when their function ceases.

The Trustee Board shall meet as may be required but not less than twice annually. The quorum for a meeting of the Trustee Board shall be fifty per cent of the membership plus one.

The Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council consists of the Diocesan President, the Diocesan Secretary, the Diocesan Treasurer (in attendance but with no voting rights), the Chaplain (ex officio), the four Unit Co-ordinators, the Bishop's Spouse, Unit Representatives, Area Secretaries, the four Vice-Presidents, Branch Leaders, all Past Diocesan Presidents, Branch Secretaries, Branch Treasurers, Representatives on All-Ireland Committees, Representatives on Committees at Mary Sumner House and Any Past All-Ireland President or World Wide President who resides in the Diocese. Clergy spouses who are not office bearers in their Branch may attend Council but may not vote.

The Diocesan Council shall meet at least twice yearly. Forty members constitute a quorum. Not less than fourteen days' written notice of the date of regular meetings is given to members of the Council and copies of the agenda is sent with the notice.

No business is transacted, or motion made at any Council meeting without due notice appearing on the Agenda paper except at the request of the Diocesan President and by consent of two-thirds of the Council present and voting. Every question is settled by a show of hands and every member of Council has one vote. The Chairman has a casting vote in addition to her ordinary vote.

The Diocesan Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Council and keep minutes thereof and generally carry out the business of the Council. The Diocesan Treasurer receives and applies all monies of the Council under such regulations as the Council may make.

The Diocesan President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

The Derry and Raphoe MU has four Units each with a Unit Co-ordinator. These are:

- (i) Finance and Central Services
- (ii) Action and Outreach
- (iii) Fundraising and Communications
- (iv) Faith and Policy

There are six Area Secretaries, one for each of the geographical locations within the diocese. These are:

- (i) Derry
- (ii) Donegal
- (iii) Omagh
- (iv) North Sperrin
- (v) South Sperrin
- (vi) Strabane.

The Diocesan President has oversight and responsibility for the outworking of Mothers' Union activities in the Diocese. She is encouraged and supported by four Vice-presidents.

Membership

There are 541 members in the Derry and Raphoe Diocese of the MU. This includes 15 new members, 29 Indoor members and 10 Diocesan members. These membership figures reflect the members paid for by our Diocesan Treasurer during the calendar year 2023. The subscription fees collected are £31.00 per member living in the Derry Diocese and €34.00 per member living in the Diocese of Raphoe.

2023 Branch Overview

2023 saw virtually all branches return to a new 'normal'. Many branches are choosing to meet during the day for part or all of the year. Other branches are organising to have some shared meetings. A number of branches have new members, and, as always, a number of members have died. In all our membership stood at 78 members, including 2 Diocesan members in the Raphoe area and 467 in the Derry area, including 5 Diocesan Members. 31 Indoor Members are included in this number?

Janette to provide IM statistics

Ballynascreen MU gave notice of closure in February 2022, to date the closing service has not yet taken place. Falling membership was cited in this closure.

Stranorlar Branch gave notice of closing in early 2023 and Clondevaddock MU gave notice of closing in December 2023. Current branch officers have been in place for a number of terms, and no one was willing to take over. Both branches have indicated that they are keen to keep the link with MU. Due to its rector leaving Stranorlar Branch have not yet held their closing service. Two members joined as Diocesan Members and the Diocesan President was invited to speak at the Harvest Thanksgiving service in Stranorlar Parish Church.

Communications:

- **Facebook** posts continue.
- Due to illness and communication difficulties, the **Derry & Raphoe MU website** is still in place, though we have been unable to update any aspect of it since early 2020.
- An MU related article continues to be placed in the Diocesan **nVision** magazine which is published four times a year.
- Each month a **diocesan email** including information together with a short thought and prayer is emailed to every diocesan member and branch. Some branches share this information.
- In October MU were given an opportunity to speak to our **Diocesan Synod** for 3 minutes. This year we concentrated on promoting the RISE UP project and . MUe had another successful day promoting MU.
- **On Sunday Sequence, Radio Ulster** Jacqui had a 10 min interview with Audrey Carville in January. She was also interviewed, along with June Butler, AI President, for the latest

Church of Ireland **Council for Mission video** centring on the fourth mark of mission – *Tackling Unjust Structures*.

- Trustees agreed to the adaptation of the MU Connor booklet for members entitled '**Your membership Makes a Difference**'. This was adapted to reflect Derry & Raphoe, and contains a section supplied by Mary Sumner House midyear entitled - *What does your subscription deliver?* This was delivered to branches for distribution in January 2024.

Diocesan Awards

The Helen Livingston Award for the Branch Programme that best reflects the current theme and the aims and objects of MU was won by Clondehorkey MU. The judge stated that it was '*simple, very clear, front cover informative, programme details simply and clearly done with enough detail included – excellent*'

The Presidents' Award took the form of a Table Quiz. This award was won by the team from Templemore MU and Strabane MU received the runner up Avril McNee Rose Bowl.

Worldwide: Despite the rising cost of living, MU members continue to give generously to Worldwide projects. 20 out of the 32 branches contributed to worldwide in 2023. *The Eileen Moore Award* is awarded to the branch who has contributed the most per member to the worldwide work of Mothers' Union in 2022. In all Derry diocese contributed £6,043.22 and Raphoe diocese contributed €2,550. Clondehorkey won the Eileen Moore Award, contributing an average of €53.08 per member.

Diocesan Chaplain: in September we congratulated and sent our best wishes and prayers to Very Rev. Liz Fitzgerald on her appointment as Dean of St Eunan's Cathedral and Rector of Raphoe, Raymochy and Clonleigh.

Council Meetings: At Spring Council we introduced a new look Council meeting. **15 branches** were represented. Officers were invited to read the reports beforehand. Council included a 'Whistlestop Tour of Mothers' Union' presented on PP by the Diocesan President, each Unit Coordinator introduced their team, presented the current main focus of their unit and gave the floor an opportunity to ask questions. This was followed by treasurers, branch leaders and secretaries getting together in groups for discussion. Feedback was excellent and those present appreciated the engagement and the format of the evening.

Due to refurbishment of the Diocesan Office, Autumn Council was held on zoom. 17 branches were represented. Angela Hughes, Neonatal Manager, Altnagelvin Area Hospital, addressed MU members. This was her opportunity to personally thank members, to engender interest and to give guidance. Unfortunately, it was not possible on this occasion to forward reports beforehand, consequently members had to listen more and time did not afford opportunity to engage on a meaningful basis.

Diocesan Members:

We have a small but growing number of Diocesan Members. 7 in 2023. They met in January for coffee and chat, at a Flower Festival in June, enjoyed a Christmas lunch in December and supported MU diocesan events throughout the year. Each month they receive the Derry & Raphoe monthly email. Our Diocesan Secretary, Kathleen Finlay, greatly assists in motivating the Diocesan Members and oversees a monthly round of golf with MU members and friends.

All Ireland Triennial Conference:

Revitalise, reenergise, renew was the underlying theme of the reimagining conference at An Grianán at the end of March and those who were present built new, as well as renewing,

friendships while endeavouring to plan for the future of MU, building on our experience, knowledge and skills. **Six members attended representing the diocese and two further members were present as All Ireland officers.** During the weekend equipping leaders, support improving relationships with all levels of clergy and promoting the work of MU, reviewing membership categories and criteria, MU Live and many other elements of reimagining MU were discussed and explored. The DP, whilst still in isolation regarding covid, was pleased to take part in the DP meeting via zoom on the Sunday morning.

Annual Gathering in York

The Diocesan President and Diocesan Secretary attended the MU Annual Gathering in York joining with 800 members across the Britain and Ireland, including 15 members from Ireland. There, Sheran Harper, Worldwide President, gave a very moving and motivating keynote address. Membership, clergy engagement and new and innovative ways of reimagining MU were to the forefront. The RISE UP Against Domestic Abuse Campaign was launched. We were inspired by the energy of Mothers' Union in taking forward community and social projects wherever we are.

MU Live Reports

The remainder of the Derry & Raphoe Annual Report is cut and pasted from *MU Live* postings. Remembering to log onto MU Live with information is a challenge, yet the information it contains at year's end is uplifting and revealing.

Category Description: Offering Gifts of Love – Mums In May Grants

Number of people impacted: Community: 600

Mums In May is MU's triennial fundraiser in Ireland. Mums in May makes grants available to each diocese. This makes a REAL difference to our outreach, enabling us to creating new projects and to support existing projects.

Recent grants received in Derry & Raphoe have supported

- *Family Fun Days* - over 200 children and their parents attended two Fun Days - one for families of children with disabilities and the other was the annual Diocesan Family Fun Day. We Manned the welcome tables and provided help throughout these activity led days in partnership with our Children's SEEDS ministry and Derry Raphoe Youth
- *The Ukrainian Teddy Project* continued - to date over 220 teddies have been distributed to Ukrainian refugees in Derry & Raphoe

A £1,000 MIM Special Summer grant was awarded to each diocese requesting that the funding be used for disadvantaged children and families. With this funding DRMU supported:

- *A refugee resettlement project* where two families were being housed in Donegal.
- *A refugee initiative* in partnership with Foyle Friends of Ukraine - 8 adults, 7 primary, 6 teenagers. Four trauma informed workshops took place with a fully qualified art therapist.
- *A 6 week food programme* supporting 64 young people and their parents in a deprived area - breakfast and lunch was served daily
- *Two Families in challenging circumstances*
- *A Youth Club initiative* to thank carers in their community -- to reach approx 250 carers and workers in care homes. Many carers in one care home from Sri Lanka - a lovely gift and welcome for them. MU supplied 120 Curry In a Hurry books towards this project - simple recipes with ingredients found in every supermarket.
- *Food vouchers* supplied for migrant families living on the breadline - 8 £10 food vouchers very gratefully received

Changes Brought: This outreach has welcomed many strangers to Irleand and brought hope to many children and families. Through it we are building stronger partnerships with our clergy, with refugees and migrants in our communities, with our children youth and their families.

It is portraying MU at its best and we are recognised as a positive face to 'faith in action' in Derry & Raphoe

Category Description: Nurturing Faith

Day of Refreshment: A Spring Morning, with Bishop Pat Storey, on the theme '*Reinvent*', was held on Saturday 25th February in Clooney Methodist Centre. This was a very fulfilling event. Bishop Pat based the inspiring sessions on Psalm 139; reminding us that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made". She challenged us to consider this from our mind, body and soul perspective. This was a perfect, reflective start to the Lent season, leaving us with a Lenten promise "to be kinder to me". We headed home with the word JOY imprinted on our minds. C.40 members attended and a Fairtrade stall was available.

Two '**Summer Gatherings**' were hosted in Convoy in Raphoe Diocese and Errigal (Garvagh) in Derry Diocese. In a summer where the good weather was hard to find, both days we were blessed with beautiful sunshine. There was a great buzz and lots of laughter as members and friends came together, uplifted by the words of Bishop Andrew and Irene Boyd (All Ireland Indoor Members Contact) at the respective services. We enjoyed fellowship together with the sumptuous and delicious tea parties; everyone rejoicing in coming together, the gift of spiritual nourishment, and the freedom of giving and receiving hugs and handshakes and chatting with friends. C. 75 people attended.

International Widows' Day: Branches were encouraged to connect with widows in their parish. A set of prayers from All Ireland was forwarded to all branches for individual, branch or parish use. On **Mary Sumner Day** members gathered for a Prayer Walk in the See House Quiet Garden. The garden itself has undergone much transformation over several years and was a very fitting location for the 'Transformation' theme of the day. Revd Liz Fitzgerald opened the afternoon reflecting on how, as was evident in the beautiful surroundings of the gardens, with a bit of toil and effort we can make great things happen. As music Andrew White's music filled the air the prayer walk began. Each stop along the way centred on one of our four units – Central Services, Action and Outreach, Fundraising and Communications and Faith and Policy – giving thanks for all the work that had been done and praying for strength and encouragement as we move forward in this time of change and hopefully new growth. C.45 people attended

The **Diocesan Service** was held in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe in mid September. This was well attended by members and clergy. The speaker was Jenny Smyth, CMSI, who had recently visited a number of dioceses in Africa. In each diocese MU were very active and Jenny spoke glowingly of CMSI support and partnership with MU work in these dioceses. It was wonderful for members and clergy to hear of the amazing and transformative work of MU across Africa c.120 attended

Thy Kingdom Come and Prisons Week:

Prayer resources were widely shared and participation was encouraged.

Category Description: Campaigning

16 Days 365 International Women's Day Service - A beautifully prepared worship service was led by Chaplain Rev Liz Fitzgerald on Wednesday 8th March, International Women's Day. Despite

bitterly cold weather a large crowd gathered in St Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe and a lovely time of hymn singing, worship and fellowship was had by all.

Guest speaker Dr Marie Hainsworth, Director of Donegal Domestic Violence Services, explained how valuable the support of Mothers Union has been. Our donations give the organisation flexibility to make small creative differences to women and children in extreme situations. It was significant that Donegal Mayor, Councillor Dónal Kelly, joined us to indicate his interest and support. It was a privilege to share tea and chat with Dr. Hainsworth and the mayor following the service and welcome so many members to this memorable occasion.

Changes Brought: 58 people attended who are now more aware of the specific needs of women and children in Co. Donegal. Branches have made a personal connection with DDVS and Dr. Hainsworth and her team are willing to engage with parishes / branches.

Dr. Hainsworth is passionate regarding the effect of domestic violence/abuse on children and has agreed to write an article for the Autumn edition of Derry & Raphoe Diocesan Magazine. Donations on the evening for DDVS came to €530

The Mayor indicated the occasion was particularly helpful in informing him on the current issues surrounding domestic abuse in his area.

The service centred on celebrating achievements and on EMBRACING EQUITY, the theme of IWD 2023. DP collated the service and introduced the theme of Embracing Equity in a global and local MU context.

Category Description: Offering Gifts of Love

Information about the activity: Domestic Abuse Services

Changes Brought: January 2023

'We thank you most sincerely for your donation of €405, raised at eh 16 Days 365 service to mark the retirement of Mary McKenna. We appreciate all your support over the years for this much needed service. ' Marie and staff at DDVS (Donegal Domestic Violence Services)

February 2023

'Thank you for the kind donation of children's pyjamas, baby items, women's clothing, bedding, colouring books and crayons that we received in November 2023.

These donations were warmly received by the women, children and families we support.'

M. Brown, CEO, Foyle Women's Aid & Foyle Family Justice Centre

Category Description: Campaigning

Information about the activity: 16 Days 365 in 2023

Global Day of Action: In Derry & Raphoe, the Mothers' Union 16 Days Global Day of Activism was marked with a #NO MORE 1 in3 RISE UP ROADSHOW in St. Columba's Parish Hall, Omagh. The Roadshow was opened by Councillor, Anne-Marie Donnelly, Vice Chair of Fermanagh & Omagh Council. Keynote speaker Adel Fox, Omagh Women's Aid set the exceptional context on Domestic Abuse; Sgt, Johnny Beattie, PSNE NPT & Vulnerability Team, spoke engagingly on the Role of the PSNI in tackling Domestic Abuse and Rev, John White, led and encouraging session on the Church rising up to take action in this important topic.

The Roadshow featured the supports of the PCSP and PSNI in the community under the guidance of Greg McMullan, Claire Hinchcliff, Diocesan Youth Officer, encouraged participants to engage with the mental wellbeing TOOLBOX, Anita Hill created a mini Souls of Our Shoes Exhibition, Ger West ably guided us in the creation of origami doves and Diane White outlined the MU RISE UP

BRONZE AWARD. In the midst of it all the ladies of Drumragh MU Branch served a sumptuous cup of tea! It was a wonderful, memorable and worthwhile occasion.

Attendance: 36

Refuge Support: Once again there was a generous response from branches to the call for support for Foyle Women's Aid, Omagh Women's aid and Donegal Domestic Violence Services.

Euro Vouchers: £910 Sterling Vouchers: £425

A generous and varied selection of items was delivered to each service provider.

Parish Outreach: An invitation was sent to all rectors and branches for the Global Day of Activism event. 16 Days intercessions were forwarded to all parishes and branches. Members were encouraged to spread the word far and wide.

Schools Outreach:

Two secondary schools availed of the 16 Days outreach in 2023.

The NI College has 1,500 students. Operation Encompass has really awoken staff interest and this year they decided to have a 16 Days outreach throughout the school. MU was invited to conduct MU two Assemblies – lower 6th and upper 6th. The school collaborated with Foyle Women's Aid and MU in seeking advice in presenting an assembly to the younger age groups. FWA provided an Assembly for Y10-Y14. The school is the first school to enter into an official partnership with FWA. All students will undertake a Healthy Relationships programme delivered by FWA. FWA also provided slides for the College's public computer system – which was on a roll on Friday 24th November – WEAR PURPLE DAY. Students were encourage to wear purple, contribute 50p and a 'bun sale' took place. 420 students attended the two assemblies conducted by Jacqui Armstrong, Diocesan President.

The RoI Comprehensive School has also engaged very positively since the 16 Days 2017. Here they prefer a more detailed 40 min presentation with each 5th and 6th Year classes. In 2023 4 presentations were led by Jacqui with 220 students in all. The students were highly engaged and interested.

Changes Brought: The three domestic abuse services were delighted to receive the goods and the vouchers each reiterated that these would make a huge difference to their clients.

The schools are very engaged and each year move a step further in building healthy relationship programmes. A pdf leaflet was prepared with a short explanation of the 16 Days and GBV, age appropriate signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships, and a short list of helpful helplines.

It is difficult to encourage people to attend Global Day events. However, one member who had never engaged with the 16 Days was bowled over by the content of the day. She didn't know why she had never engaged in the past and is now determined to do so in the future.

The RISE UP Roadshow was advertised widely in the diocese, so many people have heard about it and we shall build on this in 2024.

'Equipping The Church To Take Action and End Domestic Abuse' Six parishes in Derry & Raphoe have undertaken this programme.

'Changing The Story Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group': One facilitator and one member attended the first Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group in 2023

Church Informed Trauma Training: Two members from Derry & Raphoe are currently undergoing this training programme.

Two **‘Changing The Story on Domestic Abuse’ conferences** took place in September in Seagoe Parish Centre, Portadown and Kilternan Parish Centre, Dublin. The two brilliant and engaging keynote speakers were Bekah Legg, Restored, and Helen Paynter, author of *‘The Bible Doesn’t Tell Me So’*. During the conference Rev. Graham Hare, Drumragh spoke movingly of the positive impact and engagement his parish team have experienced as a result of undertaking the Equipping the Church Programme, Jacqui Armstrong, DP, summed up the programme and Bishop Andrew Forster closed the conference in Portadown with stirring and empowering words. Various partners on the issue of domestic abuse spoke from an Irish perspective. These were two highly impactful days. In all 152 people attended from across Ireland. Those present were highly engaged and amazed by what they had experienced in the course of each conference. Three members and four clergy attended from Derry & Raphoe.

Category Description: Offering Gifts of Love – Emergency Toilet Packs

Number of people impacted: Hospitals: 435

Information about the activity: Altnagelvin Area Hospital

13th January 2023	50 Emergency Toilet Bags	
4th April 2023 -	113 Emergency Toilet Bags	
18th June 2023	111 Emergency Toilet Bags	
September 2023	100 Emergency Toilet Bags	TOTAL 374

Letterkenny University Hospital

February 2023	41 Emergency Toilet Bags	
September 2023	20 Toilet Bags	TOTAL 61

Changes Brought: Emergency Toilet Packs are handed to those who have come into hospital suddenly and want to be able to have a shower or just freshen up. They are also for the use of parents or family who are staying with a patient.

Category Description: Crafting

Number of people impacted: Community: 20 Hospitals: 2017

Information about the activity: 20 hats delivered to Women's Centre, Derry where BAME women and children meet in groups during the week. TOTAL 20

13th Jan 2023 - Altnagelvin Area Hospital	100 Baby Hats
75 Teddies	30 Prem Hats
7 Knitted breasts	8 Prem Cardigans
6 Lap blanket	30 Baby Cardigans
3 Cot blanket	10 Knitted Prem Gowns
10 Prem blanket	4 Angel Pockets
70 Prem hats	4 Prem Blankets
120 Baby hats	7 Cot Blankets
21 Prem cardigans	8 Cosy Nests/Quilt
10 Baby cardigans	6 Pairs Bonding Hearts and Squares
5 Angel pockets	10 Fiddle Muffs/ 3 Fidget Blankets
6 Fiddle muffs	10 Prayer Squares TOTAL 260
7 Fidget blankets TOTAL 340 items	
4th April 2023 - Altnagelvin Area Hospital	15th June 2023: Altnagelvin Area Hospital
30 Teddies	Baby Hats = 329
	Prem Hats = 75

Angel Pockets. = 9
Trauma Teddies = 90
Baby Cardigan = 36
Prem Cardigan = 20
Blankets
Prem. = 4
Cot. = 4
Large = 13
Lap. = 6
Fiddle Muffs. = 15
5 pairs Bonding Squares
3 pairs Bonding hearts
12 Prayer Squares
Bag of booties 20 TOTAL 641

September 2023 - Altnagelvin Hospital

53 Teddies
6 Cot Quilts
2 Incubator covers
9 Cosy nests
46 Prayer Squares
19 Pairs Bonding hearts
4 Pairs Bonding Teddies
70 Baby hats
13 Baby cardigans
14 Lap blankets
20 Prem hats
15 Cot blankets
TOTAL 271 crafted items

(TOTAL 1,512 items to Altnagelvin AH in 2023)

FEBRUARY 2023 - LUH - 45 pairs of hearts for
End of Life Team

JULY 2023:LUH End of Life Team - 103 prayer
squares

September 2023 24 Prayer Squares in pairs +
6 pairs of hearts
TOTAL: 178

LETTERKENNY UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL - 4th

April 2023

30 Baby Hats
16 Prem Hats
4 Prem Cardigans
5 Cot Blankets
6 Fiddle Muffs
3 Lap Blankets TOTAL 109

9th May 2023:LUH

6 Fiddle Muffs
3 Fidget Blankets
4 Angel Pockets
60 Baby Hats
10 Cot Blankets
12 Red baby Hats TOTAL 95

September 2023 LUH

4 Lap blankets
3 large blankets
7 Fiddle muffs
4 Prem blankets
3 Cot blankets
50 Baby hats
25 large hats
15 Prem hats
5 baby cardigans
7 Teddies
5 pairs hearts
TOTAL 103 crafted items

(Total of 485 items to LUH in 2023)

Changes Brought: The hats to the BAME women and children were particularly welcome in the cold spell as these women and children find the climate here very inclement.

Hospitals:

An email received from Elizabeth, Sister in Ward 25, the Fracture Ward in Altnagelvin Hospital thanking Mothers' Union for handmade knitted gifts and emergency hygiene provision packs. 'We are delighted to receive these gifts, for patients and are already making great use of them. The teddys bears, blankets and fidget blankets are all very useful for our patients in the ward, we use these with patients who have dementia or confused as a means of diversion for them to help them feel at ease.'

Niamh, End of Life Coordinator, Letterkenny University Hospital

'Thank you for the beautiful knitted hearts that your group left in the hospital. These hearts have given great comfort to grieving families. I have personally used them many times with families over the past two years.

Recently, I had a large bag of knitted hearts left at A+E for me on the first day that I started my new post as End of Life coordinator. All the staff loved the hearts and accompanying prayers. The little flat knitted pieces have been very useful for teenage boys who lost their dad. I just want to make sure you realise how much they have helped. Again – thank you.'

Category Description: Offering Gifts of Love – Ukrainian Welcome Teddies

Number of people impacted: Community: 147

Information about the activity: Ukrainian Teddy welcome packs were requested a special Ukrainian Christmas event (at Epiphany), hosted by the Lady Lord Mayor on 8th January. This was a wonderful gathering for 600 Ukrainian mothers and children, and local VIPs to celebrate Christmas on Ukraine's traditional date.

- 48 teddies and passports were presented to children in 3-5 years group in Girdwood Community Hall in North Belfast.
- Kiltonga Christian Centre distributed 32 MU Ukrainian teddies for a similar 'Ethnic Project' gathering in North Down and Ards Council area before Christmas.
- On the 5th May 35 teddies were delivered to the Ukrainian Community in Moville, Co. Donegal.
- On the 8th July, Day 500, 20 teddies were handed over to Ukrainian children in Derry-Londonderry. Young mums come to learn English and the children are minded by Ukrainian volunteers in Foyle Child Contact Centre.
- 12 teddies were gratefully received by a teacher in Milford NS in Co. Donegal where a number of Ukrainian families are settling into Donegal life.

Changes Brought:

Girdwood Epiphany celebration

Comment received afterwards:

'Thank you very much, that you could come and spend a time with our community. It was a great idea to present teddies to our toddlers. I hope you likes this event and enjoy. We try to make as better as we can ...' Alina from Ukraine.

Moville, Co. Donegal

Tears welled up as the Ukrainian Teddies were distributed to the children. The women and mothers were so touched and each asked to hold one. Some ladies have children still in the Ukraine and all of them were missing home. The ladies have very little English and expressed their thanks and delight through one lady and a few teenage interpreters.

FCC, Derry- Londonderry

HOPE and encouragement were brought to the women and children learning English. Interesting conversations with the young Mums regarding the trauma they had experienced and their experiences in Ireland.

Category Description: Offering Gifts of Love – Prison Outreach

In November 2023, 200 cards were handed to Paul Darragh, Prison Fellowship worker in Magilligan Prison. These had been obtained from the MSH Community of Interest for Prisons initiative, building on the link we made through the provision of cards in 2022.

Category Description: AFIA Cost of Living BAME Outreach

Following research undertaken on the plight of BAME women in Derry and Raphoe with Foyle Women's Aid, Omagh Women's Aid, the Women's Centre, Derry and Donegal Domestic Violence Services, funding was requested and received to assist BAME women and children.

The critical BAME women are those from Africa and Asia eg. China, Vietnam and other non European destinations, who may have arrived on a spousal visa or have made their way to N Ireland/Ireland in the hope of either gaining refugee status or of attempting to apply for leave to remain once they have arrived. Those from the Ukraine, Syria and Afghanistan are afforded rights once they arrive.

Accessing supports for BAME can be complicated. Once forms are filled in it can be a minimum of 12 weeks until women receive support. BAME women in NI are entitled to £41 per week and £3 extra per child. If domestic abuse is a factor, there is a current pilot project with the Home Office where a weekly allowance of £60 plus £15 per child has been negotiated. This is only available for 12 weeks, by which time the women are supposed to be rehoused. In reality this is impossible and services are supporting the BAME women and children as best as possible.

In RoI most women have a Stamp 3 visa with almost no entitlements, so every effort is made to transfer them to a Stamp 4 visa, which opens access to housing and education.

In both jurisdictions women are often advised to go home and apply for correct visa designations and re-enter NI or RoI, as applicable.

Comments:

'Thanks again, this is very much appreciated. Your kind donation will indeed help our current BAME clients with no recourse to public funds.' FWA

'Thank you so much for this funding and for taking the time and interest in this aspect of the work. We will keep you informed of how it was used.' DDVS

'Thank you so much for the very kind donation we are very appreciative.' WC

'Thank you so much for your ongoing support and this is particularly beneficial for those more vulnerable BME women as discussed.' OWA

2023 AFIA Cost of Living Crisis Scheme

During 2023 the 'normal' AFIA Cost of Living Scheme supported 9 households which included 15 adults, 11 children under 13 and 3 teenagers.

Changes Brought: AFIA is a confidential service.

The funding is to be used as directed eg. top ups for energy cards, supermarket vouchers, Shopping Centre vouchers, housing needs etc. Tabs are kept by agencies on who gets what so they can track what is going on.

Several clergy have indicated their support for MU through AFIA CoL Crisis Scheme.

One recent comment

'I have to say, we'd be lost without the work of MU!'

In conclusion

The work Mothers' Union undertakes in Derry & Raphoe is amazing. It can only be so through the wonderful dedication of our diocesan trustees, diocesan officers, branch officers, diocesan members and branch members, and for this we are very grateful. We are also very thankful for the

encouraging support we receive from our bishop and clergy, our partners within the diocese and the many friends of MU.

We thank God for the light of His love that shines in Derry & Raphoe on behalf of MU and our continued prayer is that this light will continue to bear fruit for God's Kingdom as we move 'REIMAGINING' forward in 2024.

None of you lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl.

Instead, you put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light.'

(Luke 11: 33)

Jacqui Armstrong,
Diocesan President

December 2023

Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100834

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union.

I report on the accounts of Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directories given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined the Mothers' Union accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Mothers' Union and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Gavin Harkin



Relevant professional qualification: Fellow, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 13 Eastway, Derry~Londonderry, BT48 9QA

Date: 10 June 2024

Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100834

Accounts

Mothers' Union Diocese of Derry and Raphoe

**Trustees' Annual report and Statement of Receipts and Payments
and Assets and Liabilities**

For the year ended 31 December 2022

Charities Number :

100834

Diocese of Derry

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name : Mothers' Union Diocese of Derry and Raphoe

Charity Registration Number : 100834

Diocesan President: Ms Jacqui Armstrong
Diocesan Secretary: Mrs Kathleen Finlay
Diocesan Treasurer: Mr Peter Clampett

Trustees
See attached report

Diocese of Derry

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended

31-Dec-22

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Opening Bank and Cash Balances		38,384.88	5,691.05	44,075.93	42,719.68
Receipts					
Subscriptions, Donations & Legacies	2	14,818.00	0.00	14,818.00	11,104.07
Investment Receipts	3	19.88	0.00	19.88	9.70
Receipts for MU Activities	4	7,315.46	11,364.28	18,679.74	15,547.63
Other Receipts	5	5,380.90	0.00	5,380.90	10,176.00
Total Receipts		27,534.24	11,364.28	38,898.52	36,837.40
Payments					
Diocesan and Branch Expenses	6	16,361.10	0.00	16,361.10	12,264.27
Payments to MU Activities	7	4,883.58	9,972.32	14,855.90	14,916.52
Other Payments	8	1,268.35	0.00	1,268.35	8,300.36
Total Payments		22,513.03	9,972.32	32,485.35	35,481.15
Transfers between funds		-408.94	408.94	0.00	0.00
Closing Bank and Cash Balances		42,997.15	7,491.95	50,489.10	44,075.93

Diocese of Derry

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at

31-Dec-22

		Diocesan	Branch	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
Investment Assets		£	£	£	£
investments in RCB Unit Trust	9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other investments		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total investment Assets		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Funds					
Petty Cash		0.00	1,143.86	1,143.86	853.41
Current Accounts		26,648.83	22,696.41	49,345.24	43,222.52
Deposit Accounts		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Cash Funds		26,648.83	23,840.27	50,489.10	44,075.93
Other Assets					
Stocks MU enterprise	10	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Debtors		0.00	0.00	0.00	430.00
Total other assets		200.00	0.00	200.00	630.00
Total assets		26,848.83	23,840.27	50,689.10	44,705.93
Liabilities					
Creditors		942.15	0.00	942.15	0.00
Subscriptions in advance	11	0.00	220.00	220.00	105.00
Total Liabilities		942.15	220.00	1,162.15	105.00
Unrestricted Funds	12	19,356.88	23,620.27	42,977.15	38,909.88
Restricted Funds	13	6,549.80	0.00	6,549.80	5,691.05
Total Funds		25,906.68	23,620.27	49,526.95	44,600.93

Diocese of Derry

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended

31-Dec-22

1. Accounting policies

Set out below are the principal accounting policies which have been adopted in the compilation of the Receipts and Payments Account and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

a) Receipts and Payments Account

All items of income and expenditure included within the Receipts and Payments Account have been accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

b) Statement of Assets and Liabilities

(i) Investments

None

(ii) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Specific provision is made for obsolete and slow moving stock on an item by item basis.

(iii) Subscriptions in advance

None

(iv) Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated which are expendable at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of its objectives.

(v) Restricted funds

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purpose.

Diocese of Raphoe

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended

31-Dec-22

		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		31-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	31-Dec-21
	Notes	€	€	€	€
Opening Bank and Cash Balances		8,679.09	0.00	8,679.09	9,715.87
Receipts					
Subscriptions, Donations & Legacies	2	3,181.00	0.00	3,181.00	2,986.00
Investment Receipts	3	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Receipts for MU Activities	4	78.05	2,360.00	2,438.05	3,053.22
Other Receipts	5	2,806.30	0.00	2,806.30	196.60
Total Receipts		6,065.35	2,360.00	8,425.35	6,235.83
Payments					
Diocesan and Branch Expenses	6	4,173.85	0.00	4,173.85	3,520.39
Payments to MU Activities	7	60.00	3,808.00	3,868.00	3,747.22
Other Payments	8	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00
Total Payments		4,233.85	3,808.00	8,041.85	7,272.61
Transfers between funds		-1,648.00	1,648.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Bank and Cash Balances		8,862.59	200.00	9,062.59	8,679.09

Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100834

Annual report

Annual Report 2022
Diocese of Derry and Raphoe MU

Legal and Administrative Information

Dioc. President: Jacqueline Armstrong

Dioc. Secretary: Kathleen Finlay

Peter Clampett: Dioc. Treasurer

Trustees

Jacqueline Armstrong: Dioc. President

Dioc. Secretary: Kathleen Finlay

Kay Clarke: Vice-President

May Boyd: Vice-President

Elsie Stewart: Vice-President

Jean Thompson: Vice-President

Doreen Sidebottom: Unit Co-ordinator F&C

Anne

ordinator A&O

Smith: Unit Co-

Method of Election

Office Bearers within the Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe MU are elected for a term of three years and are eligible for re-election for a second term. Not less than fourteen days before the meeting of the Council nomination papers are sent out to each member of the Council who may nominate one member for the post of President or other Diocesan Official. The nomination papers are returned within a period of time agreed by the Trustee Board to the Finance and Central services Unit Co-ordinator. No name which has received less than three nominations is submitted to the vote. Permission must be sought from a nominee before nomination. On the receipt of the nomination papers by the Finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinator, a voting paper giving the names of the persons nominated is sent to every member of the Council. Each member of the Council has one vote.

The voting papers are handed to the Finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinator at the Council meeting and are unsigned. A member of the Council unable to attend the meeting may record their vote by sending their completed and signed voting paper to the Finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinator before the Council meeting.

All Diocesan Officials are elected by the Diocesan Council and must retire triennially. They shall be ineligible for re-election to the same office, if they have already served two consecutive periods. In the year 1994 and triennially thereafter at the second meeting of the Council held in that year the Diocesan President is elected. In the year 1996, and triennially thereafter, at the first meeting of the Diocesan Council held in that year, the election of all Diocesan Officials, including the Diocesan Secretary is announced and they take up office in January of that year.

Regarding the election of Area Secretaries, nomination and voting papers are prepared by the retiring Area Secretary and copies sent to each Branch Leader, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Member and Clergy wife (if a member of M U) in her area. Once again, no name which receives less than three nominations can be submitted to the vote and the consent of the nominee must be obtained before nomination.

Main Banker

Mr Peter Clampett, Diocesan Treasurer, Address as above. Banks used for Mothers' Union Diocesan business are the Ulster Bank, Catherine Street, Limavady and the AIB, Main Street, Letterkenny.

Auditor

Mr Gavin Harkin.

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Aim, Purpose and Objectives of the Mothers' Union

Purpose, Aim and Objects

The Purpose of the Mothers' Union is to be specially concerned with all that strengthens and preserves marriage and Christian family life.

The Aim of the Society is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In order to carry out this Aim, its Objects are:

1. To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding;

2. To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church;
3. To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service;
4. To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children;
5. To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

Mission statement of the Mothers' Union

1. The Mothers' Union is an Anglican organisation which promotes the well-being of families world-wide.
2. We achieve this by:
 - (i) developing prayer and spiritual growth in families;
 - (ii) studying and reflecting on family life and its place in society;
 - (iii) resourcing our members to take practical action to improve conditions for families, both nationally and in the communities in which they live.

Diocesan Structure

In keeping with the All-Ireland structure, Derry and Raphoe MU has a Trustee Board and Diocesan Council.

The Trustee Board

The Trustee Board consist of the Diocesan President, the Diocesan Secretary, the Bishop's spouse (if he or she so desires), the four Vice-Presidents and the four Unit Co-ordinators and also the Diocesan Treasurer (non-voting). The Diocesan Chaplain (ex

officio) may attend meetings of the Trustee Board but may not vote. In addition, the Diocesan President has authority to invite an individual to any meeting where expertise is required for a specific task, but they may not vote. The Diocesan President shall have the authority to appoint persons to fill all vacancies created by resignations.

The Trustee Board is the decision-making body in the Diocese. Subject to the approval of the Council, the Trustee Board exercise powers assigned to them by the Diocesan Council. The Trustee Board has the power to form sub-committees. All sub-committees lapse when their function ceases.

The Trustee Board shall meet as may be required but not less than twice annually. The quorum for a meeting of the Trustee Board shall be fifty per cent of the membership plus one.

The Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council consists of the Diocesan President, the Diocesan Secretary, the Diocesan Treasurer (in attendance but with no voting rights), the Chaplain (ex officio), the four Unit Co-ordinators, the Bishop's Spouse, Unit Representatives, Area Secretaries, the four Vice-Presidents, Branch Leaders, all Past Diocesan Presidents, Branch Secretaries, Branch Treasurers, Representatives on All-Ireland Committees, Representatives on Committees at Mary Sumner House and Any Past All-Ireland President or World Wide President who resides in the Diocese. Clergy spouses who are not office bearers in their Branch may attend Council but may not vote.

The Diocesan Council shall meet at least twice yearly. Forty members constitute a quorum. Not less than fourteen days' written notice of the date of regular meetings is given to members of the Council and copies of the agenda is sent with the notice.

No business is transacted, or motion made at any Council meeting without due notice appearing on the Agenda paper except at the request of the Diocesan President and by consent of two-thirds of the Council present and voting. Every question is settled by a show of hands and every member of Council has one vote. The Chairman has a casting vote in addition to her ordinary vote.

The Diocesan Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Council and keep minutes thereof and generally carry out the business of the Council. The Diocesan Treasurer receives and applies all monies of the Council under such regulations as the Council may make.

The Diocesan President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

The Derry and Raphoe MU has four Units each with a Unit Co-ordinator. These are:

- (i) Finance and Central Services
- (ii) Action and Outreach
- (iii) Fundraising and Communications
- (iv) Faith and Policy

There are six Area Secretaries, one for each of the geographical locations within the diocese. These are:

- (i) Derry

- (ii) Donegal
- (iii) Omagh
- (iv) North Sperrin
- (v) South Sperrin
- (vi) Strabane.

The Diocesan President has oversight and responsibility for the outworking of Mothers' Union activities in the Diocese. She is encouraged and supported by four Vice-presidents.

Membership

There are 549 members in the Derry and Raphoe Diocese of the MU. These membership figures reflect the members paid for by our Diocesan Treasurer during the calendar year 2022. The subscription fees collected are £30.00 per member living in the Derry Diocese and €33.00 per member living in the Diocese of Raphoe.

Review of

Diocesan Activities January-December 2021

(Report from Diocesan President)

Derry & Raphoe Mothers' Union

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

'Re-imagining Mothers' Union' came to the fore as branches inched out of covid, reimagining their yearly programmes and branch meetings. The MU 'Re-imagining' Conference in Liverpool and the Britain and Ireland Annual Gathering in Belfast discussed vision, ideas and ideals with the ultimate vision of Mothers' Union moving forward in transformation mode to transform ourselves personally and spiritually, to work in partnership with others to facilitate and support transformation in our churches and communities and, last, but not least, to transform Mothers' Union by being prayerful, openminded and adaptive in order to survive and flourish.

Branches and Diocesan Members were kept up to date with a monthly newsletter, frequent emails, zoom meetings, inperson meetings and information passed on from All-ireland and Mary Sumner House. Each member receive 2 copies of the official MU magazine, *Connected*, and one copy of the Ireland specific magazine.

With 4 million members in 84 countries little acts of love all around the world make the work of Mothers' Union relevant and purposeful. Here, in Derry & Raphoe, alongside the usual neo natal knits, the End of Life team in Letterkenny University Hospital requested matching pairs of hearts that ICU had found very useful during covid. Hats have been gratefully received by the Salvation Army for the homeless, the Mission to Seafarers and our domestic abuse refuges.

A super Ukrainian Teddy project has supplied 120 comfort teddies, complete with their own teddy passport, to Ukrainian preschool children in County Donegal, whilst the remaining teddies are being distributed in Northern Ireland to schools, the Red Cross and the Kiltonga Christian Centre. In the interim the teddies have enjoyed many exciting and adventurous day trips around the diocese!



A third reimagined **AFIA** Scheme now caters for the many not in receipt of benefits who find themselves unexpectedly in extraordinary challenging circumstances due to the **Cost of Living Crisis**. Details of this confidential scheme are available from Elizabeth at drmu.afia@gmail.com.

The fourth Anglican mark of mission aims **to transform unjust structures in society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation**. In this regard the

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Days 365

Campaign continued to grow with input into the new **Domestic Sexual & Gender Based Violence (DSGBV) Strategies** in both jurisdictions.

In 2022 the first Irish edition of the Restored *Guide For Churches To address Domestic Abuse* was published. Two pilots of a gender justice programme created by Mothers' Union, Bishops' Appeal and Tearfund Ireland, *Equipping the Church to Take Action and End Domestic Abuse*, were very well received and the programme is now ready for roll out to parishes.

During April our first **16 Days 365** event was held in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe. Interestingly, when Donegal Domestic Violence Services began in 1991 laws did not adequately protect women in domestic abusive situations, yet women who walked away from abuse were regularly rehoused in a three week period. Today this can take up to three years!

As we write MU is gearing up to its 2022 **16 Days of Activism** with branches collecting vouchers and items for Foyle, Omagh and Donegal domestic abuse services. MU is returning to delivering 16 Days Assemblies and workshops to A Level and Leaving Certificate students in our diocese. Our theme call is **'#No More 1 in 3'** referring to the fact that currently worldwide one in three women is affected by gender based violence in their lifetime.

Fellowship, faith, fun and activity were the order of the day as we gathered for our Summer Gatherings in Maghera and Stranorlar, enjoyed a fulfilling and thought provoking Prayer Breakfast with Rev Rosie Diffin, a magnificent Diocesan Festival Evensong in St. Columb's Cathedral and a brilliant day out celebrating all things MU at the *Annual Gathering* in Belfast.

Other highlights include our partnership with Seeds for the **Family Fun Day** in Raphoe. Mary Sumner, who had the original vision for MU, had a wonderful mantra - *our youth of today are our nation of tomorrow*. Encouraging and fostering our children in hope and faith is a tremendous gift to our youth and we look forward to future partnerships with Seeds and DRY.

Worldwide: Our communal understanding of climate change and reality of life in Madagascar was transformed by Anne Speers, in an entertaining and thought provoking presentation. Having experienced so many climate induced disasters, lateral thinking and creativity becomes a part of daily life. Throughout the joy of the people of Madagascar shines through – what a wonderful expression of hope in God.

A wonderful culture, a rich heritage, climate change, poverty and gender based violence came to the fore during two visits post Lambeth. Having spent an evening with Bishop Aimé Joseph and Bénigne in Castlerock and shared a celebratory picnic with Bishop Seth

and Rev Yvette in Glendermott, we were left in awe of the growing faith, hope and resilience of people in Burundi. Here the church is developing quickly – Bishop Seth has 70 parishes and 70 MU Branches with dozens of planted churches. Trees have been transplanted across the diocese and MU step in to prevent abuse and child marriages taking place. As Burundi is not rich in resources, unemployment, even of educated people is a challenge. Mothers' Union groups meet locally every morning to pray, every week to worship and travel long distances to glorify God through worship, prayer and discussion. There is a great longing for women to be valued and for a complete transformation of society through a spiritual revival.

Back in Derry & Raphoe, armed with boots and spades MU celebrated Her late Majesty's **Platinum Jubilee** in style! The last trees to be planted in Brackfield Wood were planted by Mothers' Union, contributing to the Queen's Green Canopy.

In 2023 we look forward to contributing to the Anglican Communion Forest initiative. Trees planted will act as a **symbol of our** commitment to God's creation and our commitment to the Anglican Marks of Mission

The Platinum Jubilee was celebrated with a variety of tea parties and events in the dioceses. Members in the Omagh area celebrated with a walk and a picnic in Baronscourt, whilst Templemore MU stitched a beautiful kneeler to mark the occasion – 68 hours of stitching!

Members created a guard of honour at Helen Livingston's funeral. Helen is remembered as an exceptional Diocesan President (2001-2006) - visionary, practical, pragmatic and a great mentor and encourager. Helen led by example and her deep faith and friendship endeared her to many. During her tenure she worked tirelessly, and it was during this period *Foyle Child Contact Centre* was established. Helen was a light through which the love of God shone. She is much missed, and our thoughts are with David, Clyde and Eleanor.

A few weeks later our late Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away. She had had a long and extraordinary life in which she saw our world change dramatically. Her spirit of acceptance to change and transformation through the years and her ability to take others on the journey of change is testimony to her great strength as a leader and her faith in change that is inevitable.

Rev. Liz Fitzgerald, the Bishop's Curate-in-Charge of the Gweedore group of parishes, was commissioned as Diocesan Chaplain at our Diocesan Festival service held in St. Columb's Cathedral. Here, Bishop Andrew Forster continued to nurture and encourage Mothers' Union members in their ministry:

"Mothers' Union have this incredible history," the Bishop said, "an incredible present and an incredible future, in how they seek to bring transformation into the lives of the poor –

those who are physically, emotionally, economically and spiritually [poor] – and transformation into our world, because we've seen Jesus, because we have seen the Lord, and the grace that he has brought to bear in our lives is something that we're compelled to share. It's Good News."

Our congratulations to branches who have celebrated significant anniversaries – Aghadoey MU and Leckpatrick MU their 80th, Edenderry their 60th and Clondevaddock their 20th. As this triennium ends, we thank our many faithful branch and diocesan volunteers who have led their members and this diocese through extraordinarily challenging covid times.

Throughout they walked forward carrying the banner of Christ's love with kindness, courage, and compassion, diversifying and undertaking outreach initiatives and experimenting with new modes of technology.
May all we are, everything we think, say and do, be blessed by God, constantly renewed and daily transformed through His awesome power and unfailing love.

If you wish to find out more about Mothers' Union or membership of Mothers' Union contact secretarydandrmothersunion@gmail.com

Derry & Raphoe

Numbers of people impacted by MU outreach during 2022

Offering Service to Community:

Family Fun Day	211
Christmas card to Prisoners	200
Nurturing Faith	c.1,000
16 Days Education Outreach	536
Outreach to refugees	c.250
AFIA	170

Crafting:

Community	120
Hospitals	641
Street – Salvation Army	28
Mission to Seafarers	40
DA Refuges	11
Ukrainian Teddy Project	191

Total number of people impacted c.3,390

Jacqueline L. Armstrong

Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union.

I report on the accounts of Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union for the year ended 31 December which are set out on pages 3-6.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directories given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined the Mothers' Union accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the Mothers' Union and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Gavin Harkin FCCA

Relevant professional qualification: Chartered Certified Accountant

Address: 13 Eastway, Derry, BT48 9QA

Date: 9th June 2023

