



## **Mothers Union Diocese of Birmingham**

Registered Charity: 1065815

### **Annual Report for Year ended 31st December 2019**

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**Mothers' Union** is an international Christian membership charity of over 4 million members living in over 83 countries whose vision is to bring about a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful, and flourishing relationships.

**The Aim and purpose of Mothers' Union** is to demonstrate Christian faith in action by the transformation of communities worldwide through the nurture of families in their many forms.

Its Objectives are:

- Promoting and supporting marriage
- Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children
- Maintaining a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship, and service
- Promoting conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children
- Helping those whose family life has met with adversity

Mothers' Union, Birmingham has worked to fulfil the Aim and Objectives of the charity by supporting both local projects and the worldwide work. The charity works closely with the global charity at Mary Sumner House, London

**The Trustees** submit their report and financial statements for the Mothers' Union – Birmingham Diocese, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 and accepted at the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020

The Board of Trustees met seven times during the year.

There were two Members Meetings. In April, the focus was on Celebrating MU including an introduction to the new Trustee Board and in October a presentation on Modern Day Slavery was given by Nicky Sweatman, the Provincial President

The charity is dependent on its members for funding and is staffed by volunteers and one part-time salaried secretary. An annual subscription is levied on members to cover subscriptions to Central Mothers' Union, Birmingham's administrative expenses and Projects. In 2019 the subscription was £23.00 with £14.00 of that being sent to London

There were 707 members at the end of the year mostly in active branches attached to Parish Churches Some are Diocesan members who have no formal attachment to any branch. Some 20 of the members are housebound but remain linked to a branch and are known as Indoor members. Discussions continue as branches face challenges in finding volunteers to take on some of the necessary administration

The new constitution which had been completely revised in 2018 came into effect in January with the formation of the board for a new triennium The aim had been to create a more flexible structure enabling Trustees to focus on strategy and governance of the Charity whilst others oversee and coordinate the charitable activities The smaller Trustee Board reflects the fact that it is becoming more difficult to recruit volunteers into leadership roles.

A Community Development project that had been funded for four years, partly by the central charity and partly by the CofE Birmingham with Sandra Golding as coordinator, came to an end in May. Ms Golding had developed a process to identify community needs and to find target groups. She also promoted Mothers' Union to interested churches and worked alongside the newer branches looking at their communities and how to work together in clusters to support the work, and build relationships.

The charitable activities are grouped into four areas

- Action & Outreach
- Faith & Policy
- Fundraising & Communications
- Finance & Administration

### **Action & Outreach Group**

This Group is responsible for the projects in the Diocese and for communicating information about the work overseas.

Marriage Preparation was continued through offering marriage preparation to couples preparing for marriage. Locally many groups offer support on the day.

AFIA - Away from It All – a project that funds holidays for those in great need, funded 8 families with holidays and two-day trips. It also topped up the funding for a child's Year 6 school trip enabling him to go away with his friends. The total spent in 2019 on providing these trips was £5703

The work in two prisons continued, assisting families when visiting, organising a crèche, working with the Chaplaincy with counselling and with running Dads' Groups. The families greatly appreciate the range of activities and together with the Parenting Groups (Being Dad) we believe that family relationships can be improved. In HMP Birmingham Mothers' Union works closely with Halow, a charity which supervises the Visits Centre, to supply toys for prisoners' families and cards at Christmas time

Household goods, clothing, baby items and toiletries continued to be collected to support Refugees and Asylum Seekers, also families affected by domestic violence through our association with Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid. Mothers' Union remains a highly valued partner in supporting Women's Aid particularly in the current climate of Council cuts to charities. Mothers' Union members offer support through the Churches Together in Solihull (The Solihull Welcome) based in a local church hall and used by asylum seekers whilst waiting to visit the Border Agency.

Knit and Natter groups exist in many branches which support the production of goods such as premature baby items for local hospitals whilst also providing an opportunity for a social gathering easily inclusive of others who may be lonely or vulnerable. At the QE hospital, members run a Knit and Natter group for in patients. Twiddle muffs and Fiddle pinnies are also made for use by dementia patients both in their own homes and in care homes.

The Birmingham Children's Hospital project continues to be well supported by members and provides a listening ear to families and staff in the Hospital chapel, in several sessions a week. Members also help with the administration of sending cards to bereaved families

Our overseas prayer links are Bukedi, (Uganda), Enugu, (Nigeria), The Seychelles (Indian Ocean) and Marathwada, (Northern India). Each year in January we particularly focus on our links in prayer as we take our part in the continuous worldwide wave of prayer. The Worldwide Group nurtures these links: by keeping in touch as much as possible: assisting in hospitality to overseas visitors: providing practical support for the container of goods which is sent annually to Malawi through the Church of England Birmingham Diocesan link

### **Faith & Policy Group**

The Annual Diocesan Festival Service was in the Cathedral in February 2019. The new Diocesan President, the Trustee board and the new Chaplain, the Revd Canon Martin Stephenson were commissioned by the Bishop of Birmingham within a Eucharist service at which he presided. Members met for Prayer in the Cathedral four times during the year.

In June, a three-day retreat was held at Holland House, nr Pershore and was attended by ten participants. It was led by the Chaplain exploring the Theme 'Tree of Life - a celebration of creation'. In November, a quiet day was held at Polesworth Abbey.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence was marked on December 7<sup>th</sup> by a stall outside Birmingham cathedral with members of MU and Women's Aid engaging with members of the public spreading awareness and advertising access to support

#### **Finance & Administration Group**

Regular meetings were held to insure good governance and proper financial management  
Additional Income is obtained from the sale of cards and goods through Mothers' Union Enterprises, which is based at Mary Sumner House in London. Gift aid is also collected on subscriptions and donations where possible

There were no safeguarding issues reported in 2019. There were no reported breaches of GDPR in 2019. They both remain as standing items on the agenda at trustee meetings

The data base continues to be updated regularly

Branches are required to comply with Diocesan Child Protection and Safeguarding guidelines  
These were updated and sent out to all branches who are required to confirm that they have been implemented. Records of this are kept in the Mothers' Union Office.

#### **Fundraising & Communications Group**

The Diocesan magazine, 'Birmingham Link' was distributed twice a year to all members, also to other dioceses in this country and overseas.

Our Birmingham Mothers' Union Facebook and Twitter feed are proving good ways to spread news and highlight coming events. A bi-monthly e-newsletter is sent directly to members who have email, as well as to branch officers.

Fundraising activities resulted in £4,533 being raised for work overseas, £1,559 for the Relief fund held at Mary Sumner House and the Summer appeal raised £451. £5162 was the total income of AFIA fund during the year. Donations being received from multiple sources including individual members and PCCs

We have great pleasure in commending this report.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by Deirdre Moll, Chairman and Diocesan President.



Deirdre Moll

19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

# THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Registered Charity No. 1065815)

## Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019

### 1. Receipts and Payments Account - General Fund

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<b>Receipts</b>		
From voluntary sources:		
Subscriptions from members	16,196.00	16,813.00
Donations	8,928.95	7,960.27
Income towards CDC Costs	833.44	12,101.90
Unit & Diocesan Activities	193.00	186.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,706.83	1,995.04
Fund raising events - branches	8,562.01	8,502.05
- diocese	555.31	1,272.50
Branch Outings and Visits	2,429.00	939.00
Sundry Receipts	494.00	1,680.08
From assets		
Bank and Deposit Fund interest	76.34	52.46
From charitable trading		
Sales of MU enterprises Ltd goods	3,923.10	4,983.77
'Families First' Subscriptions	-	124.25
Turnover related grant from MU enterprises Ltd.	612.39	655.67
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>44,510.37</u></b>	<b><u>57,265.99</u></b>

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Members' Subscriptions paid to MSH	9,898.00	10,422.00
'Families First' Subscriptions paid to Mary Sumner House	-	124.25
Printing of The Link	1,470.00	1,260.00
Branch projects	2,999.68	1,937.19
Unit & Diocesan activities	934.02	1,209.16
Purchase of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,249.90	4,886.49
Donations to other charities	544.89	778.99
CDC Costs	4,957.08	10,898.94
	<u>25,053.57</u>	<u>31,517.02</u>
Other Expenditure:		
Secretarial Costs	5,385.24	4,776.04
Stationery, postages and telephone	696.46	892.94
Diocesan rent and room hire	3,518.30	4,168.40
Travel, accommodation and conferences	684.55	1,852.90
Insurance	990.62	-
Purchase of new Office equipment	893.99	-
Branch rent and room hire	1,697.25	2,647.85
Branch running costs	1,274.66	1,618.73
Fund raising costs:- Branches	2,458.93	1,602.77
- Diocese	51.71	422.50
Branch Outings & Visits	2,462.07	1,034.50
Sundry Payments	452.00	1,564.47
	<u>20,565.78</u>	<u>20,581.10</u>
Transfers from Branches' General Funds to Other Funds:		
Overseas	440.12	1,313.84
Relief	1,151.69	2,172.52
Literacy & Financial Education Programme	320.00	151.00
Big Summer Appeal	52.00	50.00
Away-From-It-All (AFIA)	2,780.56	2,439.02
	<u>4,744.37</u>	<u>6,126.38</u>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>50,363.72</u></b>	<b><u>58,224.50</u></b>
<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>-5,853.35</u></b>	<b><u>-958.51</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.19</u></b>	<b><u>29,978.72</u></b>	<b><u>30,937.23</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.19</u></b>	<b><u>24,125.37</u></b>	<b><u>29,978.72</u></b>

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b><u>2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Donations	7.00	46.00
Fund raising events	3,674.49	4,207.13
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	238.45	442.24
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	440.12	1,313.84
Transfer to AFIA Fund	-25.00	
Timing Differences (prior years)		650.00
Timing Difference (2018)	419.00	-419.00
Timing Difference (2019)	-50.00	
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>4,704.06</u></b>	<b><u>6,240.21</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	4,533.06	6,448.11
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>4,533.06</u></b>	<b><u>6,448.11</u></b>
<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>171.00</u></b>	<b><u>-207.90</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.19</u></b>	<b><u>-171.00</u></b>	<b><u>36.90</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.19</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>-171.00</u></b>
<b><u>3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund</u></b>		
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Donations	8.00	-
Fund raising events	228.31	
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	1,151.69	2,172.52
Timing Difference		100.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>1,388.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,272.52</u></b>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	1,559.00	2,101.52
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>1,559.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,101.52</u></b>
<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>-171.00</u></b>	<b><u>171.00</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.19</u></b>	<b><u>171.00</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.19</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>	<b><u>171.00</u></b>

**4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
		<b>£</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	-	
Fund Raising Events	80.00	
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	20.00	
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	320.00	151.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>151.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	420.00	151.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>420.00</b>	<b>151.00</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

**5. Receipts and Payments Account - Big Summer Appeal**

<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	0	48.12
Fund Raising Events	399.00	379.20
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	52.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>451.00</b>	<b>477.32</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	451.00	477.32
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>451.00</b>	<b>477.32</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</b>		

**6. Receipts and Payments Account - Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)**

<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations: PCCs	400.00	50.00
Other	902.00	1,147.52
Fund Raising Events	906.15	1,504.10
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	148.85	198.50
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	2,780.56	2,439.02
Timing Difference (2017)		175.00
Transfer from Overseas Fund (2019)	25.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,162.56</b>	<b>5,514.14</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Assisted holidays and trips	5,703.93	8,941.71
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>5,703.93</b>	<b>8,941.71</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-541.37</b>	<b>-3,427.57</b>
<b>Balance on hand 01.01.19</b>	<b>4,787.14</b>	<b>8,214.71</b>
<b>Balance on hand 31.12.19</b>	<b>4,245.77</b>	<b>4,787.14</b>



## **7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2019**

### **MONETARY ASSETS**

#### **Bank and cash balances**

	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<b>General Funds 31.12.2019</b>			
Bank Current Accounts	2,026.67	12,064.46	14,091.13
Bank Deposit Accounts	8,685.65	835.20	9,520.85
Cash in hand		513.39	513.39
	<u>10,712.32</u>	<u>13,413.05</u>	<u>24,125.37</u>

	Diocese	Branches	Total £
<b>General Funds 31.12.2018</b>			
Bank Current Accounts	7,222.60	10,734.07	17,956.67
Bank Deposit Accounts	10,609.31	245.01	10,854.32
Cash in hand	0.00	1,167.73	1,167.73
	<u>17,831.91</u>	<u>12,146.81</u>	<u>29,978.72</u>

#### **The Diocesan Bank Accounts are earmarked for use as follows**

	<b><u>2019</u></b>	<b><u>2018</u></b>
Visit to Link Dioceses Fund	703.01	703.01
Visit to Diocesan Clergy Conference	200.00	440.62
Mums in Brum	800.43	2,342.80
CDC	0.00	4,908.37
General Purposes	9,008.88	9,437.11
	<b><u>10,712.32</u></b>	<b><u>17,831.91</u></b>
Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)	<b><u>4,245.77</u></b>	<b><u>4,787.14</u></b>

### **OTHER MONETARY ASSETS**

#### **MU Enterprises Ltd**

Stock of goods for resale	1,636.68	1,377.85
Cash in hand from sale of goods	184.57	258.18
Sundry Debtors from sale of goods	38.00	0.00
	<u>1,859.25</u>	<u>1,636.03</u>
Invoices unpaid as at 31.12.19 (Paid March 2020)	297.20	0.00
	<b><u>1,562.05</u></b>	<b><u>1,636.03</u></b>

### **OTHER ASSETS**

The charity possesses no other assets of material value.

### **LIABILITIES**

Other than as noted above the charity had no other liabilities as at 31.12.19











## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Mothers' Union - Diocese of Birmingham**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the consolidated accounts of The Mothers' Union – Diocese of Birmingham (the Trust) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

### **Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

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

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Rosamund J Douglas ACA  
39 Four Oaks Road, Sutton Coldfield

August 2020