



## **Mothers Union Diocese of Birmingham**

Registered Charity: 1065815

### **Annual Report for Year ended 31st December 2021**

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**Trustees:** Mrs Deirdre Moll (President) Mrs Rowena Nicholls, Mr Peter Johnson (Treasurer), Mrs Val Warner (resigned March 2021), Mrs Anne Pycock, Mrs Tsitsi Dorcas Jongwe (resigned May 2021) Mrs Elaine Diskin, Mrs Kit MacLachlan

**Patron and member:** The Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Revd David Urquhart

**Chaplain** The Revd Canon Martin Stephenson

**Mothers' Union** is an international Christian membership charity of over four million members living in over eighty-three 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.

**The Objectives are:**

- 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
- Promoting and supporting marriage
- Encouraging parents in their role to develop the faith of their children

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 2021. This will be presented to the Members' Meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022.

The Board of Trustees met seven times during the year. The first six meetings were held virtually by Zoom following the limitations on meetings imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic. The seventh was in person in the Diocesan offices in Colmore Row.

There were three Members' Meeting in the year. In March and July, they were held virtually by Zoom and in October in person. These are open to all members.

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 to provide funding for Projects and other expenses incurred by the charity in fulfilling its objectives. In 2021 the subscription was £29.50, £20 being the central charity levy and £9.50 retained by the diocese.

There were 551 members at the end of the year mostly in active branches attached to parish churches but also including 24 Diocesan members who have no formal attachment to any branch. Some twenty of the members are housebound but remain linked to a branch and are known as Indoor Members. Discussions continue as to how best to promote membership as branches face challenges in finding volunteers to take on some of the necessary administration

In 2021 the Covid 19 pandemic continued to have a significant impact on everyone. Lockdowns and restrictions on movement and meeting with others remained in place intermittently. Some branch meetings began to cautiously resume in the autumn. Generally, branches remained active by providing pastoral support to their members and in their wider communities.

The charitable activities are administered through three areas of governance

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

## **Action & Outreach Group**

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

**AFIA - Away from It All** . This a project that funds holidays for those in great need. In 2021 six holidays for individual families were arranged and AFIA also part funded the costs of two coaches full of families for a day trip to the seaside. The total cost was £4829. This was almost double that of the year before and reflected the gradual return to normal following the restrictions of the pandemic.

**Prison work.** The work in the prisons continued. In HMP Birmingham Mothers' Union works closely with Halow, a charity which supervises the Visits Centre, and supplied toys for prisoners' families and cards at Christmas time. Similar provision was made for those in Swinfen Prison.

**Women's Aid.** Donations of household goods, clothing, baby items and toiletries continued to be made to families affected by domestic violence through our association with Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid.

**Craft work** 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. The groups began to meet again over the course of the year but individuals carried on through the pandemic and over 1000 items were received and distributed. Twiddle muffs and Fiddle pinnies were also made for use by dementia patients both in their own homes and in care homes.

### **Faith & Policy Group**

The work of this group is centred on providing opportunities for worship and to raise awareness of social justice issues . In January, MU Birmingham took its part in maintaining the continuous worldwide Wave of Prayer. The Annual Diocesan Festival Service planned in the Cathedral in April 2021 was cancelled due to Covid.

In November, a Quiet day was held by Zoom. This proved a successful format and will be used as thought appropriate in the future.

The Worldwide Group which is a subcommittee of the Faith and Policy Group make efforts to nurture relationships with our links in Bukedi, (Uganda), Enugu, (Nigeria), The Seychelles (Indian Ocean), Marathwada, (Northern India) and the four dioceses in Malawi. They also assist in hospitality to overseas visitors and provide practical support for the container of goods which is sent annually to Malawi through the Church of England Birmingham Diocesan link.

### **Finance & Administration Group**

Regular meetings were held to insure good governance and proper financial management. A financial statement is given to every routine meeting of the Trustees.

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. The data base continues to be updated regularly.

There were no safeguarding issues reported in 2021. There were no reported breaches of GDPR in 2021. They both remain as standing items on the agenda at trustee meetings.

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.

Our Birmingham Mothers' Union Facebook and Twitter feed are proving effective ways to spread news and highlight coming events. A bi-monthly e-newsletter was sent directly throughout the year to members who have email, as well as to branch officers who are asked to distribute it to those without email.

The pandemic inevitably had an effect on our branches both on their meetings but also on their ability to raise money for the various causes which we support. Nevertheless our income held up very well and included some fund raising efforts for which we are grateful. Overall income was higher than expected and, as expenditure was well controlled, we ended the year in a satisfactory financial position. This has enabled us to reduce the subscription levied on members in 2022. We were also able to send £3,438 to Mary Sumner House for international and other projects.

During the year we were very grateful to receive a legacy of £3,201 from the estate of Patricia Law a former very active member. This will be used at the discretion of the trustees to support the branches and for other purposes.

The consolidated accounts have been completed and audited by Rosamund Douglas

We have pleasure in commending this report.

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

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Date 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Deirdre Moll  
Diocesan President  
Mothers' Union Birmingham



# THE MOTHERS' UNION - DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

(Registered Charity No. 1065815)

## **Consolidated Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021**

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

	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
From voluntary sources:		
Subscriptions from members	16,100.00	14,664.00
Donations	3,076.86	5,546.81
Unit & Diocesan Activities	88.31	-
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	1,503.83	1,863.32
Fund raising events - branches	4,283.57	3,710.19
- diocese	-	-
Branch Outings and Visits	-	-
Sundry Receipts	3,282.65	-
Other Charities	65.00	-
From assets		
Bank and other Interest	4.55	36.88
From charitable trading		
Sales of MU enterprises Ltd goods	4,630.27	3,455.97
Turnover related grant from MU enterprises Ltd	558.83	578.59
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>33,417.25</u></b>	<b><u>29,855.76</u></b>

	<u><b>2021</b></u> <u><b>£</b></u>	<u><b>2020</b></u> <u><b>£</b></u>
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
Direct Charitable Expenditure:		
Members' Subscriptions paid to MSH	11,020.00	8,946.50
Branch projects	1,181.62	1,095.51
Unit & Diocesan activities	40.00	94.74
Purchase of MU enterprises Ltd goods	3,991.80	3,664.41
Donations to other charities	287.00	395.27
	<u>16,520.42</u>	<u>14,196.43</u>
Other Expenditure:		
Secretarial Costs	3,302.17	5,319.24
Stationery, postages and telephone	615.52	529.50
Diocesan rent and room hire	1,500.00	3,210.00
Travel, accommodation and conferences	631.75	406.00
Insurance	449.50	430.00
Branch rent and room hire	292.00	125.20
Branch running costs	464.86	477.84
Fund raising costs:- Branches	314.00	648.48
- Diocese	-	88.70
Branch Outings & Visits	-	-
Sundry Payments	237.44	59.83
	<u>7,807.24</u>	<u>11,294.79</u>
Transfers from Branches' General Funds to Other Funds:		
Overseas	340.91	532.50
Relief	130.00	43.70
Literacy & Financial Education Programme	-	30.00
MSH Emergency Appeal	-	2,016.50
Away-From-It-All (AFIA)	500.00	2,930.00
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund to other Funds		
MSH Emergency Appeal	-	1,000.00
Transfer from Mums-in-Brum Fund to AFIA	150.43	-
Transfer from Patricia Law Bequest Fund to Birmingham Fund	201.65	-
Amount owing to Overseas Fund	0.35	-
	<u><b>1,322.64</b></u>	<u><b>6,552.70</b></u>
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<u><b>25,650.30</b></u>	<u><b>32,043.92</b></u>
<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<u><b>7,766.95</b></u>	<u><b>(2,188.16)</b></u>
<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.21</u></b>	<u><b>21,937.21</b></u>	<u><b>24,125.37</b></u>
<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.21</u></b>	<u><b>29,704.16</b></u>	<u><b>21,937.21</b></u>

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## **2. Receipts and Payments Account - Overseas Fund**

### **Receipts**

Donations	0.00	74.16
Fund raising events	2,586.93	2,690.50
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	336.03	324.58
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	340.91	532.50
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>3,263.87</u></b>	<b><u>3,621.74</u></b>

### **Payments**

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	3,263.32	3,671.74
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>3,263.32</u></b>	<b><u>3,671.74</u></b>

<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-50.00</u></b>
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<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.21</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
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<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.21</u></b>	<b><u>0.35</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
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## **3. Receipts and Payments Account - Relief Fund**

### **Receipts**

Donations	-	9.30
Fund raising events	40.00	-
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	-	2.25
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	130.00	43.70
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>170.00</u></b>	<b><u>55.25</u></b>

### **Payments**

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	170.00	55.25
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>170.00</u></b>	<b><u>55.25</u></b>

<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
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## **4. Receipts and Payments Account - Literacy & Financial Education Programme**

	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Donations & Fund Raising Events		20.00
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	5.00	-
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	-	30.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>5.00</u></b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>

### **Payments**

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	5.00	50.00
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>5.00</u></b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>

<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
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## **5. Receipts and Payments Account - MSH 2020 Emergency Appeal**

### **Receipts**

Donations & Fund Raising Events	50.00	2,813.50
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	0.00	682.50
Transfers from Branches' General Funds		2,016.50
Transfer from Diocesan General Fund	0.00	1,000.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>	<b><u>6,512.50</u></b>

### **Payments**

Funds transferred to Mothers' Union centrally	50.00	6,512.50
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>50.00</u></b>	<b><u>6,512.50</u></b>

<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
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## **6. Receipts and Payments Account - Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)**

	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
Donations: PCCs		550.00
Individuals	300.00	320.00
Members' Donations & Fund Raising Events	455.00	284.20
Gift Aid Tax Recovered	237.93	558.00
Transfers from Branches' General Funds	500.00	2,930.00
Timing Difference: Hamstead	-200.00	0.00
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>1,292.93</u></b>	<b><u>4,642.20</u></b>

### **Payments**

Assisted holidays and trips	4,829.00	2,207.93
<b><u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>4,829.00</u></b>	<b><u>2,207.93</u></b>

<b><u>NET SURPLUS (PAYMENTS) FOR THE YEAR</u></b>	<b><u>-3,536.07</u></b>	<b><u>2,434.27</u></b>
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<b><u>Balance on hand 01.01.21</u></b>	<b><u>6,680.04</u></b>	<b><u>4,245.77</u></b>
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<b><u>Balance on hand 31.12.21</u></b>	<b><u>3,143.97</u></b>	<b><u>6,680.04</u></b>
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## **7. Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2021**

### **MONETARY ASSETS**

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

	<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Branches</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>General Funds 31.12.2021</b>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	17,768.31	674.65	18,442.96
Cash in hand	-	11,261.20	11,261.20
	<b>17,768.31</b>	<b>11,935.85</b>	<b>29,704.16</b>

	<b>Diocese</b>	<b>Branches</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>General Funds 31.12.2020</b>			
Bank & Building Society Accounts	10,505.77	10,514.07	21,019.84
Cash in hand	-	917.37	917.37
	<b>10,505.77</b>	<b>11,431.44</b>	<b>21,937.21</b>

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

	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
Visit to Link Dioceses Fund	703.01	703.01
Visit to Diocesan Clergy Conference	200.00	200.00
Mums in Brum Fund	-	500.43
Patrica Law Bequest Fund	2,650.00	-
General Purposes	14,215.30	9,102.33
	<b>17,768.31</b>	<b>10,505.77</b>
Away-From-It-All-Fund (AFIA)	<b>3,143.97</b>	<b>6,680.04</b>

### **OTHER MONETARY ASSETS**

#### **MU Enterprises Ltd**

Stock of goods for resale	909.85	1,469.42
Cash in hand from sale of goods	654.99	408.88
Sundry Debtors from sale of goods	0.00	82.00
	<b>1,564.84</b>	<b>1,960.30</b>
Invoices unpaid as at 31.12.21	-	297.20
	<b>1,564.84</b>	<b>1,562.05</b>

### **OTHER ASSETS**

The charity possesses no other assets of material value.

### **LIABILITIES**

The charity had no material liabilities as at 31.12.21



## **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 2021.

### **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 Douglas*

Rosamund J Douglas  
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August 2022