



*Together we can do more than we ever could on our own*

The United Appeal for Mission is at the very heart of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. As a Church we are making big differences here in Ireland and all over the world.



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**Martin Hampton**  
Convener,  
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*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now..."*

Philippians 1:3-5

**The Apostle Paul's words to the Philippians reflect the deep gratitude and encouragement that comes from working together for the sake of the gospel. In the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), this partnership finds expression through the United Appeal for Mission.**

Each congregation plays a vital role in sustaining and expanding the work of Christ's kingdom, both at home and abroad. The generosity of God's people enables mission and ministry to flourish, supporting the work of PCI through its Councils in different aspects of gospel work. Whether it is enabling a congregation in a rural area to remain open, supporting a missionary overseas, or equipping new ministers to preach the Word, your giving is making an eternal impact.

Paul reminds the Philippians that their partnership in the gospel was not just financial but a shared commitment to seeing Christ's kingdom grow. In the same way, our giving to the United Appeal is an expression of our shared mission. Through prayer, generosity, and involvement, we are all partners in the work of the gospel.

Thank you for your faithfulness in supporting the United Appeal for Mission. Together, as partners in the gospel, we can continue to share the love of Christ and make his name known.



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# mission together



## Investing wisely

Every aspect of our Church's mission depends to some extent on United Appeal. Hundreds of projects and programmes at home and overseas are helping to advance God's kingdom, showing God's love in action to hundreds of thousands of people.

*Thanks to the generous support that Presbyterians like you continue to offer, this work can flourish.*



Sharing stories of our Church's mission...

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## Seeing the Church grow

Since their arrival in 2006 the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) have been supporting Edwin and Anne Kibathi as missionaries in East London, where they have been working with the East African community, having been commissioned by The Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA).

There are now four congregations and earlier this year Edwin and Anne provided training for leaders of all four congregations under their oversight. They are currently providing additional support to the church in Birmingham that started as an online ministry but are now meeting in-person and will be officially launched as a congregation this year.

New women's leaders have also received training as they undertake a range of roles such as visiting the sick, prayer ministry and leading fellowships.

Edwin and Anne continue to interact with other organisations and churches and in particular are seeking to extend their ministry into local schools. In addition, each Saturday there is a service via Zoom for young people which is aimed at helping young people at home and at university to learn and grow spiritually.

Through the United Appeal for Mission, PCI continues to support 19 global mission workers in eight countries. The work includes early childhood education in central Africa, church planting in Europe and evangelism in Brazil.



*"An important thing that has taken place this year is the Birmingham Congregation, which has now gone physical for the first time, because they have been doing it online, and we are thanking God for that. So we want to thank you very much for your support, and particularly the prayers. And we are also praying for you, and we thank God for you all the time. May God bless you."*

### Rev Edwin Kabathi

Partnering with Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) in the UK

## Crucial investment. Kingdom impact.

Ministry among children and young people is a crucial part of the life and witness of our congregations. The circumstances in which we find ourselves working in this area have changed and are changing.

Across the denomination, we have a growing sense of the need for a joined up approach to ministry which involves parents and family, age specific ministry activities and the integration of children and young people into worship and other activities which help us grow together in following Jesus. PCI through its Council for Congregational Life and Witness seeks to encourage and support churches in developing a rhythm and pattern of ministry to this age group which fits their circumstances, available resources and setting.

Council staff help individual congregations see and shape a vision of what they can do. A range of podcasts, video material and in-person training offer resources they can use or signpost. Larger scale, quality events and programmes offer easy ways for congregations to supplement the ministry they deliver. Examples include:

**Kids' Big Day Out** - an annual event for 4-11's to come with their

leaders to take part in fun activities and learn about God together; **Family Festival** - an afternoon shaped specifically to enable churches to include and deepen ongoing relationships built up throughout the year with families on the fringe of church life;

**Explore** - events for 11-16's offering an opportunity for congregational

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groups to come and be part of an interactive evening of Bible teaching, workshops, food and worship all based around a theme particularly relevant for young people today.

Ruth Bromley PCI's Children's Development Officer, says, "Children who come to events like Kids' Big Day Out not only learn about God and gain a sense of his reality in their lives, but also see that following him is something they are doing with others of their own age. This is increasingly important for children who come from congregations which don't

have lots of other kids. Through supporting such events through the United Appeal for Mission, you are making a real difference in the lives of children, young people and families in our denomination."



### David Thompson

Council Secretary, Council for Congregational Life and Witness

*"Like so much that happens in the ministry of your congregation, a lot takes place behind the scenes to make the wider work of our denomination possible. Your giving to the United Appeal for Mission makes possible the necessary planning, arrangements and delivery of the various ministries of the Council for Congregational Life and Witness, along with subsidising the participation of children and young people in them. Your valued ongoing contribution is a kingdom investment in reaching children, young people and families with the good news of Jesus."*

You can watch the latest Digital Dispatches film featuring the Kibathis at [www.presbyterianireland.org/digitaldispatches](http://www.presbyterianireland.org/digitaldispatches) or scan the QR code

EDWIN & ANNE KIBATHI  
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