



MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LEICESTER

Registered Charity Number: 250038

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
AND CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

For the year ended

31 December 2008

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Charity Name: The Mothers' Union (Diocese of Leicester Branch)

Registered Charity Number: 250038

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Trustees:

RoseMarie Manning	Diocesan President
Jacqueline Rimmington	Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Action & Outreach
Annette Hall	Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Faith & Policy
Sheila Wiggins	Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Finance & Admin
Linda Poole	Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Marketing
Glennys Kerr	Training Officer
Cynthia Hebden	Diocesan Chaplain
Ann Bing	Deanery Leader

The Trustees are constituted as follows:

Diocesan President – elected by the Diocesan Council

Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Action & Outreach - elected by the Diocesan Council

Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Faith & Policy – elected by the Diocesan Council

Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Finance & Admin –elected by the Diocesan Council OR Diocesan Treasurer (if serving in an honorary capacity) – appointed by the Trustees

Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Marketing - elected by the Diocesan Council

Training Officer - elected by the Diocesan Council

Diocesan Chaplain (if appointed) may attend and vote – appointed by Diocesan President and Diocesan Bishop

One Deanery Leader - elected by Deanery Leaders

Administrator: Mary Clarkson

Honorary Treasurer Susan Wilson

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester is a charity federated to similar charities bearing the same name, and with the same Aim and Objects and sharing the same ethos and direction as the central charity. It is governed by its own constitution (last revised June 2003). The elected Board of Trustees and elected General Purposes Unit make major decisions and carry out or enable practical projects. The elected Chairman of Trustees (President) attends Worldwide Council and reports back to the Diocese. One part-time administrator is employed for 9 hours a week. All trading is channelled through Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd.

Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester

The aim of Mothers' Union is to advance the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life and this is focused on five objectives: to promote and support marriage; to encourage parents in their role to develop the faith of their children; to maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service; to promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children; to help those whose family life has met with adversity.

There are 1700 Mothers' Union members in Leicester Diocese. Most are members of branches throughout the Diocese; others pay their subscription and receive mailings direct from our Leicester office. Members are involved in local projects as well as supporting the work of the central Mothers' Union.

Locally, our Chalet Holidays Project, which each year provides a fully-funded holiday at Butlin's Skegness for needy Leicestershire families, is still very much in demand and 29 families were supported in 2008. As well as the full cost of the self-catering accommodation and facilities at Butlins, transport and a generous pack of groceries are provided for each family. Our *Relationships Matter* courses for prisoners at HMP Leicester and HMYOI Glen Parva have been well-received. Members are also volunteers in the visitor centres at HMP Leicester and HMP Gartree. Two members trained as parenting group facilitators on the Mothers' Union Parenting Programme course held in Worcester Diocese in October and are now equipped to run parenting groups in their local communities. We continued to support homeless and vulnerable people in Leicestershire by donating Easter eggs, chocolate bars, paperback books, knitted clothing and household items. We took a stand at Launde Abbey's open event and obtained permission for a permanent notice board in Leicester cathedral in order to promote our activities. An Advent Carol Service was held in Leicester Cathedral in December, as well as a Retreat and a programme of Quiet Days.

Our Diocesan President attended the first of a planned series of international Special Regional Meetings in March 2008. This was held in Australia and included members from UK, Australasia, North America and the Caribbean, and the Asia-Pacific regions. Although responsible for her travel costs, members and friends generously sponsored her fundraising climb of Sydney Harbour Bridge to more than cover these. We supported the national Make a Mother's Day fundraising campaign centred around Mothering Sunday. Leicester was one of seven venues selected for a travelling Mothers' Union Roadshow and members were responsible for all arrangements at the venue, Walker's Stadium, Leicester. We were allocated a further overseas link diocese, Western Izo in Nigeria, with whom we hope to establish a good contact with Mothers' Union.

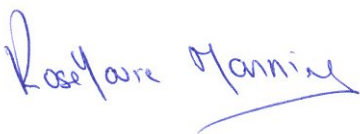
Our finances ended the year in a good position. The General Fund was in credit and donations to the Chalet Holiday Project Fund covered expenditure, enabling a healthy balance to be carried forward to fund the 2009 holiday. An amount equal to the MU Enterprises sales commission was again transferred to maintain a working balance in the Literature account. Giving to central funds was similar to 2007 but, since the Overseas Development Fund is under pressure, members were encouraged to give it additional support in 2009. Our Diocesan Secretary left and was replaced during the year and we took the opportunity to redraft the job description and change the title to Administrator, which more accurately reflects her duties. Our bank changed the type of current account we hold, necessitating a review of our accounts. We set up a new instant access interest account, as well as online banking for the Administrator and Treasurer. This has proved a very effective way of managing our accounts.

The Trustees have examined the current level of reserves, £20,000, and assess this to be satisfactory to secure the charity's immediate future.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken by the Finance and Administrative Unit and regularly reported to the Trustees.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer

The report was approved by the Trustees on 15 September 2009.



RoseMarie Manning, Diocesan President and Chair of Trustees
On behalf of the Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees and members of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester on accounts for the year ended 31st December 2007, set out on pages 5 to 7 of this document

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

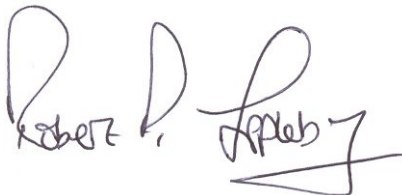
(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

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

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert P. Appleby', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert P. Appleby, MA, FCA
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13 October 2009

Consolidated Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2008

	Notes	General Fund	Donations to Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
		£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources		37,917	11,846	19,159	68,922	76,441
Resources Expended		37,232	11,756	19,540	68,528	69,321
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources		685	90	- 381	394	7,120
Fund balances brought forward 1 January		20,678	- 90	22,952	43,540	36,420
Fund balances carried forward 31 December		21,363	-	22,571	43,934	43,540

Incoming Resources:

Subscriptions		17,228			17,228	17,922
Insurance		331			331	341
Diocesan Fund donations		2,367			2,367	2,009
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		1,894			1,894	1,815
MU Enterprises sales commission		868			868	785
Environ					-	13
Postage		9			9	10
Officials' expenses					-	204
Training		170			170	39
Sponsorship for SRM Australia		1,121			1,121	453
Faith & Policy Days		3,611			3,611	3,407
WOW booklet		24			24	21
Diocesan events		15			15	750
Central/Provincial events		1,932			1,932	5,430
Mary Sumner House publications		5,190			5,190	4,784
Gifts		5			5	
Sale of hankies		1,268			1,268	
Sale of games		156			156	
Overpaid		365			365	
Miscellaneous					-	12
MSH donations			781		781	674
Overseas Development Fund donations			6,389		6,389	5,609
Relief Fund donations			3,441		3,441	3,571
Britain & Ireland Development Fund donations			1,235		1,235	839
MU Literature				7,515	7,515	8,907
Excess income/expenditure MU Literature					-	385
Chalet Holiday Project				9,926	9,926	15,413
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,414	1,414	1,266
Investment income		1,363		304	1,667	1,782
Total Incoming Resources		37,917	11,846	19,159	68,922	76,441

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	Notes	General Fund	Donations to Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2008	Total 2007
Resources Expended:						
MSH subscriptions		11,296			11,296	11,641
Staff salary		4,863			4,863	3,965
Insurance		694			694	668
Stationery & equipment		249			249	487
Photocopying		673			673	734
Postage		331			331	265
Donation in lieu of rent		750			750	750
Resources		13			13	
MUspaper expenses		2,178			2,178	2,208
Officials' expenses		1,365			1,365	1,308
Advertisement		35			35	
Meetings		187			187	
Training		1,578			1,578	2,119
Faith & Policy Days		2,942			2,942	3,270
Diocesan events		125			125	1,075
Central/Provincial events		2,229			2,229	4,483
Hankies		1,250			1,250	
Overseas links					-	52
MSH publications		5,513			5,513	5,123
MU Literature float		868			868	785
Gifts		75			75	8
Overpaid		18			18	
MSH donation			781		781	674
Overseas Development Fund			6,389		6,389	5,609
Relief Fund			3,441		3,441	3,571
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			1,145		1,145	929
MU Literature				7,593	7,593	8,931
Difference MU Literature	1			244	244	
Chalet Holiday Project	2			10,011	10,011	8,874
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,692	1,692	1,792
Total Resources Expended		37,232	11,756	19,540	68,528	69,321
Current Assets:						
TSB current account		2,348		3,435	5,783	8,907
TSB Business Instant Access Account			9,543	4,482	14,025	
Cash in hand		30			30	12
CBF Deposit Account		19,736			19,736	19,736
Nat West Bank MU Literature Account				3,069	3,069	2,584
MU Literature cash in hand				10	10	26
MU Literature debtors				106	106	123
MU Literature stock	3			1,804	1,804	1,882
CBF Chalet Holidays account				5,405	5,405	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				6,254	6,254	6,525
Less creditors	4	751	9,543	1,994	12,288	1,660
Total Current Assets		21,363	-	22,571	43,934	43,540

NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

1. MU Literature

Difference is due to costs, discounting, writing off.

2. Chalet Holiday Project

Fund balance at 31 December 2008 is £12,074.

3. MU Literature stock

MU Literature Stock is valued by the appropriate official and is stated at the lower cost and net realisable value.

4. Creditors at 31/12/08

	General	Central	Local	Total
MSH Subscriptions	57			57
Insurance	694			694
MSH Donation		720		720
Overseas Development Fund		4,779		4,779
Relief Fund		2,899		2,899
Britain & Ireland Development Fund		1,145		1,145
MU Literature			746	746
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire			1,248	1,248
	751	9,543	1,994	12,288

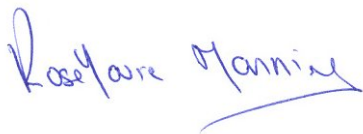
5. At 31 December 2008 Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester had 12 deanery committees and 72 branches. The total assets held at 31 December 2008 by the 9 deaneries and 61 branches which submitted returns was £13,423.

This is the financial position of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester as at 31 December 2008.

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis under section 42(3) of the Charities Act 1993.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer

The accounts were approved by the Trustees on 15 September 2009.



RoseMarie Manning, Diocesan President and Chair of Trustees
On behalf of the Trustees