



MOTHERS' UNION DIOCESE OF LEICESTER

Registered Charity Number: 250038

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

For the year ended

31 December 2015

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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

Registered Charity Number: 250038

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Trustees:

Margaret Rouse	Diocesan President (Chair)
RoseMarie Manning	Life Vice-President; also Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Action & Outreach from 1/1/16
Jacqueline Rimmington	Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Action & Outreach to 31/12/15
Diane Wightman	Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Faith & Policy
Linda Poole	Vice-President/Co-ordinator for Finance & Administration
Susan Wilson	Life Vice-President
Christine Shephard	Diocesan Members' Coordinator
Annette Hall	Deanery Members' Co-ordinator
Gwynneth Roy	General Purposes Unit Representative
Hazel Banks	Deanery Leaders' Representative
Pamela Harvey	Diocesan Chaplain

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 & Administration –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

Up to two Life or Ex-officio Vice-Presidents, chosen by them

Training Officer – appointed by the Trustees

Diocesan Members' Co-ordinator – appointed by the Trustees

Deanery Members' Co-ordinator – appointed by the Trustees

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

One representative from General Purposes Unit – elected by its members

One Deanery Leader - elected by Deanery Leaders

Administrator: Julie Foulds

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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 February 2011). 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.

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 around 1200 Mothers' Union members in Leicester Diocese. Most are members of branches in Anglican churches throughout the Diocese; others pay their subscription and receive mailings direct from our Leicester office. Members are involved in local projects and ministry as well as supporting the work of the central Mothers' Union. All our events and projects welcome involvement from members and non-members alike. Involvement includes giving money, goods and time as volunteers. We try to encourage new membership wherever possible and keep our local work under review to try to be as effective as possible.

Every year we arrange a fully-funded holiday for needy Leicestershire families through our Away From It All Holiday Project. (For many years we used the name 'Chalet Holidays', but now that families are accommodated in caravans once more, we have reverted to the Mothers' Union generic project title.) Families are referred to us by Mothers' Union members, clergy, health visitors, social workers, teachers or other agencies. We often receive more applications than we can fund, but keep a waiting list, either for cancellations or for the year ahead. As well as the full cost of the self-catering accommodation and facilities at the venue, transport and a generous pack of groceries are provided for each family. We again produced a simple cookery book for each family to help them make good use of the groceries provided. Members of the organising committee accompany the families to provide friendly support throughout the holiday. In 2015 we took 19 families to Haven Thorpe Park Holiday Centre at Cleethorpes, again sending some committee members in advance to prepare for their arrival. We tried asking for a £10 deposit, to be returned during the holiday, to discourage families from dropping out, but this proved unsuitable because families are referred by others and it was not always the families themselves who paid the deposit. Stories emerged of the positive effect the holiday had on families under pressure.

We continued to support homeless and vulnerable adults and children in hostels, refuges, hospitals and elderly persons' accommodation in Leicestershire by collecting and donating Easter eggs, chocolate bars for Christmas, paperback and children's books, clothing and equipment for babies and children, and household and toiletry items. We knit clothing and make patchwork quilts for premature babies in the local hospitals and teddies for children visiting the local prisons. Teddies are also given to Social Services and the police for use with traumatised children and to elderly dementia patients. One branch made white teddies for baptisms. We also knit shawls and clothes for stillborn babies and clothing for disadvantaged children and asylum seekers. In 2015 we began making fiddle quilts for dementia patients, having been asked for them by a local home for the elderly. A sewing bee action day was held in August 2015 and quilt kits with instructions have been put together. We support the Women's Welcome Project for asylum seekers and refugees in Leicester, particularly through donating disposable nappies and toiletries. Our Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire fund enables us to respond quickly to a wide variety of requests from support workers for items such as household equipment, nappies, baby items and food. One of our branches is involved in providing a hot meal one day a week during school holidays for children who are used to receiving free school meals. All our gifts are very much appreciated by those who receive them.

Our ministry in local prisons continues. Members supervise children in the visits centre in Leicester prison, although the prison plan to close the play room. When this happens our volunteers will look for other ways to help in the prison. In Glen Parva Young Offender Institution members work with the Prison Chaplain in leading *Alpha* and other courses, although they are finding it difficult to build meaningful relationships now that the contact time is shorter and this is discouraging. Members have continued to supply tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits to the chaplaincy so that refreshments are always available. Family days are now held quarterly at Glen Parva, where members assist and also distribute our knitted teddies to the children. We

assisted with a parenting course in the autumn, which was attended by 7 young men who found it helpful. At Christmas members sent greeting cards to prisoners.

We ran cake and Mothers' Union publication stalls at the August Fun Day at Launde Abbey Retreat House. We set up a prayer chain in branches throughout the 16 Days of Action against Gender Violence in November/December 2015. Our Diocesan President accepted an invitation to become a member of the new Diocesan Panel for Social Responsibility. She was also interviewed on Radio Leicester about the work of Mothers' Union.

The Mothers' Union Worldwide President visited the Diocese in June 2015. A Diocesan Festival service, followed by afternoon tea, was held in Leicester Cathedral and attended by 350 people. The service was devised by our own Faith & Policy Unit and a Mothers' Union choir was formed for the occasion. The Worldwide President also visited the Bishop of Leicester, the Diocesan Social Responsibility Enabler, Indoor and Deanery members and St Philip's Inter Faith Centre in Leicester. The Mothers' Union choir has continued to rehearse and sing at other events.

A programme of Quiet Days, which are very popular, and a retreat were arranged during the year, as well as regular prayer services in the Cathedral. We maintain prayer chains to support anyone in need and some deaneries hold regular prayer groups. We make every effort to maintain contact with members who are not able to meet with others regularly, because they are housebound, working, or no longer have a branch local to them. They receive greetings cards and letters during the year.

A meeting of local Mothers' Union speakers was held in February 2015 in order to encourage, support and plan for the year ahead. During the year a monthly email newsletter was started to keep members informed about local, national and international Mothers' Union.

In 2015 all Mothers' Union link groups have been changed and we now have five new prayer partners in Kenya, Nigeria (2), Solomon Islands and Zambia. We are trying to establish these new links but have not, as yet, achieved regular contact.

Our Diocesan President accompanied a young member to a Provincial Conference, *Mapping the Future*, for young members at Launde Abbey Retreat House in June 2015. Following this, she ran a similar event for all members in the Diocese.

We support the work of the central organisation by selling Mothers' Union cards and gifts in our office and at our meetings and events. 52 members attended the Mothers' Union General Meeting in Nottingham in June 2015 and some of those also attended one of two special church services on the previous evening.

2015 was an election year throughout Mothers' Union. One of our trustees, Linda Poole, was elected to the Finance & Central Services Unit Committee of the central charity and also appointed to the Mothers' Union Enterprises Board.

Our assets at 31 December 2015 were £6203 less than at the start of the year. Less money was held in local funds but the General Fund was in credit by £261. The Diocese of Leicester continues to generously provide office and meeting space for us at no cost. It is our practice to make a regular donation to the Diocese in lieu of rent. The Trustees have examined the current level of unrestricted reserves, £22,141, and assess this to be satisfactory to secure the charity's immediate future.

Assessment and mitigation of risk is undertaken by the Finance and Administration Unit and regularly reported to the Trustees. The Trustees are paying due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as we seek to meet our charitable objectives.

Prepared by Susan Wilson, Diocesan Treasurer

The report was approved by the Trustees on 25 May 2016.



Margaret Rouse, Diocesan President and Chair of Trustees
On behalf of the Trustees

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015


	Notes	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts		30,496	8,864	7,699	47,059	51,430
Payments		30,235	8,864	13,730	52,829	52,922
Net receipts/(payments)		261	-	(6,031)	(5,770)	(1,492)
Fund balances brought forward 1 January		21,880		29,419	51,299	52,791
Fund balances carried forward 31 December		22,141	-	23,388	45,529	51,299

Receipts:						
	Notes	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
Subscriptions		17,855			17,855	17,915
Insurance		245			245	249
Diocesan General Fund		1,361			1,361	2,294
Gift Aid Income Tax recovered		1,925			1,925	3,920
Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme		451			451	-
MU Enterprises sales commission	1	454			454	418
Recycling		52			52	72
Investment income		106		27	133	134
Officials' expenses					-	38
Photocopying					-	1
Postage		1			1	1
Faith & Policy events		2,359			2,359	2,472
Marketing					-	205
Training					-	31
Diocesan events		1,137			1,137	-
Central/Provincial events		925			925	-
Mary Sumner House publications		3,625			3,625	3,486
Overseas Development Fund			3,810		3,810	4,964
MULFEP			233		233	-
MSH Wheels Appeal			274		274	317
Relief Fund			2,804		2,804	3,454
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			764		764	1,147
Make a Mother's Day					-	20
MSH Harvest Appeal			120		120	20
MSH General Fund			859		859	1,445
Difference in MU Literature assets	1			3	3	-
Away From It All Holiday Project	2			6,148	6,148	6,685
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,521	1,521	2,141
Balancing adjustment					-	1
Total Receipts		30,496	8,864	7,699	47,059	51,430

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Payments:						
	Notes	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
MSH subscriptions		13,395			13,395	13,161
Staff salary		4,243			4,243	4,014
Insurance		681			681	648
Stationery & equipment		40			40	-
Postage		220			220	204
Donation in lieu of rent					-	500
MUspaper		2,634			2,634	2,661
Officials' expenses		664			664	507
Training		65			65	533
Faith & Policy events		2,015			2,015	1,904
Diocesan events		1,715			1,715	653
Central/Provincial events		836			836	-
MSH publications		3,680			3,680	3,639
Gifts		47			47	
Overseas Development Fund			3,810		3,810	4,964
MSH Wheels Appeal			274		274	317
MULFEP			233		233	
Relief Fund			2,804		2,804	3,454
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			764		764	1,147
Make a Mother's Day					-	20
MSH Harvest Appeal			120		120	20
MSH General Fund			859		859	1,445
Difference in MU Literature assets	1				-	344
Away From It All Holiday Project	2			10,041	10,041	8,381
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,521	1,521	2,141
Difference in Supporting Homeless in Leics funds				1,561	1,561	82
Difference in funds held by branches	3			607	607	2,182
Balancing adjustment					-	1
Total Payments		30,235	8,864	13,730	52,829	52,922
Away From It All Holiday Project:						
						2014
				£		£
Receipts:						
Balance at 1st January				9,671		11,340
Donations				6,028		6,685
Deposits				120		-
Interest on CBF account				27		27
Total				15,846		18,052
Payments				10,041		8,381
Balance at 31 December				5,805		9,671
Expenses breakdown:						
Accommodation (including £660 deposit for 2016)				7,920		6,454
Coaches				1,920		1,840
Food				77		55
Deposits				120		-
Expenses				4		32
Total				10,041		8,381
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account:						
						2014
				£		£
Receipts:						
Balance 1 January				6,627		6,709
Donations				1,521		2,701
Total				8,148		9,410
Payments				3,082		2,783
Balance 31 December				5,066		6,627

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Current Assets:						
	Notes	General Fund	Central Funds	Local Funds	Total 2015	Total 2014
CAF Bank Cash Account		582	8,864	1,625	11,071	18,144
CAF Bank Gold Account		3,426			3,426	3,418
CBF Deposit Account		19,736			19,736	19,736
Nat West MU Literature account				1,289	1,289	1,431
MU Literature cash in hand				64	64	48
MU Literature debtors				68	68	32
MU Literature stock	1			1,058	1,058	965
CBF Away From It All Holiday Project account				5,405	5,405	5,405
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire account				5,066	5,066	6,627
Funds held by branches	3			10,038	10,038	10,645
Less creditors	4	1,603	8,864	1,225	11,692	15,152
Total Current Assets		22,141	-	23,388	45,529	51,299
Notes forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015:						
1. MU Literature						
Stock is bought at retail price from Mothers' Union Enterprises Ltd. £50 of stock was written off during 2015.						
2. Away From It All Holiday Project						
Fund balance at 31 December 2015 is £5,805.						
3. Funds held by branches						
At 31 December 2015 Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester had 12 deanery committees and 54 branches. The total assets held at 31 December 2015 by the 9 deaneries and 46 branches which submitted returns was £10,038.						
4. Creditors at 31/12/15						
		General	Central	Local	Total	
Insurance		681			681	
MSH Subscriptions		34			34	
Donation in lieu of rent					-	
Diocesan events		888			888	
Overseas Development Fund			3,810		3,810	
MSH Wheels Appeal			274		274	
MUFLEP			233		233	
Relief Fund			2,804		2,804	
Britain & Ireland Development Fund			764		764	
MSH Harvest Appeal			120		120	
MSH General Fund			859		859	
Supporting Homeless in Leicestershire				1,225	1,225	
		1,603	8,864	1,225	11,692	
This is the financial position of Mothers' Union Diocese of Leicester as at 31 December 2015.						
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 25 May 2016.						
						
Margaret Rouse, 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 2015, 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.

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4 July 2016