

**Council for Mission Report**  
**Secunder: Ms Catherine Little**

House of Bishops and Members of General Synod,

In seconding this report of the Council for Mission I would like to thank all of the members of the Council for their hard work over the last year. Under the direction of our Chair, the Rev Adam Pullen, we have achieved practical and tangible results following on from the *Radiant Faith* booklet produced last year. There are still copies available of this publication if you would like a copy.

Mission is not the sole responsibility of this Council. Mission is the responsibility of everyone in our church. The great commission in Matthews Gospel Chapter 28 to ‘go and make disciples of all nations’ applies to us all. We will all be aware of things happening in our own areas to share our faith, to open up our church buildings to others and to tell others about Jesus. Mission still needs to happen around the world and thank you for your support of that but mission has to happen here in Ireland as well.

I am a representative of the Association of Mission Societies to the Council for Mission. Myself and my AMS colleagues are delighted to bring our experience to the Council. We want to support the church in mission – why not come and visit us at the AMS stand in the exhibition area.

As we continue to think about the Five Marks of Mission in our work:

- Proclamation
- Discipleship
- Loving Service
- Justice
- Safeguarding Creation

We commend you to tell us about how you are working in these areas in your own church and diocese. The recently completed scoping study has highlighted the breadth of activity taking place around the island in the area of justice for example.

Why not connect with us through social media or the Council for Mission website to find out about our current activity and more resources like the St Patrick’s Day material that was produced for churches to highlight the life and work of Patrick.

I would also like to draw your attention to the ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ resources from the wider Anglican Communion. This is a global wave of prayer in the days between Ascension and Pentecost (the 30th May and 9th June). Visit their website, visit the AMS stand for more information, get involved in praying for your family, your community, for your church locally, nationally and globally. Pray for brothers and sisters in places where life is difficult and challenging and pray for yourself that you will be able to play your part in building God’s Kingdom.

Thank you for your support for the Council for Mission.