

**Registration Number 563230**

**NET MINISTRIES OF IRELAND**  
**(A Company Limited By Guarantee and Not Having Share Capital)**

**Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 30 June 2020**

# **Net Ministries of Ireland**

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## **Net Ministries of Ireland**

### **Directors and other information**

|                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Directors</b>                 | James Sheehan<br>Derry Connolly<br>Joseph Vogel<br>James Mikulasik<br>Anne Corcoran<br>Aplhonsus Cullinan<br>Michael Sheehan<br>Martin Moran |
| <b>Secretary</b>                 | James Sheehan  |
| <b>Chief Executive Officer</b>   | Tony Foy   |
| <b>Company Number</b>            | 446218   |
| <b>Charity Registered Number</b> | CHY 17982  |
| <b>Registered Office</b>         | Donegal Road<br>Ballybofey<br>Co Donegal   |
| <b>Business Address</b>          | College Court<br>Ballybofey<br>Co Donegal  |
| <b>Auditors</b>                  | L Duffy & Co<br>12 Queen Street<br>Derry   |
| <b>Bankers</b>                   | Bank of Ireland<br>Ballybofey<br>Co Donegal  |
| <b>Solicitors</b>                | Peter Jones & Company<br>Church Lane<br>Mullingar<br>Co Westmeath  |

## **Net Ministries of Ireland**

### **Directors' report for year ended 30 June 2020**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020.

#### **Directors**

The names of the persons who at any time during the financial year were directors of the company are as listed on the Directors and other information page. The company is limited by guarantee and does not have any share capital. Accordingly, the directors do not have a beneficial interest in the company.

In accordance with the Articles of Association one-third of the company directors retire at the annual general meeting of the company and, being eligible, may offer themselves for re-election.

#### **Principal activities, business review and future developments**

The company's principal activity is to recruit, train and send out young Catholic missionaries to conduct retreats in schools in Ireland and to establish youth ministry activities in parishes primarily in Ireland. During the financial year income increased by eight percent (8%) whilst operating costs decreased by eight percent (8%) resulting in the operating loss €14,263 turning into a surplus of €161,791. Although it is pleasing that the company did make a surplus, the directors are aware that the pandemic helped in 2020 but will hamper fund raising in the year ended 30 June 2021.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The company's funding includes donations, gifts and grants. The company is dependent on the continued goodwill of existing and additional donors.

#### **Dividends**

During the financial year the directors have not paid any dividends or recommended payment of a final dividend.

#### **Events after the end of the reporting period**

The directors are not aware of any events or circumstances after the balance sheet date that require disclosure in the financial statements.

#### **Accounting records**

The measures taken by the directors to secure compliance with the requirements of sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 with regard to the keeping of accounting records are the implementation of necessary policies and procedures for recording transactions, the employment of competent accounting personnel with appropriate expertise and the provision of adequate resources to the financial function. The accounting records of the company are located at the business address.

#### **Relevant audit information**

In the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved in accordance with section 332 of Companies Act 2014:



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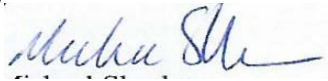
- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's statutory auditors are unaware, and
- each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's statutory auditors are aware of that information.

### Auditors

The auditors, L Duffy & Co, have indicated their willingness to continue in office, and a resolution that they be re-appointed will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 10 December 2020 and signed on behalf of the board

by:



Michael Sheehan  
Director



Martin Moran  
Director

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### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities for the shareholders' financial statements**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and Generally Accepted Practice in Ireland including the accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and promulgated by the Chartered Accountants Ireland.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. Under the law the Directors shall not approve financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position, as at the end of the financial year, and profit and loss, for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether the statutory financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

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## **Independent Auditors Report**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of NET Ministries of Ireland for the financial year ended 30 June 2020 which comprise the profit and loss account, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 3. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 30 June 2020 and of its loss for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 10 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which ISAs (Ireland) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### **Other Information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014**

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- in our opinion, the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion, the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited, and financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Respective responsibilities**

### **Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

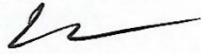
### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume

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responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed 10 December 2020 by:



Mr Laurie Duffy (Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of  
L Duffy & Co  
12 Queen Street  
Derry



# Net Ministries of Ireland

## Profit and Loss Account For Year Ended 30 June 2020


|                               |      | 2020                  | 2019                   |
|-------------------------------|------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|                               | Note | €                     | €                      |
| <b>Income</b>                 |      | 821,176               | 756,930                |
| Administrative Expenses       |      | 659,384               | 771,194                |
|                               |      | _____                 | _____                  |
| Profit/(Loss) Before Tax      |      | 161,792               | (14,264)               |
| Tax on profit/(loss)          |      | -                     | -                      |
|                               |      | _____                 | _____                  |
| <b>Profit/(Loss) For Year</b> |      | <b><u>161,792</u></b> | <b><u>(14,264)</u></b> |

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## Balance Sheet at 30 June 2020

|  |      | 2020           |                       | 2019           |                        |
|--|------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|
|  | Note | €              | €                     | €              | €                      |
| <b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>                 | 7    |                | 12,664                |                | 19,963                 |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                        |      |                |                       |                |                        |
| Debtors and prepayments                      | 8    | 27,642         |                       | 30,179         |                        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |      | 204,992        |                       | 87,983         |                        |
|  |      | <u>232,634</u> |                       | <u>118,162</u> |                        |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                           |      |                |                       |                |                        |
| Creditors – amounts due within one year      |      | (101,508)      |                       | (156,127)      |                        |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                    |      | <u></u>        | 131,126               | <u></u>        | (37,965)               |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b> |      |                | <u>143,790</u>        |                | <u>(18,002)</u>        |
| <b>Net assets</b>                            |      |                | <b><u>143,790</u></b> |                | <b><u>(18,002)</u></b> |
| <b>Capital and reserves</b>                  |      |                |                       |                |                        |
| Profit and loss account                      |      |                | 143,790               |                | (18,002)               |
| <b>Members funds / (deficit)</b>             |      |                | <b><u>143,790</u></b> |                | <b><u>(18,002)</u></b> |

The accounts were approved by the Board on 10 December 2020 and signed on its behalf by

  
**Michael Sheehan**  
 Director

  
**Martin Moran**  
 Director



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## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2020**

### **1. General Information**

Net Ministries of Ireland is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The company is registered in Ireland under registration number 446218 and charitable status number CHY 17982 with registered address Donegal Road, Ballybofey, Co. Donegal

### **2. Statement of Compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with FRS 102 Section 1A, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

### **3. Accounting Policies and Measurement Bases**

#### **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in Euro, which is the functional currency of the company.

#### **Going Concern**

The directors are of the opinion that the company is adequately financed and that it will continue as a going concern. Accordingly the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

#### **Income**

Income from fundraising and donations is recognized when received by the company. Income generated from the provision of retreats and parish activities is recognized when earned.

#### **Tangible Assets**

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

|                                 |   |                            |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Short leasehold property        | - | Straight line over 3 years |
| Fittings fixtures and equipment | - | 12.5% Straight line        |
| Motor vehicles                  | - | 20% Straight line          |

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### Impairment

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

When it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

### Financial Instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

### Defined Contribution Plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

#### 4. Limited By Guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and consequently does not have any share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding €1 towards the assets of the company in the event of liquidation.

#### 5. Staff Costs

Average number of persons employed by the company during the financial year including the directors was 13 (2019 11).

The aggregate payroll during the year was:

|                                | 2020    | 2019    |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
|                                | €       | €       |
| Wages and salaries             | 220,703 | 273,440 |
| Social insurance costs         | 21,665  | 27,494  |
| Other retirement benefit costs | 15,546  | 17,115  |
|                                | <hr/>   | <hr/>   |
|                                | 257,914 | 318,049 |
|                                | <hr/>   | <hr/>   |

The directors did not receive any remuneration during the year under review.

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### 6. Appropriations of Profit and Loss Account

|                                      | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                      | <b>€</b>    | <b>€</b>    |
| At the start of the financial year   | (18,002)    | (3,738)     |
| Profit/(loss) for the financial year | 161,792     | (14,264)    |
|                                      | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
| At the end of the financial year     | 143,790     | (18,002)    |
|                                      | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |

### 7. Tangible Assets

|                        | <b>Short<br/>leasehold<br/>property<br/>€</b> | <b>Fixtures'<br/>fittings and<br/>equipment<br/>€</b> | <b>Motor<br/>vehicles<br/>€</b> | <b>Total<br/>€</b> |
|------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>            |   |   |                                 |                    |
| At 1 July 2019         | 21,228  | 13,471  | 30,212                          | 64,911             |
| Additions              | -   | -   | 500                             | 500                |
| <b>At 30 June 2020</b> | <b>21,228</b>                                 | <b>13,471</b>   | <b>30,712</b>                   | <b>65,411</b>      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>    |   |   |                                 |                    |
| At 1 July 2019         | 21,228  | 6,860   | 16,859                          | 44,947             |
| Charge for year        | -   | 1,403   | 6,397                           | 7,800              |
| <b>At 30 June 2020</b> | <b>21,228</b>                                 | <b>8,263</b>  | <b>23,256</b>                   | <b>52,747</b>      |
| Carrying amount        |   |   |                                 |                    |
| <b>At 30 June 2020</b> | <b>0</b>                                      | <b>5,208</b>  | <b>7,456</b>                    | <b>12,664</b>      |
| At 30 June 2019        | 0   | 6,611   | 13,353                          | 19,964             |

### 8. Debtors

|               | <b>2020</b> | <b>2019</b> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|               | <b>€</b>    | <b>€</b>    |
| Trade debtors | 8,600       | 16,270      |
| Other debtors | 19,042      | 13,909      |
|               | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |
|               | 27,642      | 30,179      |
|               | <hr/>       | <hr/>       |

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### 9. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

|  | 2020    | 2019    |
|--|---------|---------|
|  | €       | €       |
| Amounts owed to credit institutions                | 723     | 8,268   |
| Deferred income                                    | 43,748  | 77,629  |
| Trade creditors                                    | 14,455  | 25,598  |
| Other creditors including tax and social insurance | 10,602  | 10,227  |
| Accruals   | 2,000   | 4,425   |
| Loan from benefactor                               | 29,980  | 29,980  |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>   |
|  | 101,508 | 156,127 |
|  | <hr/>   | <hr/>   |

### 10. Ethical Standards

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature our auditors prepare and submit returns to the Revenue Commissioners, prepare and submit returns to the Companies Registration Office and assist in the preparation of the financial statements.

### 11. Accounting Period

The current accounts are for the year ended 30 June 2020. The comparative figures are for the year ended 30 June 2019.

### 12. Approval of Financial Statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 10 December 2020.

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The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

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### Detailed Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30 June 2020

|   | 2020<br>€                  | 2019<br>€                   |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                               |                            |                             |
| Missionary fundraising                      | 283,473                    | 268,898                     |
| Donations, gifts and grants                 | 213,776                    | 157,698                     |
| Road Team retreat fees                      | 32,832                     | 34,710                      |
| Parish Team fees                            | 249,862                    | 237,500                     |
| Employment subsidy                          | 8,764                      | 12,127                      |
| Other income                                | 32,469                     | 45,997                      |
|   | <hr/> 821,176              | <hr/> 756,930               |
| Administrative expenses                     | 659,384                    | 771,194                     |
| Profit/(loss) before tax                    | <hr/> 161,792              | <hr/> (14,264)              |
| Tax on profit/(loss)                        | —                          | -                           |
| <b>Profit/(loss) for the financial year</b> | <hr/> <b>161,792</b> <hr/> | <hr/> <b>(14,264)</b> <hr/> |

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### Detailed Profit and Loss Account For Year Ended 30 June 2020 (continued)

|  | 2020           | 2019           |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  | €              | €              |
| <b>Administrative expenses</b>           |                |                |
| Wages and salaries                       | 220,703        | 273,440        |
| Employer's PRSI contributions            | 21,665         | 27,494         |
| Staff pension costs                      | 15,546         | 17,115         |
| Medical costs                            | 9,976          | 11,920         |
| Training & outreach centre running costs | 20,916         | 24,178         |
| Training & supervision                   | 53,980         | 61,568         |
| Team immigration                         | 16,501         | 15,563         |
| Team supplies                            | 9,191          | 10,035         |
| Rent payable                             | 31,689         | 34,965         |
| Insurance                                | 2,322          | 2,143          |
| Light & heat                             | 22,700         | 20,910         |
| Repairs & maintenance                    | 191            | 1,163          |
| Printing, postage and stationery         | 18,325         | 32,919         |
| Advertising, PR & fundraising expenses   | 5,574          | 8,469          |
| Philanthropy                             | -              | 3,106          |
| Telephone                                | 15,146         | 13,274         |
| Motor expense                            | 51,940         | 49,811         |
| Travel & subsistence                     | 28,695         | 28,883         |
| Stipends                                 | 92,961         | 110,103        |
| Ministry development & conference costs  | 5,525          | 4,697          |
| Legal & professional                     | -              | -              |
| Audit & accountancy                      | 2,975          | 2,500          |
| Bank charges                             | 699            | 1,167          |
| General expenses                         | 4,364          | 6,438          |
| Depreciation of tangible assets          | 7,800          | 7,453          |
| Loss on disposal of tangible assets      | -              | 1,880          |
|  | <b>659,384</b> | <b>771,194</b> |

A woman with long brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, stands on a large, dark, mossy rock formation. She is looking out over a calm blue sea towards a distant, hazy coastline. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds. In the foreground, the dark, silhouetted heads of other people are visible, suggesting they are also looking at the woman or the view. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2019-2020







# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Did we ever think that we would see such a time as this? The year 2020 will be remembered by all of us for the same reason: Covid-19! Did you ever imagine that a global pandemic with a worldwide lockdown was possible? It sometimes seems like a dream.

## **How has it affected our mission?**

We felt that the trust that you placed in us, to tell young people about Jesus and come alongside them in their journey of faith was too important to abandon. The faith of your children and grandchildren was at stake. The mission that Jesus gave you, and us on your behalf, was the main consideration.

When the initial shock of the pandemic hit, on the advice of the Board of NET Ministries, we encouraged our international missionaries to go home. Some made the brave decision to go back home and most made the brave decision to stay. Those who went home continued to journey with the young people with whom they had already built relationships.


The commitment of all your missionaries, whether at home or working online from their local area was incredible. Their ingenuity, grit and commitment to Jesus and to the mission incredibly impressive. They finished their mission well.

I had two sons serving, in Ireland during 2020, Joseph and Diarmuid. Sheena and I are very proud of both of them. I see first hand how they are continuing the journey with the young people who were in their respective parishes. I believe that the difference between a young person having faith and not having faith into adulthood is them having a network of friends who share the same values and beliefs - then they have a good chance.

Thank you for making this happen. Thank you for supporting the mission. At the risk of sounding cheesy or patronising, you go on mission by giving, just as the missionaries give by going.

I'm reminded of the Book of Esther (4:14) and Mordecai's words to his adopted niece. Perhaps the Lord is saying this to you now. For you have been put in a position where you have faith and you look around you and see your young people, beautiful as they are, struggling with life. Perhaps you are put in this position for such a time as this, for you to come alongside NET's young missionaries so that they can bring faith in Jesus to their peers.

Please pray for us as we continue to pray for you.



**Tony Foy**  
*Executive Director*

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## WHAT YOUTH SAY

*I do not usually like doing retreats, but the team actually made it interesting and fun instead of sitting in silence for hours.*

**YOUTH aged 16**

*I learned that when in hard times, turning to Jesus can help pieces fall back into place.*

**YOUTH aged 16**

*I learned that I can pray at any time to find strength and guidance.*

**YOUTH aged 14**

*I will try to pray more sincerely (not just because I have to).*

**YOUTH aged 12**

*In the prayer time I really felt how Jesus was going to help me.*

**YOUTH aged 14**

*That being a man, is being kind and following God's words.*

**YOUTH aged 13**

*I got hope!*

**YOUTH aged 14**

## WHAT TEACHERS SAY

*The prayer experience was so powerful and was the highlight of the day. Each student took away something special from their day with NET!*

*-Primary School Teacher,  
Dublin*





## WHAT PARENTS SAY

*"So many things are going on in our world right now that (as parents of 2 girls) we are so worried that no matter how much we tried to practice our Catholic faith at home, still it may not be enough.*

*I just would like to thank God for sending your group to our daughter's school. God bless all your efforts. Be blessed!!!"*

## WHAT PRIESTS SAY

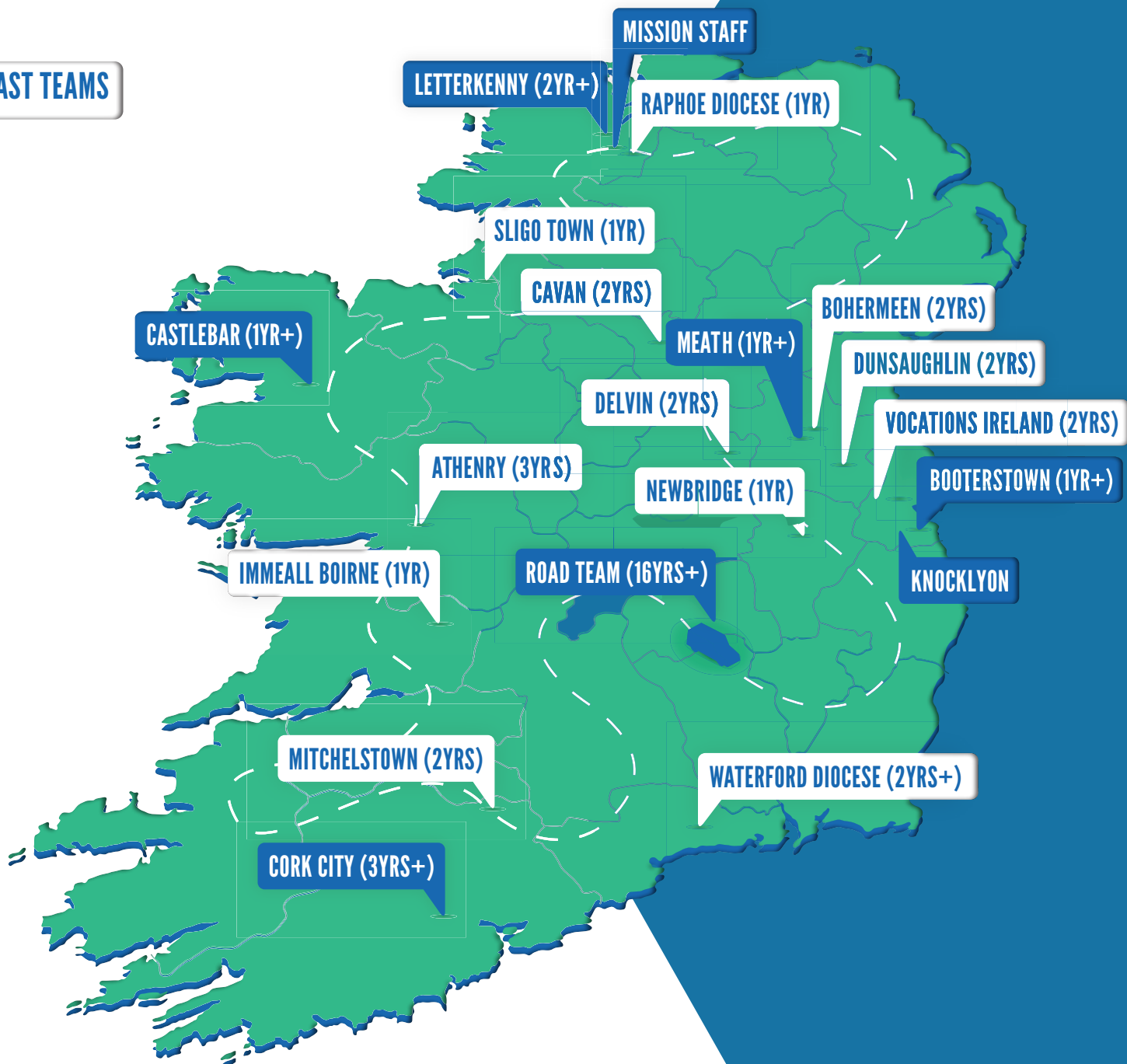
*"I write to say a sincere word of thanks to you all for a wonderful day of retreat yesterday in Emmanuel House. As priests, we are the ones constantly trying to encourage others and ourselves in the faith, and it was so affirming to be gifted with an event which did the same for us!"*

*The question always is, "who cares for the carers?" and you certainly did just that."*

# NET TEAMS 2005–2020

2019/20 TEAMS

PAST TEAMS





# SNAPSHOTS

## (COVID-19)

It isn't breaking news that Covid-19 is among us. Every organisation, business, school and charity has been affected by this worldwide pandemic. We are no exception.

During the fickle and unsure weeks in March, we, through strong prayer and discernment, decided to continue our mission throughout the lockdown.

We knew that the youth of our local areas would be stuck at home, with little to no social interaction with peers and that Jesus was asking us to be available to them in an entirely new way.

We continued to serve in our local areas wherever possible! Our missionaries hosted weekly online events, multiple times a week such as Bible Studies, youth groups, hangout sessions and even musical jam sessions.

Even though ministry looked different, it was clear that the power of God was as alive and active as always.

*"Online ministry was so fruitful. One young woman tuned in to Adoration every morning, which was livestreamed from the parish, and went on a journey with one of the team members, deepening her prayer life more and more as time went on."*

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## SURF SAND SON RETREATS

NET Ireland's beautiful coastal Training and Outreach Centre in Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal proves the perfect setting for young people at our Surf Sand Son (SSS) retreats. Here, the retreatants spend a weekend away from the chaos of the world. They are given time to encounter Jesus on a personal level, experience the Sacraments, and develop their relationships with one another through surfing, movie nights and other fun activities. For some, it was just the start of a relationship with Jesus, and for others it was a pivotal moment in their decision to do something amazing for Christ, going on to be missionaries among at college, work, or even with NET Ministries.

## (INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS)

### MIDDLE EAST

NET Ireland has visited the United Arab Emirates and Oman upon the invitation of the Bishop Southern Arabia every year since 2013. This year, Mission Staff and NET Ireland alumni went on a two-week mission trip to UAE and Oman, proclaiming the Gospel in schools, churches and leading the TUFF (Teens United For Faith) youth rallies. This incredible opportunity to share the Gospel message and help build on the evangelisation efforts in the Middle East is simply an honour.

*"We have been working with NET Ministries Ireland for the previous six years, and their missions to the United Arab Emirates and Oman have been very successful in the evangelization of youth. They have conducted youth rallies and retreats which I have been personally involved in, and they have been very effective."*

BISHOP PAUL HINDER OFM CAP  
APOSTOLIC VICAR OF SOUTHERN ARABIA

### ENGLAND & WALES

We also send our Road Team overseas to schools in England and Wales. This year we held 10 retreats for the secondary school students there.

### GERMANY

Every year we choose a small group of Staff and Alumni to travel to the American Military bases in Germany. Here they run a week-long retreat for the young people living there.



2018/19

45 (12 IRISH, 33 INTERNATIONAL)

18 USA, 8 Canada, 5 Australia/New Zealand,  
2 EU, 2 Uganda, 1 Brazil, 9 Ireland



From left to right, Bishop Alan McGuckian, Archbishop Eamon Martin, Bishop Emeritus Philip Boyce and Priests who assisted with NET training

# NET TEAMS reach 20,000 youth every year

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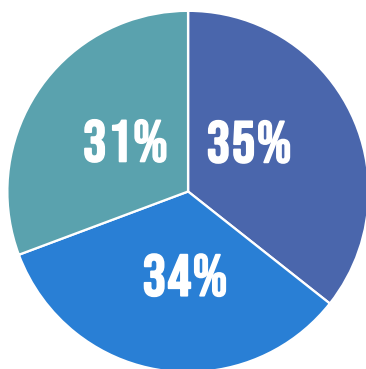


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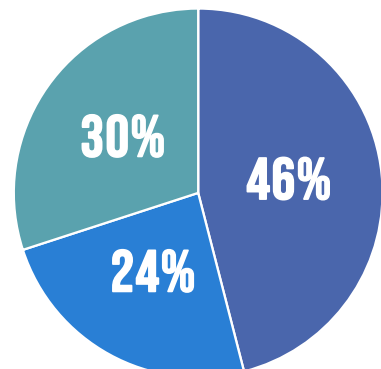


## INCOME

- FEES CHARGED
- MISSIONARY PARTNERSHIP
- DONATIONS, NON-GOVT. GRANTS, TRUSTS, OTHER

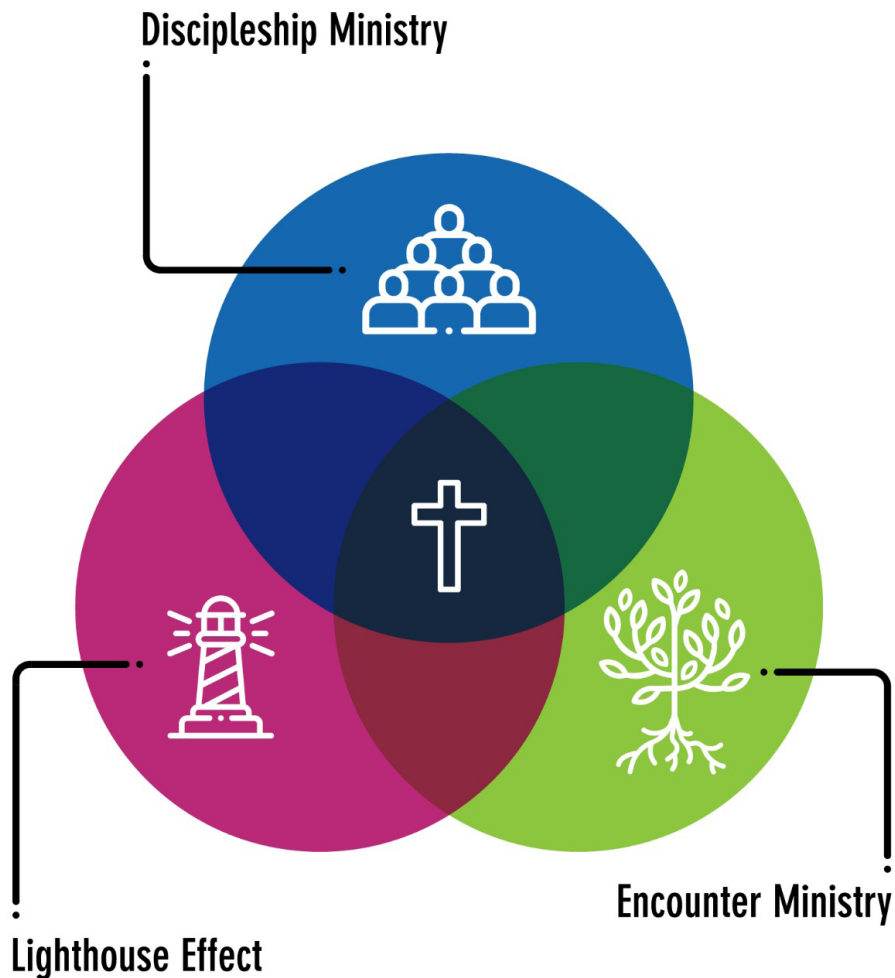
## EXPENDITURE

- WAGES & EMPLOYER COSTS
- TRAINING, COMPLIANCE & PROMOTION
- MISSIONARY SUBSISTENCE





# VISION FOR THE FUTURE



NET has been in Ireland training young missionaries for 16 years, and tens of thousands of young people have gotten the chance to encounter Jesus and have been invited to make him the centre of their lives.

Looking to the future, we want to strengthen our already existing partnerships with

parents, grandparents, priests and concerned Catholics across Ireland and internationally, so that Catholics of all ages are empowered to find their place in the mission to change lives forever by proclaiming the name of Jesus.

We are committed to helping you in your parish, school, local area to work

with your youth and realise the dreams that you have for them, to give them the future full of hope that they deserve.

We offer three ways that our missionaries and staff can partner with you to achieve your goals: Encounter Ministry, Discipleship Ministry and Lighthouse Ministry.

# Discipleship Ministry

This functions in a parish or cluster of parishes over a longer period of time. If you have a parish with young people who are difficult to reach, the NET team can come and build relationships with them, walking with them along the journey of faith. They aim to form the youth into disciples on fire for Jesus and growing in their faith.



# Lighthouse Ministry

The importance of witnesses cannot be understated. The presence of NET missionaries staying temporarily in your home, the work of a NET team in your school or diocese, the thought-provoking videos, articles, interviews and testimonials that are produced can all be used to point towards the Gospel and the saving power of Jesus.

# Encounter Ministry

This kind of ministry is generally in retreat format. The NET road team can come to your parish, school, local area or event to tell the the story of their lived relationship with Jesus, and hearing that this is possible is often the first step of a young person towards faith.







**“I see NET Missionaries as the leaven in the bread that in itself is small but makes the whole loaf rise.”**

**BISHOP ALAN MC GUCKIAN**  
**BISHOP OF RAPHOE**