



Churches Together
in Cornwall

2013-2014 Annual Report

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2013 – 2014
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AGM – TUESDAY 15th JULY 2014
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CORNWALL

MEETINGS UNDERTAKEN DURING THE YEAR

DEOs	01 st July 2013	14 th October 2013	09 th December 2013	24 th March 2014	June 2014
Executive	16 th April 2013	16 th July 2013	22 nd October 2013	07 th March 2014	

YEAR ON YEAR CHANGES

The website CTC Directory (contact us) was regularly updated throughout the year as changes were made to Group membership i.e. Executive members, Co-options, DEOs, LEPs, CT Group contacts - all are available on the CTC website. The Insurance premium increased over the twelve month period.

LEP REVIEWS

The DEOs have completed the LEP Reviews for the period up to end of 2012 as required. Thanks must go to Rev Margaret Barnes, Rev Colin Biggs and Rev Elizabeth Foot along with the Missioner for their time and effort in

AS AT APR 2014

	TYPE	STARTED	REVIEWED	RECENT REVIEW	MINISTERS INVOLVED
TREGADELLITT LEP (Cof E -Methodist - Village Hall)	1&3	1986	16-Jun-02	27-Sep-2011	Malcolm Jones (M) David Michaels (CofE)
HELLAND (C of E - Methodist)	1	2004	4-Jan-04	11-May-2011	Peter Smith (M) Sherry Byrant (CofE)
ROCHE (C of E - Methodist)	3	2003	20-Apr-03	27-Sep-2011	Derek Balsdon (M) John Coombs (CofE)
WALL & GWINEAR (C of E - Methodist)	1&2	2007	6-May-07	22-Sep-2011	David Bagwell (M) Martyn Trebath (CofE)
LOOE (URC- Methodist)	1&3	1989	2004-05	22-Jun-2012	Ruth Goodland (M)
MEVAGISSEY (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1992	1-Feb-05	8-May-2012	John Kendall (M)
GRAMPOUND ROAD	1&3	2013	8-Jan-13		
DOBWALLS UNITED CHURCH (C of E - Methodist)	1&3		28-Jul-04	1-Jan-2015	Ruth Goodland (M) Anthony Ingleby (CofE)
PORTSCATHO (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1988	20-Sep-07		Mark D-W M/Colin Biggs URC
PORTLEO (C of E - Methodist)	1&3	1992	20-Sep-07		Mark D-W (M) Doug Robbins (CofE)
TORPOINT LEP (URC - Methodist)	1&3	1987	27-Jun-09	transfer to Devon CT	Sabrina Groechel EO Devon

TYPES of Local Ecumenical Partnerships

single congregation	1
congregations in Covenant	2
A shared Building Partnership	3
A Chaplaincy Partnership	4
A Mission Partnership	5
An Education Partnership	6

DEOs

Baptist	Rev David Pountain
Anglican	Rev Elizabeth Foot
Greek Orthodox	Rev Fr Nikitas Lantsbery
Methodist	Rev Margaret Barnes
Quaker	Mrs Lesley Chandler
Roman Catholic	Rev Andrew Shute
Russian Orthodox	Rev Deacon Peter Willis
Salvation Army	Major John Harris
URC	Rev Colin Biggs
County Missioner	David H Smith

keeping this important schedule up to date.

LOCAL CHURCHES TOGETHER GROUPS

The CTC Executive continues to oversee and offer guidance to the thirty-eight CT Groups operating within the county of Cornwall. Within the last 12 months the Culdrose Chaplaincy Group and Christians Together in Redruth joined CTC. Four CTC's now have shops attached to their mission work.

The Executive also continues to provide a link with what is going on locally, regionally, nationally and internationally, through its affiliation with CT in England. The County Ecumenical Missioner has taken an active role in this. However, the CTE Field Officer for the South, Rev John Bradley retired in December 2013 and his post will now not be filled. The work of the Executive is also guided by the DEO's (Denominational Ecumenical Officers) who have met quarterly during the year.

David was delighted that Debbie Croucher of Transformation Cornwall agreed that it would be beneficial for both organisations to work closer together. Debbie stated that Transformation Cornwall Trustees had agreed "wherever possible that TC would operate in partnership with CTC in recognition of the Declaration of Intent."

THE SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF INTENT: Background information.

The Executive have been working during the year towards a Declaration of Intent resulting in the signing. This was fulfilled on 17th November 2013, witnessed by the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and took place within the Unity Service held at St Petroc's, Bodmin, with 755 in the congregation. A video was made of this historic service.

Declaration of Intent - 17th November 2013 Ecumenical County of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly A Declaration of Intent by the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed South West Baptist Association Churches and the Salvation Army

With the whole Christian Church, we believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We share a life of faith which is the Spirit's gift, continually received through the Word, the Sacraments and our Christian life together.

We believe that we are being called by God to realise more deeply our common life and mission, to share and respect the distinctive contributions of our traditions, and to bring about closer collaboration in all areas of witness and service.

We commit ourselves and our churches:

- a. to seek out every possible opportunity for joint initiatives at Local and County Level in mission to all the people of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.
- b. to work together to equip both lay and ordained ministry whenever possible, and to share that ministry wherever appropriate.
- c. to continue the work of developing strategies whereby we optimise the use of our church buildings for the benefit of communities throughout the county.

We believe that God has given our churches a particular opportunity to work together more closely.

We also affirm our intention to go on praying and working, with all our fellow Christians, for the visible unity of the Church in the way Christ chooses, so that people may be led to love and serve God more and more.

Rt. Rev'd. Tim Thornton
Anglican Bishop of Truro

Rev'd. Steve Wild
Methodist Chairman
of Cornwall District

Rev'd. Ruth Whitehead
Moderator of the South Western Synod
United Reformed Church

Rev'd Jeremy Brown
Senior Regional Minister
South West Baptist Association

Major Ian Harris
South West Divisional Commander
Salvation Army

Letter of Support

Dear Friends,

**to the members and representatives of the Anglican, Methodist, United Reformed
and South West Baptist Association Churches and the Salvation Army
in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly**

We, the representatives of the other member Churches of Churches Together in Cornwall, are delighted to offer you our congratulations on the Declaration of Intent to be signed on 17th November 2013. In addition we offer you our ongoing companionship as we seek to serve Christ together in the county of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. We recognise with you the particular opportunity afforded to your churches to work more closely together, and commit ourselves to praying for God's blessing on what is begun with this Declaration of Intent. We also affirm our intention to go on praying and working, with all our fellow Christians, for the visible unity of the Church in the way Christ chooses, so that people may be led to love and serve God more and more.

Bishop Christopher Budd
Roman Catholic Bishop of Plymouth

The Rev'd. Oeconómos Nikitas Lantsbery
Greek Orthodox Church
Community of Archangel Michael and St. Piran

Very Rev'd. Archpriest Benedict Ramsden
Russian Orthodox Church
Community of St Anthony & St Elias

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"We support the churches who have signed this Declaration of Intent in the move towards working together more closely."

Marion Coleman,
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Clerk to Cornwall Area Meeting

This Declaration resulted in the setting up the five Working Groups in December 2013

The paper declaring the five headings and the heading leaders was agreed as follows:-

CTC Executive - David H Smith
Mission Events Together - Lead - Rev Roger Greene and David H Smith
Work Strategically Together - Lead - Bishop Tim Thornton
Ecumenical Ventures Together - Lead - Rev Steve Wild
Theological Issues Together - Lead Rev Jez Brown

CTC EXECUTIVE - BUDGET

The Financial Accounts for the year were audited and will be presented at the AGM 2014. The Chairman, Steve Wild was elected Chairman for three years in 2011, the Deputy Chairman and Treasurer are re-elected annually with both positions presently being held by Bishop Tim and Mike Cullen respectfully.

EDUCATION GROUP

The Education Group, represented through David Hampshire under the umbrella of the CTC, has met during the year and among other issues they have continued to support the future of Chaplaincies in Further Education Colleges and Institutions. The Barnabas 2013 displays and CTC banners were again sited in the Cathedral

THE ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW

The theme last year re-used the Olympic Circles depicting the churches expressing all that they had done within various Cornish Communities - adopting the slogan "We can do better than that!!" Church activities in pictures over the last 100 years were shown.

The Eve of Show service (Wed 5th June 6pm) was well attended, the preacher being Bishop Chris Goldsmith. Many of the attendees enjoyed a beer and a pasty whilst admiring the much improved new wooden flooring in the Church Tent. The Chaplaincy work had increased and Bishop Chris had suggested the need for the Chaplains to make themselves more visible. A vote of thanks was also offered to Rev Roger Greene, for all his teams efforts over the three day event and all the planning undertaken leading up to the Show.

DOR KEMMYN - CORNWALL INTERFAITH FORUM

CTC representative Laura Wild reported that the Faith Forum were keen to ensure there was good two-way communications between it and the CTC. The Cornwall Faith Forum Conference, held on Thursday 21st November at the Shire House Suite Bodmin and was called 'Sharing and Sharing' - Doing Inter-Faith in a Rural Setting - Challenges and opportunities. Key Note speakers were Jonathon Marshall MBE, Director of the Plymouth Centre for Faiths & Cultural Diversity, Rev Dr Barbara Glasson, team leader at the Touchstone initiative in Bradford and Farzana Saker, Wiltshire Faith Forum.

The faiths involved in CFF are Bahia, Buddhist, Hindu, Pagan, Muslim, Jewish and Christian.

COMMUNICATIONS

It is essential to retain good communications with the contact person of each Churches Together Group, for it is through that person that information of events, activities and services can be shared. A 'Homelessness in Cornwall' leaflet with helpful signposting telephone numbers within it had been produced and circulated to all clergy. A Leaflet was also produced as a 'hand out' depicting the ecumenical work of CTC. Two banners advertising the work of CTC have been well used at exhibitions, shows and Church events.

CTC NEWSLETTERS

The use of e-mailing a bi-monthly newsletter introduced in November 2010 has proved to be a great success with CTC Groups sharing information on their events and activities. To date 22 issues have now been published which are all included as part of the website. It reinforces the fact that there is a tremendous amount of Christian mission work going on continuously. All those involved in Ecumenical work within Cornwall are very much encouraged to send in material for inclusion in the newsletter.

CTC WEBSITE

Over 698,000 hits recorded within the twelve months of 2013 greatly surpassing the 187,000 for the whole of 2012, showing continued growth. The Directory of CTC Executive members and at CTC Group contacts, with all updated contact information has been placed on the CTC Website. Any changes notified are uploaded within hours - changes please to the CTC Missioner ses.dhs@hotmail.co.uk website www.churchestogetherincornwall.org.uk

GWENNAP PIT – Pentecost Ecumenical Service – Sunday 19th May 2013

Reverend David Grosch-Miller, Moderator of the URC, was the preacher with Reverend Steve Wild and Bishop Tim Thornton in attendance. Much of the music was played by “The Salvation Army Band (Cornwall Corps)”

CHURCH LEADERS PILGRIMAGE TO LANDEVENNEC

Pilgrimage to Landevennec took place from Thursday 25 April to Thursday 2 May with 25 pilgrims. It was in two parts, the Church Leaders leading the pilgrimage from Friday morning until Sunday evening. The highlights - the visit to the Chemin Neuf community - the two presentations by the Abbott Jean Michel - the fact that “first timers” were in the majority.

THOSE WHO JOINED THE CTC EXECUTIVE DURING THE YEAR AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS WERE:-

Becky Barber - Cornwall University Chaplaincy
Dan Rubens - Kingdom Vision
Debbie Croucher - Transformation Cornwall
Derek Collins - Epiphany Group

CTC MISSION WEEK'S

Chairman Steve and Bishop Tim covered the Holy week mission in Helston and an August mission in The Isles of Scilly.

Visiting Speakers at CTC meetings during the year were:-

Doctor Salem Murjaneh from Syria shared his personal circumstances. Salem gave an insight into the enormity of the struggle, the hurt, the pain, the deprivation of a whole country.

Reverend Ann Marie Lindsay Stuart who had recently retired as Spirituality Advisor for the Carlisle Diocese, but was now living in Cornwall, wished to share with those present a “mad dream.” This dream was to create a small group who had the skills to help others make their prayer life more real, more purposeful.

Jane Haslam who came to speak about Restorative Justice, Lesley encouraged those present to attend a full Day Conference on Restorative Justice at The Shires Suite, Bodmin,

