

# Priorities News 2026

Church of Ireland General Synod Priorities Fund  
Church of Ireland House, Rathmines, Dublin 6

## The Vision

The original vision for the work of Priorities Fund emphasised the spiritual rather than material growth of the church, putting people before buildings. The Committee strive to be faithful to that vision each year as they allocate grants from the fund.

The Priorities Fund continues to encourage and help those parishes and organisations that are bringing the message of the love of God to their congregation and families, and also to those that may be distanced from the church.

This year's applications include support for a youth mental health project, outreach to impoverished housing areas, help for people with addictions and setting up an Agricultural Chaplaincy.

With new projects, we accept that sometimes the outcome may differ from the original plan or that they may not be totally successful. Any innovation requires willingness to take steps of faith.

As in previous years, our evaluation forms reports have been positive and encouraging and also honest about the difficulties faced in some areas of ministry.

The committee would like to express their thanks to the dioceses, parishes and individuals who contribute to the fund. We are very aware of the responsibility that we have to ensure that these contributions are well used in the growing of the Kingdom of God.

**Roy Totten**  
**Chairman**



# 2026 ALLOCATIONS FROM 2025 FUND IN EURO

## OUTREACH INITIATIVES

<b>St Annes Cathedral, Belfast</b> <i>A memorial initiative about Children of the Troubles</i>	<b>€36,254</b>
<b>The Gathering Belfast Church Plant</b> <i>Eco-Corner community garden at St Martin's Church.</i>	<b>€1,813</b>
<b>The Gathering Belfast Church Plant</b> <i>Church Flute Band Belfast</i>	<b>€3,021</b>
<b>Kilgarriffe Union</b> <i>Wifi and sound system in Parochial Hall</i>	<b>€1,000</b>
<b>Knockbreda Parish</b> <i>Three day Nativity event for children and families</i>	<b>€1,813</b>
<b>TLK Diocesan Magazine</b> <i>Funding for the second year of the newly amalgamated Diocesan magazine:</i>	<b>€4,000</b>
<b>Meath &amp; Kildare Diocesan Council</b> <i>Ploughing Championships</i>	<b>€15,000</b>
<b>St Columba's Derryvolgie</b> <i>Supporting mental health for local youth</i>	<b>€24,169</b>
<b>Cloyne Union</b> <i>Hall Equipment and Facilities for Children and Group work</i>	<b>€4,000</b>
<b>Holy Trinity Cathedral Down</b> <i>Provision of a coffee dock area within the cathedral</i>	<b>€9,668</b>
<b>St Brigid's Church (Pairsh of Mallusk)</b> <i>Creation of a Youth Club for high school students</i>	<b>€12,085</b>
<b>Lisburn Cathedral Youth</b> <i>Providing better youth facilities in Lisburn Cathedral</i>	<b>€7,251</b>
<b>Seapattrick- Banbridge Parish</b> <i>Outreach initiative using music to connect with the community</i>	<b>€3,625</b>
<b>Shankill Parish Church Lurgan</b> <i>To further develop existing outreach events</i>	<b>€9,063</b>
<b>Glencraig Parish Church</b> <i>Holy Week Art Exhibition</i>	<b>€3,021</b>
<b>Sligo Centre for Mission</b> <i>To start an Outreach for secondary school students</i>	<b>€15,000</b>
<b>Braniel Community Church</b> <i>Expansion of community garden</i>	<b>€3,142</b>
<b>St Molua's Parish Church</b> <i>To establish and operate a Men's Shed and Community Garden</i>	<b>€20,544</b>
<b>St Nicholas &amp; All Saints</b> <i>Renovate All Saints' Centre to continue outreach projects</i>	<b>€48,338</b>
<b>St. John's Parish, Lurgan</b> <i>To enhance Messy Church Ministry via new AV system</i>	<b>€3,094</b>
<b>Tullycarnet Church</b> <i>Develop outreach programme in impoverished area</i>	<b>€9,668</b>
<b>Castlewellan - The Well</b> <i>To set up a community outreach hub in Mainstreet Castlewellan</i>	<b>€18,127</b>
<b>West Winds Community Church</b> <i>Develop a Youth Engagement project in West Winds social housing estate</i>	<b>€18,127</b>
<b>Lismore Union of Parishes - Pioneer Ministry - Cook Serve Pray</b> <i>Outreach to youth, wider community and those marginalised through addictions</i>	<b>€15,000</b>
<b>Kinsale Union of Parishes</b> <i>Updating Multose Church entrance and community hall</i>	<b>€750</b>
<b>Killymard Parish - The Mustard seed</b> <i>Further development of the Mustard Seed Outreach Facility</i>	<b>€5,000</b>
<b>Kilkenny Christian Centre - Mulidenominational</b> <i>Renovation of Community Resource Centre - The Light House</i>	<b>€10,000</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>€302,572</b>

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

<b>Commision for Christian Unity and Dialogue</b> <i>Production of video about the work of CCUD</i>	€7,000
<b>Knockbride Col</b> <i>Audio visual equipment for Sunday School and Mother and Todler Group</i>	€3,000
<b>Bright Parish</b> <i>Provision of a timber building for Sunday School</i>	€24,169
<b>Church Army - Ireland</b> <i>To create three new Irish case studies on pioneering mission</i>	€4,000
<b>Tullycarnet Church</b> <i>Bible study groups for people who have recently come to faith.</i>	€508
<b>CIYD</b> <i>Designed Merchandise for national youth events</i>	€12,085
<b>Alpha Ireland</b> <i>'Life on Purpose' video and discussion series for youthwork &amp; Alpha Textbook</i>	€6,400
<b>M&amp;K Diocesan Councils - Pioneer Ministry</b> <i>Saints and Scholars -Christian faith education including heritage and arts</i>	€7,500
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>€64,661</b>

## INNOVATIVE MINISTRY IN A RURAL CONTEXT

<b>Abington Church</b> <i>Outdoor eco space for parish and local Syriac Orthodox community</i>	€5,000
<b>Killyleagh Parish</b> <i>Youth and Toddler groups, community events and music scholarships</i>	€6,042
<b>Kildress Parish Church</b> <i>Rectory Garden resortation as a Spiritual resouce</i>	€12,085
<b>KEA Diocesan Council</b> <i>Two year of Agricultural Chaplaincy within KEA Diocese</i>	€33,000
<b>Gathered - A Partnership Ministry</b> <i>Outreach Centreand and associated hubs for people with no church connection</i>	€42,296
<b>Altedesert Parish</b> <i>Conversion of Parish Hall into Outreach Community Centre</i>	€12,085
<b>Moneyreagh Community Church</b> <i>Outreach work to the village of Ballygowan</i>	€12,085
<b>Bryansford - Kilcoo Parish Curch</b> <i>Develop various innitiatives to connect with the local community</i>	€9,668
<b>Moneyreagh Community Church</b> <i>Expand "HOST" community outreach Coffee Shop</i>	€2,417
<b>Lower Kilwarlin</b> <i>Furnish parish hall to enable outreach projects including Café Church</i>	€6,042
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>€140,719</b>

## TRAINING - LAY & ORDAINED

<b>COI Deans Conference</b> <i>To support the annual 2 day meeting of the Deans</i>	€500
<b>HOB</b> <i>Providing training and education for each diocesan bishop</i>	€40,000
<b>Dundonald - St. Elizabeth's</b> <i>Creation of a ministry training scheme in Dundonald Parish</i>	€8,459
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>€48,959</b>

## ALLOCATIONS GRAND TOTAL

€556,911

Sterling grants have been converted to Euro using the rate of 0.8275

# 2025 FUND - CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN EURO

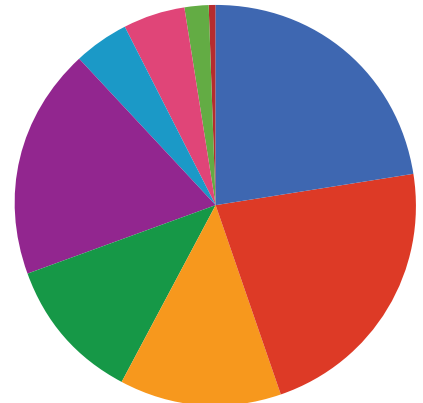
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	DIOCESE - 2025 FUND			45 YEARS - 1980 / 25		
	TARGET	CONTRIBUTIONS	%	TARGET	CONTRIBUTIONS	%
	€	€		€	€	
ARMAGH	57,336	<b>57,336</b>	100.00	2,652,149	<b>2,279,704</b>	85.96
CASHEL, FERNS & OSSORY	36,000	<b>36,000</b>	100.00	1,351,673	<b>1,230,390</b>	91.03
CLOGHER	22,944	<b>22,944</b>	100.00	1,727,993	<b>1,486,415</b>	86.02
CONNOR	90,226	<b>90,226</b>	100.00	4,132,006	<b>4,047,298</b>	97.95
CORK, CLOYNE & ROSS	28,460	<b>28,460</b>	100.00	1,064,621	<b>984,737</b>	92.50
DERRY & RAPHOE	57,336	<b>57,336</b>	100.00	2,647,698	<b>2,521,584</b>	95.24
DOWN & DROMORE	90,226	<b>90,226</b>	100.00	4,129,265	<b>4,081,883</b>	98.85
DUBLIN & GLENDALOUGH	69,370	<b>69,370</b>	100.00	2,580,661	<b>2,477,669</b>	96.01
KILMORE, ELPHIN & ARDAGH	24,180	<b>24,180</b>	100.00	914,531	<b>763,063</b>	83.44
LIMERICK, KILLALOE & ARDFERT	12,960	<b>12,960</b>	100.00	490,723	<b>470,120</b>	95.80
MEATH & KILDARE	20,820	<b>20,820</b>	100.00	781,369	<b>702,902</b>	89.96
TUAM, KILLALA & ACHONRY	5,300	<b>5,300</b>	100.00	205,693	<b>196,525</b>	95.54
<b>TOTAL DIOCESAN CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>515,158</b>	<b>515,158</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>22,678,382</b>	<b>21,242,291</b>	<b>93.67</b>

## PRIORITIES FUND ALLOCATIONS 1980 - 2025

45 Years Grants Total: €22,280,537

● Training - Lay and Ordained (Formerly Ministry)	€5,070,926	22.8%
● Christian Education	€4,946,388	22.2%
● Community	€2,863,342	12.9%
● Areas of Need	€2,609,829	11.7%
● Outreach Initiatives	€4,186,259	18.8%
● Retirement	€966,969	4.3%
● Innovative Ministry in a Rural Context	€1,132,777	5.1%
● Reconciliation and Outreach	€440,836	2.0%
● Millennium Projects	€63,210	0.3%



## COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

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Applications for grants are available on the Priorities Fund website:

[www.priorities.ireland.anglican.org/applications](http://www.priorities.ireland.anglican.org/applications)

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