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Project 28BW

Building
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Planting
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In 2024 Irish Church Missions will be celebrating its 175th anniversary. When founded in 1849 by Rev'd Alexander Dallas he said,

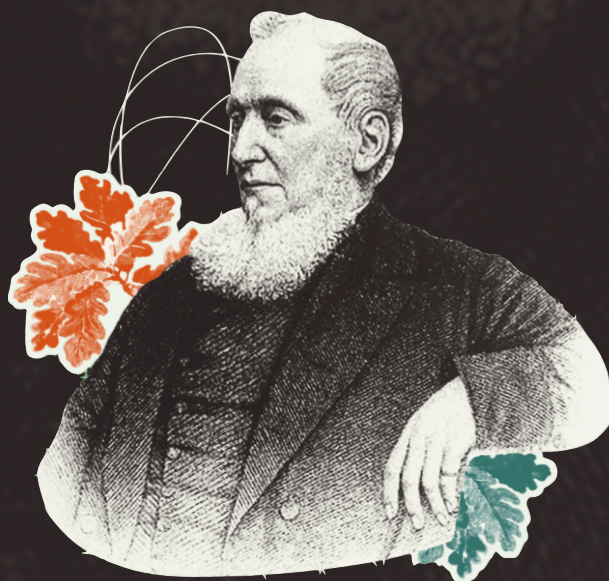
“The Society for Irish Church Missions...is one instrumentality, capable through the help and blessing of God, of carrying the Gospel to every part of Ireland.”

This is still our purpose and passion today.

During the last 10 years we have launched several new ministries and new evangelical churches specifically in the Dublin area. We want to add further momentum to this by continuing to plant more churches in 2023 and beyond.

In addition to this we also would like to develop a church planting hub, resourcing other church planting and revitalisation initiatives in Ireland, whose participants can take the gospel to the Ireland of the 21st Century.

**History
& Passion**



Rev'd Alexander Dallas

Vision

To send out into every community, only those who are prepared to sacrifice everything to save the people of Ireland today



Mission

To start and strengthen healthy Anglican evangelical churches that can plant more new churches to reach further into the whole of Ireland with the gospel.



Values

Perseverant

We're committed to seeing the work through, and won't stop until we see our mission realised.



Pioneering

We know that we need creativity, innovation and courage if we want to break new ground with the gospel.

Passionate

We're unashamedly all about Jesus Christ, and our heart is to see Ireland reached with His good news.



Prayerful

This is God's mission, not ours – so everything we do begins by crying out to Him in prayer.

Partnering

We can't run this race alone so we seek to cultivate and support deep, collaborative relationships with those who, like us, want to see the gospel advanced in Ireland and beyond.



Why 'new' churches?

For many in Ireland today, the gospel is nothing more than a 'faint memory.'

THE TIDE HAS GONE OUT ON CHRISTIANITY IN IRELAND

There has been a slight increase in those identifying as 'Christian', largely due to the growth in ethnic churches caused by immigration. However, churches in Ireland are all experiencing decline. These churches would have typically relied on generational continuity, but the new Irish have broken with religion. Since our concern is particularly with evangelical churches, it can be said, across the denominational spectrum, evangelical churches continue to fall behind the curve of rising secularism.

NEW CHURCHES REACH NEW PEOPLE

There is widespread acceptance new churches are especially positioned to reach new people.

In fact, where a commitment to long term church planting is held and pursued, not only are new people reached, but in some cases, older, more established churches are strengthened and revived too.

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IRELAND IS SPIRITUALLY FAMISHED BUT THERE IS HOPE

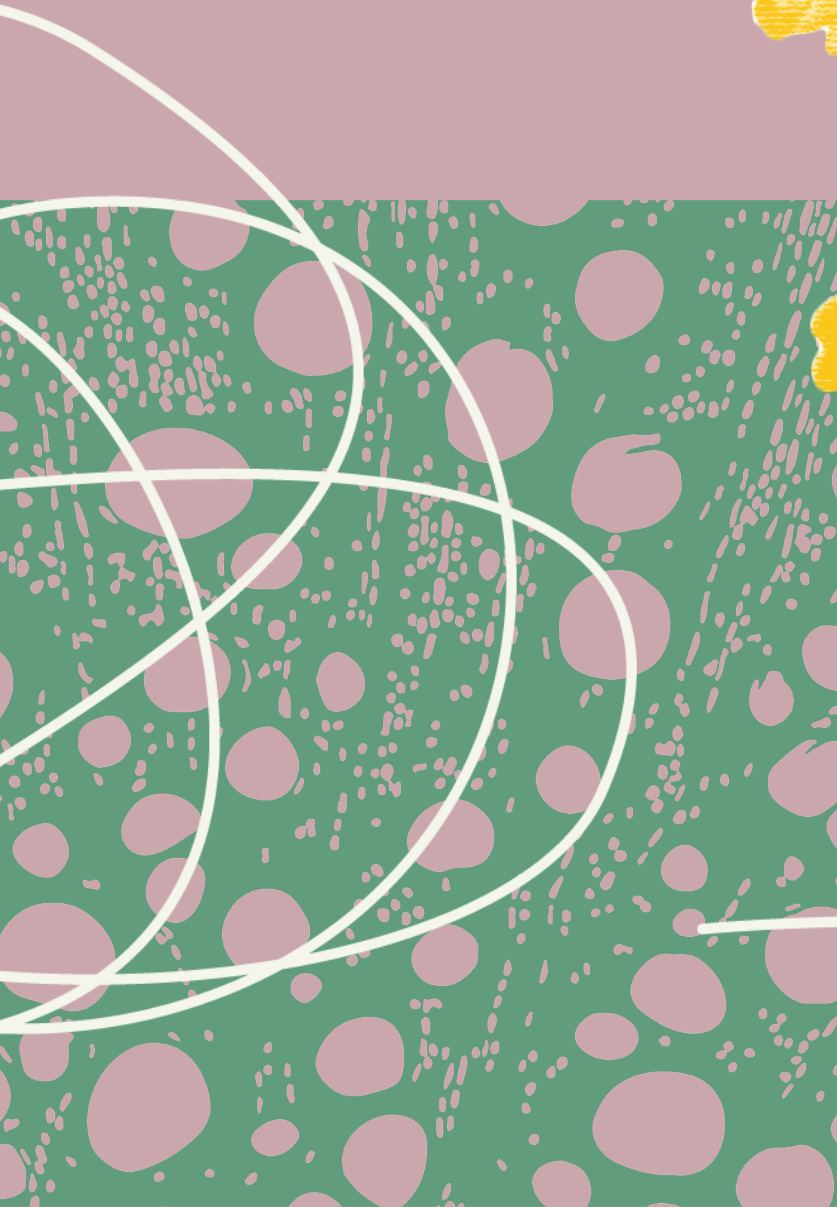
It may surprise many to learn but Ireland, once famous as the land of 'saints and scholars' is now largely secular and proud of its progressivism.

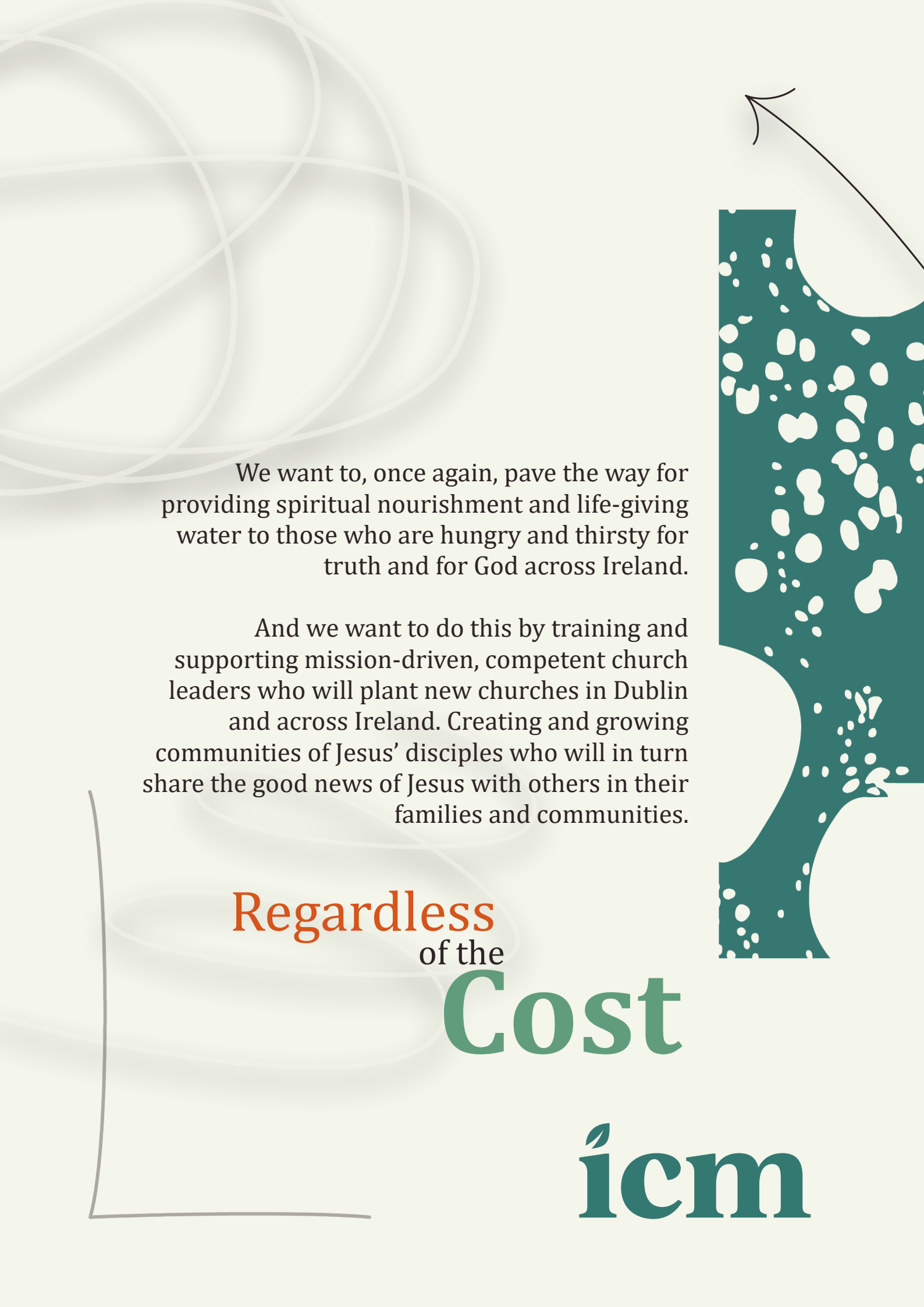
Ireland is not unique in the western world, however the rapid departure from and determined disregard for its historic roots is frightening.

People are spiritually starving yet many are unable to see it.



**ICM wants to
change this...**





We want to, once again, pave the way for providing spiritual nourishment and life-giving water to those who are hungry and thirsty for truth and for God across Ireland.

And we want to do this by training and supporting mission-driven, competent church leaders who will plant new churches in Dublin and across Ireland. Creating and growing communities of Jesus' disciples who will in turn share the good news of Jesus with others in their families and communities.

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Project 28BW

28 Bachelors Walk has been central to our recent growth. It provides space for two of our churches on Sunday, mid-week meetings other ICM churches and a training space for various other churches and networks we collaborate with.

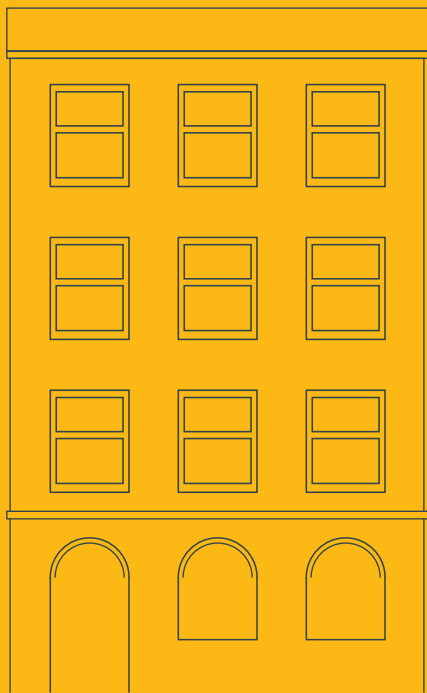
However it could be doing so much more.

Given its strategic centre city location if it was repurposed and refurbished it could enable a wider diversity of ministry for ICM churches, open up a greater range of training spaces, resource even more churches across Dublin and create an appealing interface for greater city engagement.



PROJECT 28BW

Building for the future of church planting in Ireland right in the heart of Dublin's centre city.



Essentially the refurbishment of the top three floors into high specification one bedroom, studio apartments will significantly reduce the current and future funding pressure on ICM. These apartments will create a new revenue stream and supply the financial stability we need to fulfil our vision.

The refurbishment of the ground floor of the old ICM building will provide a modern worship space which could also be brought to the rental market accommodating city center meetings and art performances.

And, a refurbished basement would be just what we need for future ICM Training and teaching events, with a well-stocked library of Bible teaching and discipleship resources, laying the foundation for a future church planting hub.

Project 28BW can open the door to a new future for ICM

At present the funding structure for ICM relies heavily on committed donors and legacy gifts. We are very thankful to God for such support, however if we are to multiply church plants and move towards having our own training facility, we will need to diversify our income sources.

From one perspective the refurbishment will create a new revenue stream.

This will allow us to invest more significantly than before in new mission ventures and future church plants.

This can be achieved with a multipurpose ground floor, seminar and break out rooms in the basement, a modern library equipped to help people engage historically and theologically with contemporary issues.

From another perspective, the refurbishment will maximise the current space in 28BW, allowing for the expansion of the vision to establish a training college for the next generation of church planters.

The money flowing from our refurbished centre city premises will:

- Add diversity to the traditional means of funding the ministries of ICM.
- This in turn allows us to be bolder in pushing forward with identifying, recruiting and training more new church planters.
- Long term it lays the foundation for a new Missionary Bible College.
- Together all this means sending out more people, to reach the growing number of unreached in Ireland, to the eternal praise of God from this generation.

Project 28BW has been a long time in preparation...

It has taken almost four years to reach the point where we are now.

The pandemic slowed progress on this project. The conservationist paperwork required even to gain planning permission was significant because 28BW is a listed building both inside and out. **We have this now in full and are ready to progress this project to the next phase.**

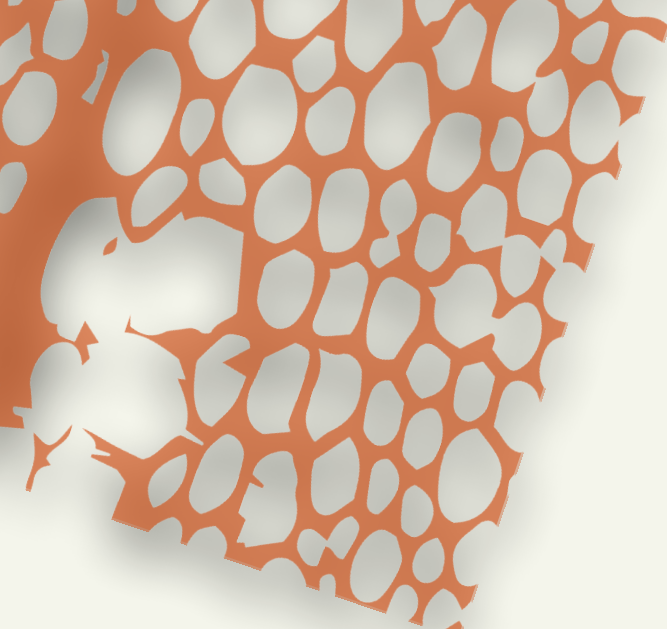
Here is a timeline of key activities so far:

Phase 1 (2019-2023)

- Architect engaged - Karol O'Mahony of KoMA (March 2019)
- Initial round of fundraising for Phase 1 (drawings, certificates, planning permission, QS)
- Planning permission was granted
- Preliminary works carried out: including new disabled toilet on ground floor, refurbishment of all 33 windows and fire exit installed in basement.
- Drawings completed and final bill of quantities produced.
- Initial tenders sought

Phase 2 (2023-2024)

- Phase 2 - Second round of fundraising begins.
- Tenders pursued.
- Third round of fundraising (if necessary)
- Builders appointed.
- Works commences – hopefully between September 2023 - January 2024.



The final bill of quantities has come in at €1.97M. This factors in some contingency planning and is VAT inclusive. It does not include professional fees and is subject to the costings of materials and labour at the time it was produced.

Today we have €333K in our designated building fund, having raised just over €500K in the last 18 months. If we increased the contingency figure in our current estimation and included future professional fees, we are asking for a sum of €2.1M.

Our current short fall therefore stands at €1.767M. This is obviously a significant sum of money, but we believe it can be turned into an eternal investment.

Target €2.1M

Shortfall of €1.767M

Funds to date €333k



Will you help ICM by donating or making a donation or pledge to give towards Project 28BW?

The most significant value that money has is in the amount of life and opportunities for transformation and change it represents.

Money represents hard work, skills, and sacrifice. The wonder of money, like loaves and fishes, is that when placed in God's hands, it can be multiplied. It can go where you cannot go. Touch hundreds of lives you cannot touch directly – except through your faithful and strategic stewardship of your God-given resources.

That is why you are invited to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider how you can make a generous donation towards building a new future for ICM's ministry and mission of sharing the gospel and planting evangelical churches across Ireland.

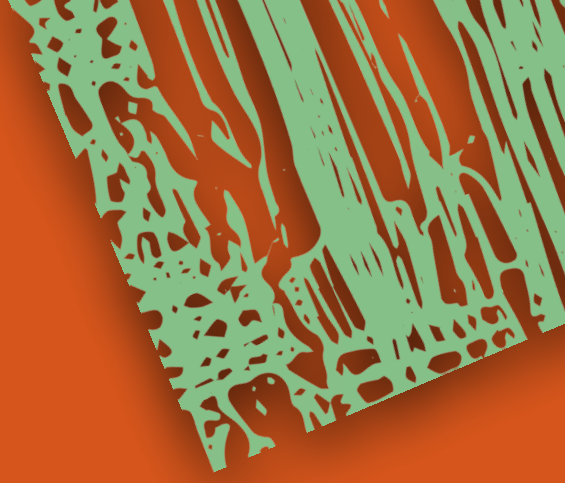



Examples of gifts needed

The table of gifts below indicates the levels of gifts needed to complete the entire refurbishment of Project 28BW. Our fundraising target is €1.767M through tax-effective gifts over 12-18 months, from individuals, churches, and grant-making bodies

The types of gifts needed for completing Project 28BW refurbishment

Number of donors	Gift Amounts	Gift Totals	Cumulative Totals
Leadership gift (1x)	700,000	700,000	700,000
Strategic gifts (2x)	250,000	500,000	1,200,000
Key gifts (2x)	100,000	200,000	1,400,000
Major gifts (4x)	45,000	180,000	1,580,000
Special gifts (6x)	20,000	120,000	1,700,000
General gifts (10x)	6,700	67,000	€1.767M



Our fundraising team would welcome the opportunity to talk to you and respond to any questions you might have regarding this strategic project and your financial contribution.

Please feel free to contact David Martin on +353 (0)85 806 9659 or email: david@irishchurchmissions.ie to discuss your participation in this project.

He would be delighted to hear from you.



Donor Recognition Opportunities

In the T.C. Hammond Library there will be a designated space where we will publicly recognise and acknowledge friends like you who make significant contributions to this missions project.

Ways of Giving

Irish Church Missions exist only to help meet a great eternal need in the lives of thousands of men, women and children all across Ireland, by proclaiming the gospel, to grow churches, that practice the gospel for the good of all and the glory of God. It is to meet this great need that you are invited to make a significant commitment.

There are several ways to make a meaningful gift to this strategic project:

One-off gifts and pledges –

Lump sum gifts and pledges of donations over a two to three years period are most welcome.

Memorial Gifts – Some aspects of this strategic building project might reflect the lifelong interests and dreams of loved ones who have died. A memorial gift towards mission work they cared about will ensure that their legacy of faith and love continues to make a difference.

In addition to making a personal contribution you might want to encourage your company, your business network, or your church to make a generous gift.

Gifts in Kind - Gifts of personal property such as proceeds from the sale of a house or sale of artwork, collections, can provide substantial support for this project.

Gifts from churches – You might consider asking the leader of your church to share about this project with the congregation and invite free will offerings. If your church has a heart for mission in Ireland this project can help your church fulfil its vision for mission.

Ireland still needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We're raising up a movement of men and women who are prepared to risk it all to see Him proclaimed in every community.

“And God is able to make all grace abound
to you, so that having all sufficiency in all
things at all times, you may abound in
every good work”

2 Corinthians 9:8

