



Annual Report 2019

Our progress as a family of
churches in 2019

Thank you...

Heather and I look back at 2019 with huge gratitude and thankfulness to God for this family of churches.

Together we are seeking after his kingdom with an amazing vision of seeing thousands of lives transformed through hundreds of churches in tens of nations. Last year our churches in South East Asia, led by Vinu Paul, grew significantly as their mission extends into more and more states and surrounding nations like Bhutan and Bangladesh. We travelled with Vinu and Julie to the Philippines to spend time with Rolando and our first church there. We're also excited about our growing connection with a key church in São Paulo.

Last year saw the final Westpoint and one of the best yet! The sun shone as did God's grace upon the children, youth and adult meetings. We leave with so many stories of lives transformed and eagerly await the next chapter of Commission at Connect Festival. We believe this event, with the changes we are making, will enable greater times of encounter and glimpses of glory as well as equip us for God's calling on our lives.

So we are full of anticipation and faith for the year ahead and so thankful for your support, giving, prayers and encouragement.

Together to glorify Christ,

Guy and Heather



Thousands of lives

In 2019 there were 205 baptisms in our UK church family. We have had 807 baptisms in the last 4 years, and are in faith for 1000 by the end of 2020.



“In the last year we have baptised three members of the same family!”

– Hope Church, Winchester

Through hundreds of churches

Our UK church family now has 58 congregations. We have more plants and sites planned for 2020.

We are so thankful for all that is happening across the UK – new buildings, new sites being started, new communities being reached.

Our global family is now over 170 churches!



In tens of nations

We are now working in 9 nations, and welcomed a church in the Philippines into the family in February 2019. We have a new church plant in Ghana and new connections across South Asia and in Brazil.



Lives transformed...

One of the amazing outcomes of your giving has been our “Parivartan” Church and Community Transformation programme in rural India. This enables local churches to work together with their community to overcome poverty and address their needs using their own resources.

Highlights from the programme:

19 widows and elderly people were helped to successfully apply for a pension.

- 64 toilets were built as a result of a successful government funding application.
- After the creation care mobilisation workshop, 224 trees were planted.
- In one of the villages the leaders applied to set up a village bank.
- A number of villages have formed Self Help Groups and started saving to set up small businesses.
- 40 families have been supplied with water through a solar power system.
- If you'd like to find out more, please email us at office@commission.global



Training and events

It's been a great year in Commission for events and training!

Our 2019 highlights include:

Two UK Leaders days: A day of training for church teams.

Newfrontiers Prayer Day 2019: We gathered in Westminster Chapel along with other Newfrontiers spheres to pray for the UK.

Westpoint 2019: We had an amazing time celebrating our last ever and biggest Westpoint before moving onto Connect Festival 2020.

Amplify: 220 leaders and their spouses gathered together for teaching by Mike Pilavachi, worship and encouragement.

CST: 280 students and twenties met at Hope Church, Winchester for a day of encountering God through worshipping and excellent teaching.

Our training courses saw many equipped in the Commission family:

Foundations: We had 57 people take part in Foundations in 2019.

Advanced: 15 people completed the final year of this preaching and teaching course.

Gathering Momentum: This is our first training programme for church plant leaders and lead elders. We had over 30 complete the first year, and are running this course again in 2020.

After leading our training superbly for 5 years, Mick Taylor has retired! We are delighted that Tim Blaber has stepped into the Director of Training role and he is developing a range of training courses with exciting new opportunities launching in 2020.

SURE highlights

We're so thankful for all the amazing work that has been going on with our SURE programme. Since we began this work in 2016, over 150 people have been involved. We took great strides forward in 2019!

Highlights from 2019 include:

We appointed a Director of Leadership Development, Eireana Davis. Eireana has a wealth of experience in developing leaders, and is looking at how we can best identify and raise up new leaders across our church family.

Lots of new resources have been written and published about how we can partner and work with others.

The 'DNA' team have been busy writing papers which define our position on various theological issues.

The leadership team have devised and produced a 'Leadership Framework' and accompanying Conversation Cards, aimed at developing new leaders.

We have developed a clearer process for how churches can join the church family.

Our cross-cultural mission training guides have been rewritten and updated ready for a relaunch coming soon.

We've launched a Governance and Compliance newsletter, full of helpful resources for church leaders, administrators and trustees.

Development of a new resource hub - launching June 2020. This will be the place to access materials covering aspects of church life, from children's work and worship through to trustees and operations.

2019 Finance Report

The following pages report on our finances for the calendar year of 2019, including the spending of the 2018 Westpoint offering.

Our finances are based on the principles of doing and enabling:

1. DOING (front-line missional costs)

These are the costs which relate to carrying out direct mission work. This could be finance given to support a new church plant, delivery of training and apostolic ministry, travel and missional salaries.

2. ENABLING (operational support costs)

These are the operational or support costs which enable the doing activities to take place. Examples of this include operational staff salaries, communications, finance, IT, insurance and so on.





What we do

Care of churches

We regard the local church as central to the mission and purposes of God, and so we invest heavily in the care of churches. This includes providing training, pastoral support and opportunities for our leaders and their teams to gather together.

Reaching the unreached

We are committed to taking the Gospel where the name of Jesus is not known, both on our doorstep and overseas. Our mission, as well as our prayer, is to see God's Kingdom come in all areas of life, especially in the lives of those who are unreached by the Gospel.

Social action and crisis relief

We believe that it is our responsibility as the people of God to seek to bring restoration to a hurting world. We work with our churches to bring relief and development in areas of extreme poverty. This may be after a crisis requiring short-term relief and aid, or in areas of extreme poverty requiring a longer term approach.

Developing and training leaders

We are committed to the development of men and women as leaders for all walks of life. We deliver a range of training courses, from single days of specialist training to part-time leadership courses running over two years.

Events support

We are passionate about equipping people for what God has called them to. We do this through providing events aimed at encouraging and equipping, and giving us opportunities to gather together and build relationships.

A key moment in our calendar is our annual festival, which is a powerful time together, where we all gather as one family, worshipping God, hearing inspiring teaching and having fun.

Income and expenditure breakdown

INCOME	Total
Church giving and speaker gifts	318,610
Westpoint offering 2018	646,945
Grants/other donations	28,168
Event income/grants	395,383
Training income/grants	85,159
Resources sold	638
Investment income	6,876
Total income	1,481,779

EXPENDITURE	Doing	Enabling	Total
Grants and subsidies	304,708		304,708
Comms/marketing	1,744	13,037	14,782
Staff costs	234,490	191,080	425,569
Admin costs	25,412	13,887	39,299
Programme costs	259,325	3,842	263,167
Office and venue costs	93,499	4,831	98,331
Travel, hospitality and accommodation	156,562	20,297	176,858
Finance, governance and legal	27,882.98	13,043	40,926
Total expenditure			1,363,640

Expenditure explained

Grants & subsidies

The finance and apostolic support for church plants, events underwriting, global apostolic support of Commission and other Newfrontiers projects.

Comms/marketing

Expenditure attributed to the creation and maintenance of our website, social media presence, advertising and other publications as well as telephone and internet costs.

Staff costs

This is the cost of paying salaries, recruiting and training our staff team.

Admin costs

Costs incurred for the continued operation of our bases in Bournemouth and London. This covers basic costs such as stationery, printing and postage as well as IT equipment and support.

Programme costs

The cost of running events and training programs, speaker gifts, catering and other required resources.

Office and venue costs

The cost of venue hire and office space rental. This also includes venue hire for events, training and meeting.

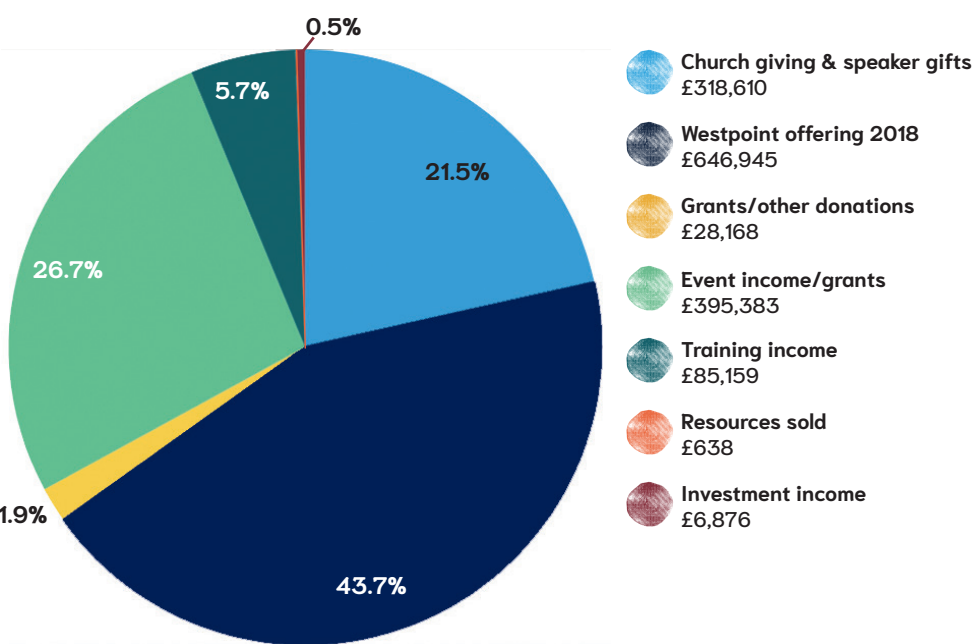
Travel, hospitality and accommodation

Costs of local and international travel and accommodation.

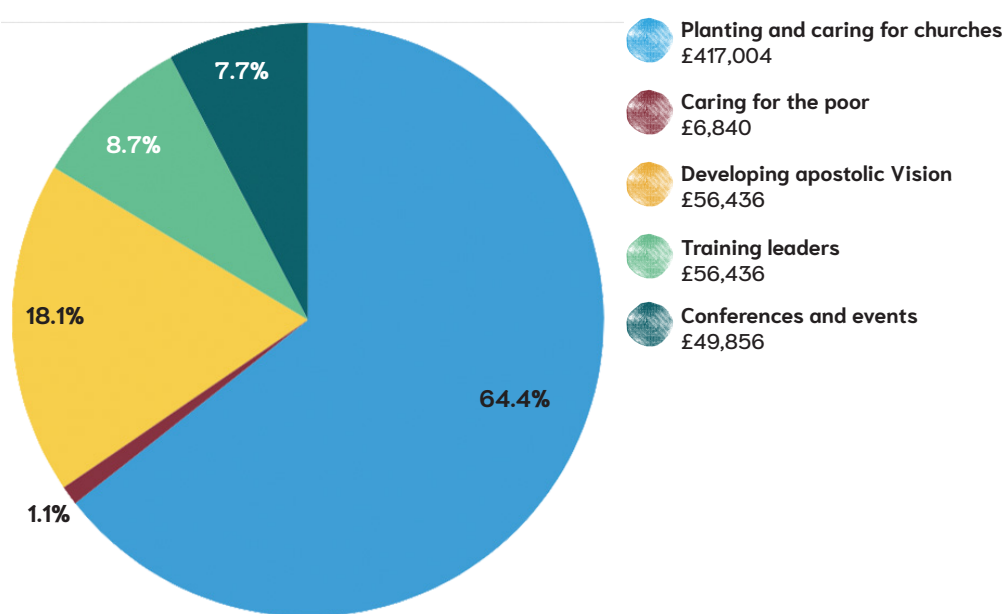
Finance, governance and legal

Legal fees, banking charges, insurance costs and audit fees.

Income breakdown



Expenditure against charitable objectives



How we used the 2018 offering

We were amazed at Westpoint again by the wonderful sacrificial generosity as people gave to our shared mission. The offering in 2018 was an astounding £646,945. We've been able to use this for a range of initiatives:

UK church support

We were able to support the church plant in Cardiff, and have a designated fund for the planned church plants and new sites in 2020.

A key part of our work is providing care and support of all our churches through the apostolic teams, which includes regular visits to churches and church leaders (Hub) meetings.

Global mission

In 2019 we have travelled further and supported more initiatives than ever before. Your financial contributions helped support churches and teams in Portugal, Spain, South East Asia, Ghana, Serbia, Philippines, the Middle East and the USA.

Crisis relief and community development

We have been able to give funds to both emergency relief and long term development projects this year. One of these programmes in South East Asia is seeing wonderful breakthrough in people's lives in a variety of ways. These include self-help groups, care of widows and children, repair of local health facilities and care of the local environment. (You can read more about this on page 6)

Event underwriting

Events are a key part of what we do, and are normally cost neutral. However, some events, including Westpoint, required underwriting to ensure ticket costs for delegates are kept as low as possible, and to offer a reduced ticket price to the many volunteers who enable the event to take place.

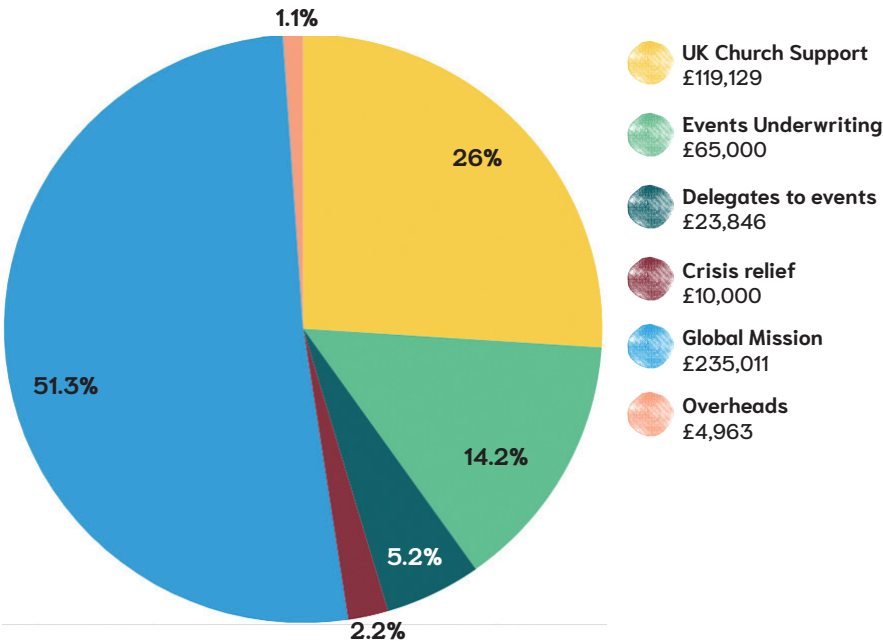
We also supported an Islamic World conference, and the Younger Leader's conference in the UK.

Overheads

These costs relate to banking charges for receiving and spending our Westpoint Offering.

Ministry reserve

It is our policy to build up a small contingency fund in order to respond to emergency support and other unforeseen needs as they arise.



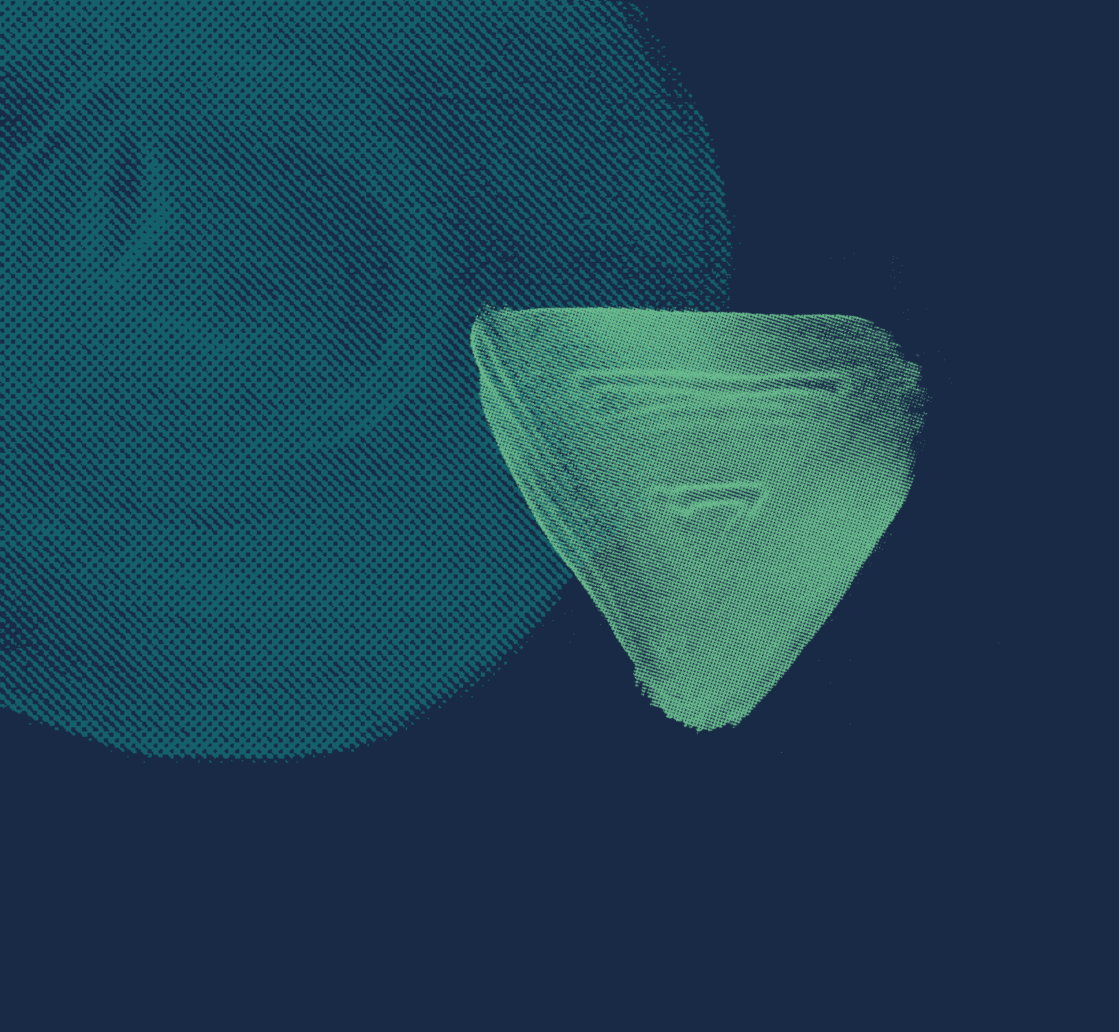
Summary

It is such an exciting time to be part of the growing global Commission church family. We are so thankful for the commitment of every individual and every church who enable our shared mission to press forward.

We would like to thank all of our committed and dedicated volunteers who have served so faithfully at our events, training days, and with our SURE programme as well as the wider apostolic team in their role in caring for churches. We are so privileged to serve with you and ask you to keep praying with us for God to advance His kingdom through all we are and do.

We hope you've enjoyed reading this and have seen just how much impact your support has had on what we have done. It's not easy to capture all of the information, but please do contact us if you'd like anything clarifying further. Our full charity Annual Report and Accounts will be available on our website after our annual audit.





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