



**cmsireland**  
equipping the church **in mission**



**MAKE IT COUNT**

With CMSI

Community + Mission + Fundraising





## CMSI exists to help the Church change lives.

We make connections between different parts of God's global family and we equip churches and individuals as they work together to share God's transforming love.

We're asking your church to ***Make It Count*** with CMSI.

# The big idea

**We're encouraging churches to host a community fundraising event for CMSI once a year.**

## Why host a fundraising event?

### ● **Community**

Fundraising events help bring people together; they offer a chance to celebrate and develop the sense of community in your church; they draw folk together from the wider neighbourhood; they create a 'buzz'.

### ● **Mission**

A big parish event provides an opportunity to help share your vision of mission – to inform the church community about a particular partnership link or inspire them about global mission more generally. You could even invite a CMSI speaker to come along.

### ● **Fundraising**

CMSI needs to increase support for its Mission Resource Fund. We're immensely grateful for – and reliant upon – the annual disbursements from churches towards this fund. A community event is a great way to raise additional funds for CMSI from your parishioners, without drawing more from church funds.





# The other idea

**We're encouraging churches to host an annual CMSI Sunday service, with a retiring collection or parish lunch to raise funds for our Mission Resource Fund.**

## Why a CMSI Sunday?

Running a CMSI Sunday (or 'Global Mission Sunday') is a simple but effective way of helping your regular congregation to develop a deeper engagement in global mission. It's also a great way to raise additional support for CMSI from your parishioners.

This might be a more suitable option for churches who already do a lot of fundraising events, or for whom such an event would be a stretch.

Alternatively, it could be something that provides a broader mission focus for churches who do decide to host a fundraising event.

# Fundraising event ideas

## What could you do?

- Beetle Drive
- Table Quiz
- Community talent show or concert
- Talent auction / Service auction
- Fashion Show
- Irish Stew night; progressive meal; pudding event
- Open Gardens
- Coffee morning or Afternoon Tea
- Cake sale/Car-book sale
- Bridge tournament
- Movie night
- Sponsored sing/walk/run/cycle/dance
- Car wash, litter pick or other community service
- Bake Off
- Big Paper Aeroplane Challenge



# CMSI Sunday

**If you choose to hold a special Sunday service that highlights the work of CMSI and our partners, we'd love to help. We can offer:**

- Suggested prayers and readings in keeping with our Annual Theme
- A CMSI speaker to come and share stories from our partners
- A basic sermon outline (if you don't book a CMSI speaker)
- Powerpoint slides to support the sermon
- A short film clip (if something suitable is available)
- Some CMSI literature
- CMSI collection boxes and Gift Aid envelopes (NI) or Tax Relief forms (RoI)

# Make your mission count

**For CMSI, your mission engagement matters.**

We believe that the Church is at the heart of mission.

We aim to inspire, connect and equip God's people as they share His transforming love.

That's why we have a skilled and experienced team of staff and volunteers to work with churches throughout Ireland. We're committed to work across the breadth of the Church in Ireland.

That's why we facilitate long-term, two-way relationships and mutual sharing between churches in Ireland and our Global Partners.

We want to support, equip and resource your church as it plays its part in mission.







# Make your prayers count

**For CMSI, your prayers matter.**

We are dependent on God's guidance and provision  
as we seek to serve His Church.

If CMSI is to continue helping the Church in Ireland engage in global mission...if we are to continue championing and supporting the work of our Global Partners...we need churches to pray for us.

Please include CMSI and our partners in the patterns of prayer in your church. You can make use of our prayer diary, partner updates, magazine and website to help inform your prayers. We really do value your participation and partnership in this vital way.

# Make your money count

## **For CMSI, your money matters.**

We appreciate every pound and euro we receive from churches like yours.

We have many years' experience of managing financial support from churches. We treat these donations with care: we go to great lengths to maximise the impact of your giving and to minimise waste.

### **Restricted giving to a designated programme**

When churches and individuals give to a specific cause – for Mission Partner support or a Global Partner programme

– we ensure that all of the money is used only in support of that cause.

### **General giving to our Mission Resource Fund**

Money given in this way is essential for ensuring that CMSI can continue equipping the Church in mission. The Mission Resource Fund enables our staff team to work with churches across Ireland and to help individuals explore their call to mission service; it helps us meet shortfalls in partner funding; it allows us to develop our work and respond effectively to the most pressing needs and opportunities.

**We'd encourage your church to continue supporting global mission by investing in CMSI.**



# What next?

- **If you decide to run a Make It Count event in your church... get in touch!**

We'd love to hear about your plans. Feel free to ask for further suggestions and let us know if you'd like someone to come and share something about CMSI or a particular Global Partner.

- **If you'd like to host a CMSI Sunday service in your church... get in touch!**

Let us know the proposed date of your service and whether you'd like to request a CMSI Speaker. We will send you some material that may help you to plan the service.

**Further details are also available on our website: [www.cmsireland.org](http://www.cmsireland.org)**

**Please Make It Count, with CMSI!**



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