

## 10% Team Annual Report

(for year ending 30 September 2009)

### Area of Responsibility

The 10% Fund administers the giving away of 10% of the income of St. Paul's and St. George's Church. This tithe has been a feature of Ps and Gs for many years. The 10% Fund exists for the purpose of extending God's kingdom by making disbursements of a charitable nature to projects which operate wholly or primarily outwith St. Paul's & St. George's Church, and which are compatible with its Christian ethos.

The Fund is administered by the 10% Team which typically meets every two months to consider applications under 5 broad categories:

- Youth (support for work with children and young people)
- Student (support for student related activities)
- Short Termers (support for people serving in the UK or overseas ordinarily for a maximum period of 2 years)
- Local Concerns (support for social projects and ministries in and around Edinburgh)
- Wider Concerns (support for national or international work, campaigns or disaster relief)

The work fits into the strategy under "Serving The World"....."We will give away at least 10% of our income in various projects in Edinburgh, Scotland and beyond"

### Summary of preceding year

It was a very unusual year for the 10% Fund, as for the first time the Fund was suspended for 6 months of the year due to wider cashflow issues at St. Paul's and St. George's. During this time we did not advertise the Fund, held new applications which had been received, and made sure that payments were made to those recipients with whom there were ongoing commitments (e.g. payments over 2 or 3 years).

It was great news just at the end of the financial year to have the Fund reinstated and to consider the pending applications. The fact that the Fund had been closed for 6 months means that we have finished the year with a surplus of £18,230 unspent; an unusual situation in recent years. This will be carried into the new financial year.

The 10% Team in 2008/9 was Gwyn Higham, Geoff Horne, Marjory Horne, Jane Hurst, Mike Nicholson, Chris Purcell, Kirsty Purcell and Kath Williamson (as Vestry Representative) replaced halfway through the year by Derek Gordon. It was a sad loss to the 10% Team when Gwyn Higham died. She had served on this Team for over 15 years and believed passionately that Ps and Gs was blessed in much of what it did, because it committed to give 10% of its income away.

In the year £23,050 was given away to es-team (Scripture Union), Sunflower Garden/Simpson House, the Princes Street Easter Play, Bethany Christian Trust, Fikelela AIDS Charity, London Institute of Contemporary Christianity, Cheryl's Children's Home, Amica Pregnancy Crisis Centre, Asian Concern, UCCF, Friends International, CityLife.

### Targets for the coming year

Our targets for the coming year will be to spend the preceding year's surplus as well as the new allocation. To do this we will be making every effort to raise the profile of the Fund with the congregation and beyond. We have started by having a stall at the Ministries Fair and are planning for the Fund to feature on the church website. We will also be featuring some of the recipients of the Fund in The Blether. We are also keen to ensure that the Fund provides support for people doing short term mission placements as we have received a much reduced number of applications for this category in the last two years.

### Resource Implications for the coming year

Jon Hammond joins the 10% team in October 2009 which will provide the hands-on experience of short term mission which he has been involved with for 18 years, and a close link with the Global Focus Team which he also serves on. We will also liaise closely with the Local Focus area of ministries with a view to taking a co-ordinated approach.