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Highlights

- Cementing of relationships with partners in churches and regional organisations sustain an effective regional network of policy makers into which the churches can relate and become involved as a key player
- Increased resources to the churches of the region has equipped them for ministry and mission in taking social action and encouraging partnership in regeneration
- Launch of major initiatives lead new areas of work around cohesion, effective Christian presence, culture and inter-faith.

Introduction

CRC seeks to equip churches across Yorkshire and the Humber for practical action on issues such as community cohesion, social exclusion and wellbeing; to raise awareness of the contribution of faith; and to influence regional government and policy makers for the good of all. This combination of strategic work and practical action is unique to CRC, ensuring the efforts of local churches are enhanced and their contribution recognised.

Developments in the region and beyond such as new recognition of the role of faith in building social or 'faithful' capital by policy makers and awareness of the issues of extremism have increased the relevance of this work.

CRC's expertise is strengthened through the 25 Commission members, partnership working at regional and local level and the focus of Task Groups leading on culture, inter-faith, social inclusion and rural renaissance work.

"The CRC and Yorkshire Forward have an excellent working relationship which is fuelled by the fantastic activities being delivered by the Commission."

Helen Thomson, Head of Communities, Yorkshire Forward

"CRC's role is being increasingly valued by the church leaders across the region."

Revd Peter Whittaker Chair of the Church Leaders Reference Group and the Methodist Church West Yorkshire District



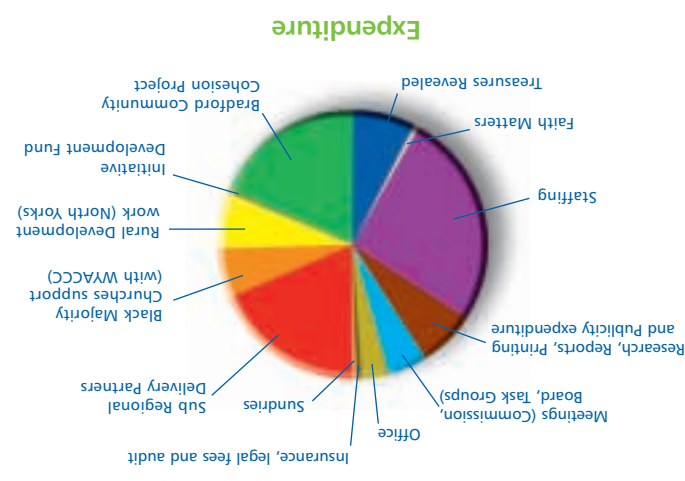
Archbishop Sentamu joins Director Inderjit Bhogal at the launch of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum

"CRC is a key element, equipping us for ministry in Yorkshire today."

Rt Revd John Packer Bishop of Ripon and Leeds

"The Assembly has worked closely with the CRC on a range of important community issues. We look forward to continuing to work in tandem with this important sector in helping build a better future for everyone in the region."

Peter Box, Chair of the Yorkshire and Humber Assembly



Income and Expenditure Account for the period	
1 April 2005 – 31 March 2006	
2006/£	2005/£
499,422	499,422
51,565	51,565
33,513	33,513
Income	
3,173	3,173
805	805
6,761	6,761
Other Income	
3,173	3,173
805	805
6,761	6,761
Total Income	
595,239	595,239
Expenditure	
107,633	107,633
34,952	34,952
39,683	39,683
1,820	1,820
107,249	107,249
43,405	43,405
3,192	3,192
136,354	136,354
11,415	11,415
3,915	3,915
39,445	39,445
0	0
27,260	27,260
5,999	5,999
7,048	7,048
6,153	6,153
3,829	3,829
2,382	2,382
Total Expenditure	
581,734	581,734
Depreciation	
1,008	1,008
3,060	3,060
Net operating surplus	
9,437	9,437

Financial Activities for the period	
1 April 2005 – 31 March 2006	
2006/£	2005/£
423,363	423,363
532,935	532,935
30,280	30,280
7,566	7,566
22,852	22,852
3,173	3,173
2,225	2,225
Total incoming resources	
478,720	478,720
595,239	595,239
Resources Expended	
434,368	434,368
0	0
0	0
25,464	25,464
34,610	34,610
Total resources expended	
459,832	459,832
9,437	9,437
18,888	18,888
0	0
18,888	18,888
9,437	9,437
18,888	18,888
55,913	55,913
74,801	74,801
84,238	74,801
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources before transfers	
18,888	18,888
0	0
Transfers between funds	
0	0
Net incoming resources for the year	
18,888	18,888
9,437	9,437
18,888	18,888
55,913	55,913
74,801	74,801
84,238	74,801
Balances brought forward	
74,801	74,801
55,913	55,913
74,801	74,801
84,238	74,801
Balances carried forward	
74,801	74,801

These are extracts from our accounts. Copies of our full audited accounts are available from the CRC office.

The Figures

Chief Executive's Report



The launch of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum in December 2005 (pictured left), the Treasures Revealed culture programme, Street Pastors in Leeds and the effective Christian presence active-learning programme represent major new areas of work.

Meanwhile, Faith Matters training continues to raise awareness of faiths amongst private, public and voluntary organisations, and the rural development pilot continues to provide support for farming communities and rural businesses in crisis in the northern dales.

The poster overleaf maps some of CRC's work in local areas as well as the key areas of influence across the region. My thanks to the continuing faith of the churches and commitment of our Commissioners and CRC staff.

Liz Carnelley
Chief Executive

CRC and our partners can look back upon a year in which the place of faith and the voice of the churches has been recognised and translated into action.

Practical events and briefing papers on issues such as the BNP, housing, financial exclusion, and transient communities has informed the action of local churches and supported denominational policy statements.

Chair's Report

CRC has continued to increase its profile in the region, and nationally including a partnership event with Yorkshire Forward at Treasury on work with the faith sector, demonstrating the developing trust that CRC has built with regional partners. The secondment of a CRC member of staff at Government Office has also been a very fruitful piece of work, leading to growing understanding and awareness of faiths in the Government's Change Up programme.

CRC continues to deliver value for money – for £1 given by churches £9 is drawn from elsewhere, enabling CRC to be a catalyst for local action. Examples are mapped overleaf and include advice and support to secure funding and the development of the Churches Community Value Toolkit to enable churches to measure their distinctive contribution to their community, in partnership with the Commission for Urban Life and Faith and the Church Urban Fund.

CRC continues to have the trust of church leaders from all denominations, and seeks to serve the churches of the region by providing resources so that local churches may have a greater impact.

Richard Blackburn
Chair



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Churches Regional Commission for Yorkshire and the Humber (CRC) works to equip churches for practical action in their communities and raises awareness of the role of faith with policy makers. This poster provides a flavour of the range of activities for 2005 - 06. Find out more by visiting www.crc-online.org.uk.



Facilitating Participation

Events and the Street Pastors programme piloted in Leeds aim to ensure that everyone has an equal share in the opportunities available.

Regenerating Communities



CRC equips churches through briefing papers and events to take local action and work with policy makers on new solutions.

Exploring Innovation

Resourcing innovative local action including a major conference event and development of a three-year active learning programme on effective Christian presence.



Promoting Justice

Briefing papers, events and policy consultation contribute to fairness and opportunity for all including transient communities and asylum seekers.



Fostering Culture

The Treasures Revealed culture programme has helped secure funding and support, and promoted the contribution of churches and places of worship.



Supporting Rural Development

The work of the rural development officer has responded to rural crisis in the northern dales.



Promoting Diversity

Launch of the Yorkshire and Humber Faiths Forum and ongoing Faith Matters training contribute towards cohesion.

