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Front cover: Annual distribution from the Rice Bank. Photo: Jo Lin

Fresh water in Bangladesh from a new water supply



## 1. Report of the CWS Chairperson and Director

The Mission Statement of CWS reads: *Responding to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the member churches of the National Council of Churches in Australia, through their Commission for Christian World Service come together to break down the structures which create poverty, oppression, injustice and division.*

While it is obviously difficult to quantify the extent to which CWS moved closer to fulfilling this Mission in 2005, there is a strong sense that important progress was made. Highlights for the year included:

- disbursing \$4,046,505 to our overseas AID programs;
- disbursing \$479,226 on refugee and Indigenous programs in Australia;
- work with overseas ecumenical partners continued to provide life-saving programs despite the presence of many obstacles; and
- aid, trade and debt campaigning with the *Make Poverty History*, *Jubilee* and *Micah Challenge* campaigns progressed, and together with like 2005 campaigns across the world, saw:
  - commitments by governments of developed countries to provide an additional USD 50 billion in official development assistance to less developed countries by 2010;
  - a commitment from the Australian government to increase the official aid program by AUD 1.5 billion a year (to a total of AUD 4 billion by 2010);
  - commitments by governments of all developing countries to provide detailed plans in 2006 on how the Millennium Development Goals will be achieved.

### What are CWS's AID programs?

The overseas programs supported by CWS are implemented by in-country ecumenical councils or agencies and fall into one of the following AID categories:

- Assistance in emergencies
- Injustice response
- Development and poverty reduction

While the categories are all interrelated, the majority of programs relate most directly to development and poverty reduction. The approach to all of the programs supported by CWS includes full recognition of the importance of local participation, developing capacity, non-discrimination, gender equality, cultural and spiritual sensitivity, protection of human rights, advocacy, promotion of peace and reconciliation, effective communication and environmental sustainability.

2005 showed significant progress in the fight to eradicate extreme poverty – CWS is now working even harder in 2006 to build on this momentum. Please contact us or visit our website [www.ncca.org.au/cws](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws) to find out more about our programs, education and campaigns, and how to get further involved!

The Reverend Gregor Henderson  
Chairperson

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## 2. Report on development and poverty reduction activities

### 2.1 Development and poverty reduction programs

The development and poverty reductions programs which CWS supports relate to education, health, food security and water. A number of programs are featured below. For more details on all of our programs see [www.ncca.org.au/cws](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws).

<b>Program Focus</b>	<b>Country/Region</b>	<b>CWS Partnership Program</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>Asia</b>	The Christian Conference of Asia supported programs on HIV/AIDS awareness and capacity building. \$82,000
	<b>Philippines</b>	Literacy and leadership training was facilitated by the Philippines Indigenous Leaders' Organisation (LAKAS Negrito People's Alliance). Some tribal children who have undergone literacy and numeracy training are now in tertiary education, training to be teachers, social workers and health practitioners. \$20,000
	<b>Namibia</b>	A program by Capacity Building Initiatives of Namibia (CABIN) for early childhood teacher training, curriculum preparation, English studies for teachers, students, and workers in the commercial sector of the country – English is now the trade language – proved to be very successful, and is in demand from people in the corporate sector. \$40,000
	<b>Lebanon</b>	The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees and the Joint Christian Committee in Lebanon provided primary education for Palestinian children and vocational training for young people who otherwise would not have such opportunities. \$ 20,000
	<b>Thailand</b>	The Churches of Christ in Thailand Centre operated a primary school, a visitation program for HIV/AIDS patients, and English and recreational activities for the slum population of Klong Toey in Bangkok. \$27,000
	<b>Africa</b>	The World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) worked with Student Christian Movements across Africa, holding workshops for women on non-violence and post conflict building, fighting corruption, HIV/AIDS, peace building and conflict transformation. \$15,000
	<b>Solomon Islands</b>	The Solomon Islands Christian Association facilitated an extensive literacy program – Solomon Islanders have the lowest literacy rate in the Pacific and the majority are women. Community based literacy programs are a most effective way for women to gain literacy skills. The focus is on communities where there is no access to existing literacy programs. \$40,000
	<b>Health</b>	<b>China</b>
<b>India</b>		Tamil refugee relief and development programs by the Organisation for Eelam Refugee Rehabilitation (OfERR) operated in 100 refugee camps in Tamil Nadu, India, providing health care to refugees in the camps. Supplementary food was provided to 18,350 refugees and micro-nutrient supplements to 23,850 children under 15, pregnant and lactating mothers, TB patients and children suffering from 2nd and 3rd degree malnutrition. \$123,500
<b>Zambia</b>		The Council of Churches in Zambia worked on HIV/AIDS testing, training church and community leaders concerning AIDS and caring for those affected and infected with the pandemic. Work was carried on in regional areas. Leaders from other countries were also trained. \$54,437
<b>Sudan</b>		The Sudan Council of Churches provided medical supplies for people on the outskirts of Khartoum. \$40,000

<b>Water and Food Security</b>	<b>Bangladesh</b>	Training of Traditional Birth Attendants (TBA) was continued by the Christian Committee for Development in Bangladesh. The program enhanced the skills of the TBAs, increased the rate of hygienic and safe delivery and increased awareness of reproductive health. 48 basic training courses were conducted. \$133,833
	<b>Cambodia</b>	Christian World Service Cambodia (CWSC), with the support of local government authorities, handed over local assets to village development committees in Svay Rieng Province to build up self-reliant village organisations and local leadership. Following an assessment process, CWSC began a new program to provide basic water supply and sanitation in a number of remote villages in the Svay Rieng Province. \$123,500
	<b>Egypt</b>	A comprehensive integrated development program by the Coptic Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services (BLESS) worked from the ground up as villagers recognised and stated their own needs. BLESS works in a village for five years and then has an exit strategy for two years. Programs in 30 villages included training of health workers, pre and post natal care, income generating projects, and literacy. \$80,000
	<b>Mozambique</b>	A water security program of the Christian Council of Mozambique implemented in the Massengena area provided potable water at strategic points for household use and improved the health of the community – women no longer need to walk long distances for water. \$60,000
	<b>Lebanon</b>	An agricultural extension program was carried out by the Middle East Council of Churches Inter-Church Network on Development and Relief – working with farmers' cooperatives helping them control plant diseases, increase productivity, improve bookkeeping, and offering technical advice on drip irrigation and pest control. \$30,000
	<b>Zimbabwe</b>	A rainwater harvesting program which the Zimbabwe Council of Churches began in 1996 in Matebeleland South has enabled over 2,000 large tanks to be built, and this has greatly improved health and community interaction. \$80,000

## 2.2 Development and poverty reduction – Education

- More than 10,000 copies of the 2005 Christmas Bowl resources were distributed. An electronic version of the kit is available at [www.ncca.org.au/cws/christmasbowl](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws/christmasbowl). The Christmas Bowl resources contain many examples of how CWS helped to make a real and lasting difference in the lives of people around the world.
- CWS assisted the Social Justice Network in producing, distributing and promoting the Social Justice Sunday resource. The theme was the on-going issues in tsunami affected regions such as aid and debt, displaced people, trafficking in women and children, and peace-building. The situations of people so devastated by the tsunami are a reminder to us that healthy communities require buildings, infrastructure and services, and peace and justice for everyone. For more details read [www.ncca.org.au/departments/social\\_justice\\_network/documents\\_and\\_statements/social\\_justice\\_sunday\\_05](http://www.ncca.org.au/departments/social_justice_network/documents_and_statements/social_justice_sunday_05)
- Through the Victorian office CWS networked with universities and theological colleges regarding East Timor and the Pacific Island countries.

- Aisake Casimira (Executive Director, Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy, Fiji) and Gabriel Manyangadze (Director of Church and Society, Zimbabwe Council of Churches) were Christmas Bowl visitors in November and each spoke at over 20 venues around Australia. Aisake's main speech is at [www.ncca.org.au/cws/at\\_work\\_with\\_our\\_partners/pacific](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws/at_work_with_our_partners/pacific) and Gabriel's main speech is at [www.ncca.org.au/cws/at\\_work\\_with\\_our\\_partners/africa](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws/at_work_with_our_partners/africa).

## 2.3. Development and poverty reduction – Advocacy

- CWS worked closely with the Make Poverty History (MPH) coalition, Micah Challenge and Jubilee in advocating on aid, trade and debt issues. The campaigns focused on policy change through direct political engagement and through substantial public pressure. Whilst the full policy calls of these campaigns have not been fulfilled, there have been clear wins around debt cancellation, increased overseas development assistance, especially from European, Japanese and Australian governments, as well as certain commitments to the International Finance Facility. Alistair Gee is on the management and policy boards of MPH, Jubilee and Micah Challenge.

### 3. Report on injustice response

#### 3.1 Injustice response programs

<b>Program Focus</b>	<b>Country/Region</b>	<b>CWS Partnership Program</b>
<b>Peace Building</b>	<b>Cambodia</b>	Church World Service Cambodia facilitated a demining program in Kompong Thom. An AusAID Cluster Evaluation Team very favourably assessed this program. \$70,000
	<b>Africa</b>	The All Africa Conference of Churches continued its poverty reduction and peace education programs. \$50,000
	<b>Fiji</b>	The “Just Peace” program of the Ecumenical Centre for Research Education and Advocacy focused on the pursuit of social justice through five programs, economic justice, peace-building, social empowerment, faith and society and capacity development. \$52,000
	<b>Indonesia</b>	The Christian Non-Government Organisations’ Network promoted an on-going program of training and seminars for staff of church and community organisations, providing practical support to civil society practitioners in 10 regions outside the capital, Jakarta. \$30,000
	<b>East Timor</b>	Yayasan Sosial Naroman (YASONA) provided a post-conflict agriculture program which assisted farmers. Health clinics were operated and a mobile health team worked in more remote areas. Two preschools were run in Dili. \$130,726
	<b>Sudan</b>	The New Sudan Council of Churches continued its relief and development and peace-building work. \$40,000
	<b>South Asia Ecumenical Partnership Program</b>	The National Christian Council of Sri Lanka was the lead agency for a peace and reconciliation program of ecumenical groups in Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Laos, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. A Regional Workshop was held in Lahore (Pakistan) and another in Dhaka (Bangladesh). \$20,000
	<b>International</b>	The World Council of Churches facilitated courses in ecumenical formation and solidarity sharing. \$50,000
	<b>International</b>	The Frontier Interns in Mission program promoted exchanges of people, and development education. Placements included women and children’s programs in Iraq and South Africa, young people in Cambodia, fishing communities in the Pacific, the unemployed in Palestine and peasants in East Timor. \$10,000
<b>Human Security</b>	<b>Asia / Pacific</b>	The WSCF program offered Asian and Pacific ecumenical leaders training and leadership formation, facilitated a human rights working committee, and organised a regional women’s program. \$20,000



Refugees in Sudan gathering water for their daily needs

Photo: Nick Kerr

Refugees	<b>Burma</b>	The Myanmar Council of Churches' justice and development and urban-rural mission programs provided technical and leadership training seminars to workers in regions outside the capital, Rangoon. The skills developed offer significant support as people work in different programs in the regions. \$40,000
	<b>Philippines</b>	The program of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines provided support for the education and organising of women in the different regions and provinces, where they were empowered to provide skills in rural development, strengthening of civil society and in advocacy for their basic rights in Philippine society. Trained women leaders assumed strategic roles in local communities, non-government organisations and national organisations. \$51,758
	<b>Thailand</b>	The Karen Human Rights Group continued to document the human rights situation and to project the voices of villagers to the outside world. \$10,000
	<b>Thailand / Burma</b>	The Thai Burma Border Consortium was engaged in the provision of emergency food rations, shelter and basic household needs to more than 150,000 Burmese people from Karen, Karenni, Mong, and to other refugees based in 10 camps in northeastern and southern Thailand. These refugees escaped the brutality and conscription suffered under Burma's military junta. \$647,833
	<b>Middle East / Gaza</b>	The Near East Council of Churches' Committee for Refugee Work in Gaza responded to the needs and issues facing Palestinian refugees in the region. Family health services in Gaza provided basic health care and education to more than 21,000 families in three health clinics in the districts of Shija-ia, Darraj, Tuffah and in Rafah. \$134,530

### 3.2 Injustice response – Education

- *Refugee and Migrant Sunday* 2005 was observed in many churches and schools around Australia. Details are available at [www.ncca.org.au/cws/rdp/refugee\\_and\\_migrant\\_Sunday](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws/rdp/refugee_and_migrant_Sunday). The parish kit and schools CD focused on Sudanese refugees, covering conflict, camp life and resettlement in Australia. Again the multi-media schools competition was a strong emphasis.
- The *Simply Sharing Week* theme in 2005 was on the trafficking of women and children from Asia. Around 3,000 kits were distributed to schools in Australia. Funds were raised for projects in Thailand and Nepal which provided vocational training to women at risk of trafficking, and counseling and rehabilitation for women and children who have been trafficked. A number of educational forums were held earlier in the year to raise awareness of the issues associated with human trafficking. These events led to the development of a Sydney-based Community Response Network, which will continue to provide support to victims of trafficking in Australia.
- *Partners4Peace* (P4P) was launched in July 2005. Zack Sabella, a young Palestinian from Jerusalem visited all states to celebrate this new CWS program and challenged people to be active peacemakers – see his story at [www.ncca.org.au/\\_\\_\\_data/page/19/In\\_Focus\\_Winter\\_05.pdf](http://www.ncca.org.au/___data/page/19/In_Focus_Winter_05.pdf). Details of the P4P program are available at [www.ncca.org.au/cws/partners4peace](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws/partners4peace). Of the funds received in 2005, \$22,245.86 (80%) was distributed to the project partners who were featured in the monthly Peace Mail newsletters for the first six months – OfERR Sri Lanka, New Sudan Council of Churches, the Near East Council of Churches' Committee for Refugee Work in

Gaza, ECREA in Fiji, BLESS in Egypt and the Christian Commission for Development in Bangladesh received support.

- The *Refugee Healing Trail* is a weekend encounter between refugees and rural people in Victoria. Two weekends were conducted, one to Port Fairy and the other to Bendigo. These events had a great impact on all those involved.
- In support of the *Decade to Overcome Violence*, a White Ribbon Day supper was held in November. Pledges to work against violence were presented to the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.
- *forceten* was farewelled in December 2005. In some ways it was the end of an era, in other ways it was the beginning of a new era with plans for a great expansion of the *forceten* mission to be carried out under a proposed new arrangement between the churches and church aid agencies. Thank you to all those who have supported *forceten* over its proud 40 year history!

### 3.3 Injustice response – Advocacy

- In 2005, refugee advocates from around Australia continued raising issues on behalf of refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced people in Australia and overseas with federal and state governments, international and local organizations and the wider church and community.
- *Refugee research and policy formation* – The Refugee and Displaced Peoples Program of CWS (RDP) prepared a comprehensive Submission to the Minister for Immigration's Consultations on Australia's 2005/06 Humanitarian Program. See [www.ncca.org.au/cws/rdp/papers\\_and\\_submissions](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws/rdp/papers_and_submissions).





*Dalit women in India making bricks.*

Photo: Colleen Hodge

- *International refugee advocacy and networking* – John Ball attended the World Council of Churches Global Ecumenical Network (GEN) on Uprooted People meeting. James Thomson attended the Warehousing Conference, the Annual Consultation with NGOs by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and UNHCR's Executive Committee during which he drafted the NGO Statement, lobbied on behalf of the NCCA, GEN and the Australian Refugee Rights Alliance.
- *Sri Lanka* – John Ball continued to work as part of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) Sri Lanka Working Group to advocate against a return to full-scale war in Sri Lanka as violence escalated in late 2005.
- *The Complementary Protection Model (CPM)* – RDP continued to raise awareness and press the Federal Government to implement the CPM, which was jointly drafted with Amnesty and the Refugee Council. In 2005, it was the focus of the NCCA's written submission and oral evidence to the Senate Inquiry into the Administration and Operation of the Migration Act. James Thomson also spoke at the Hopes Fulfilled Dreams Shattered Conference on the CPM at the University of New South Wales, and did several interviews on the CPM. See [www.ncca.org.au/cws/rdp](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws/rdp).
- *Campaign to end refugee warehousing* – With seven million of the world's refugees warehoused in refugee camps for 10 years or more with no prospect of a durable solution (repatriation home, integration in a host country or resettled in a country like Australia), RDP raised awareness of the need to find solutions for these people. Following the NCCA Statement on Warehousing Refugees, the 2005 Refugee and Migrant Sunday Education resources featured warehoused Sudanese refugees in Sudan. James Thomson also addressed the Anti-Warehousing Conference in Geneva on using United Nations' human rights mechanisms to help protect refugees.
- *Work Rights Campaign* – Asylum seekers forced to live in destitution in the community due to unnecessarily restrictive bridging visas which prevented them from working, accessing Medicare or getting income support continued to be an education and advocacy priority for RDP staff.
- *Immigration Detention Reforms* – RDP staff continued to advocate for the alternative detention model (known as the Better Way) while visiting detention centres, assisting refugees released from detention on Temporary Protection Visas, and advocating against current detention practices and conditions.
- *Safe returns* – 2006 will mark the third year of active co-operation with the Fear of Going Home Project, with La Trobe University. Information provided by CWS helped document and monitor the safety of returnees.
- *The Pacific Solution* – RDP continued to advocate for an end to the Pacific Solution under which asylum seekers are intercepted en route to Australia and forcibly transferred to Manus or Nauru where they are detained while their refugee claims are processed and until a resettlement country is found.
- *Refugee Resettlement* – RDP staff continued to link refugees, particularly Southern Sudanese, to parishes and church groups and advocate change to government to assist with the settlement of refugees and humanitarian entrants.
- CWS and seven other Australian church aid and development agencies wrote to President Mugabe in September 2005 regarding Operation Murambatsvina (also known as Operation Restore Order) and the need for the Zimbabwean Government to work with the UN for urgent humanitarian solutions. See [www.ncca.org.au/cws](http://www.ncca.org.au/cws). A copy of the UN Envoy's report dated 18 July 2005 is at [www.unhabitat.org/documents/ZimbabweReport.pdf](http://www.unhabitat.org/documents/ZimbabweReport.pdf).

## 4. Assistance in emergencies

### 4.1 Assistance in emergencies

<b>Country</b>	<b>Emergency Project</b>
<b>Action by Churches Together International</b>	ACT responded to emergencies in many parts of the world for the member churches of the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation by providing coordination, training and monitoring of emergency appeals and observed international standards in emergency operations. The ACT network is made up of local implementing partners in-country and funding agency partners coming mainly from Europe, North America, Asia and Australasia. \$10,000
<b>Indonesia / Sri Lanka and India</b>	The CWS/ACT tsunami appeal included relief and rehabilitation activities in the sectors of shelter, livelihood, education, water and sanitation and disaster preparedness. For an eight page fact-sheet with details about what has been achieved in the first year of the appeal, see <a href="http://www.act-intl.org/tsunami/FactSheet1yr.pdf">www.act-intl.org/tsunami/FactSheet1yr.pdf</a> Note: as at April 2006, 95% of funds received for the tsunami had been remitted (specifically, \$735,000 from a total of \$780,047). \$735,000
<b>Pakistan / India</b>	The CWS/ACT earthquake appeal aimed to provide medical assistance to 100,000 affected individuals through medical camps, 15,000 family shelter kits, 15,000 x one month food packages, and 15,000 house reconstruction kits. For updates, see <a href="http://www.act-intl.org/news/dt_nr_2006/siteppakindia0506.html">www.act-intl.org/news/dt_nr_2006/siteppakindia0506.html</a> \$100,000
<b>Sri Lanka</b>	The relief and development activities of the National Christian Council of Sri Lanka embraced drought relief in the south of the country and flood relief in the east and south. Rehabilitation assistance relating to conflict was offered to war victims in the north. \$20,000
<b>Sudan</b>	Working with ACT/Caritas more than 72,000 households received plastic sheeting, water cans, cooking utensils, mosquito nets, blankets and sleeping mats, 4,000 shelters were constructed in camps, 94 boreholes were drilled and yielded water, 22 shallow wells were dug and 40 rehabilitated, and more than 40,000 malnourished children under five, and pregnant and breast feeding women, received supplementary rations. For updates of the ACT/Caritas relief and rehabilitation appeal see <a href="http://www.act-intl.org/actcaritas/index.html">www.act-intl.org/actcaritas/index.html</a> \$150,000
<b>Kenya</b>	Support of Sudanese refugees living in the Kakuma refugee camp included food support, children's supplements and medicines. \$33,731



*A woman steps amongst the ruins left behind by the Boxing Day Tsunami in Sri Lanka.*

Photo: Paul Jeffrey/ACT International



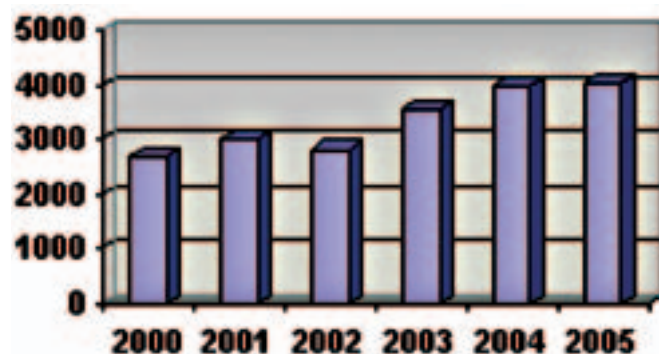
## 5. Financial Statements

### Statement of Financial Performance for the financial year ended 31 December 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
<b>Revenue</b>			
Gifts		3,869,050	3,276,978
Grants AusAID		1,832,965	2,461,908
Investment Income		37,432	42,430
Other Income	4	497,275	289,206
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,236,722</b>	<b>6,070,522</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
<i>Overseas Projects</i>			
Funds to overseas projects	5	4,046,505*	3,992,847
Other project costs		198,141	206,378
		4,244,646	4,199,225
<i>Fundraising Costs</i>			
Public		451,901	641,325
Government and Multilaterals		15,271	14,586
		467,172	655,911
Domestic Projects		479,226	404,474
Community Education		224,056	216,952
Administration		611,535	644,257
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,026,635</b>	<b>6,120,819</b>
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		210,087	(50,297)
Funds available for future use at 1 January		1,376,801	1,427,098
Funds available for future use at 31 December		1,586,888	1,376,801

*The Statement of Financial Performance should be read in conjunction with the Notes to and Forming part of the Accounts.*

**\* CWS funds to overseas projects in the past six years (in AUD,000s):**



### Statement of Financial Position for the financial year ended 31 December 2005

	Notes	2005 \$	2004 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash		4,409	80,978
Investments	2	2,548,458	2,534,953
Property, plant and equipment		1,620,329	1,620,329
Debtors		29,614	4,933
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>4,202,810</b>	<b>4,241,193</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and borrowings		26	15,327
Employee Entitlements	3	118,056	80,134
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>118,082</b>	<b>95,461</b>
Net Assets		4,084,728	4,145,732
<b>Equity</b>			
Building Equity 379 Kent St		935,329	935,329
Equipment Reserve		-	20,052
Melbourne Property		685,000	685,000
CWS RDP Reserves		877,511	1,128,550
Funds available for future use 6		1,586,888	1,376,801
<b>Total Equity</b>		<b>4,084,728</b>	<b>4,145,732</b>

*The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the Notes to and Forming part of the Accounts.*

### NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2004

#### 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

##### Financial Reporting Framework

This financial report is a special purpose financial report which has been prepared for use by the NCCA's Executive and the member churches. The Executive had determined that the NCCA Christian World Service is not a reporting entity and hence this report has been prepared in accordance with the following applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements.

AASB1001: Accounting Policies

AASB1004: Revenue

AASB1025: Application of the Reporting Entity Concept and other Amendments

No other applicable Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis (except as provided for in the statement below on income) in accordance with the historical cost convention. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets.

The financial report is prepared in a format which satisfies the requirements of the NCCA Constitution and the ACFID Code of Conduct.

### Significant Accounting Policies

Accounting policies are selected and applied in a manner which ensures that the resulting financial information satisfies the concepts of relevance and reliability, thereby ensuring that the substance of the underlying transactions or other events is reported.

The following significant accounting policies have been adopted in the preparation and presentation of the financial report:

#### (a) Recognition of Income

The timing of the recognition of gifts, grants, fundraising, legacies and bequests depends when control of these monies is obtained, usually receipt of the monies.

#### (b) Investment Income

Investment interest is recognised in the statement of financial performance when received.

#### (c) Gifts and Fundraising

In common with many charitable organisations, it is not practicable for the NCCA to establish accounting controls over all sources of giving and fundraising income prior to it being recorded in the accounting records.

#### (d) Value of Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers is not included in revenue or expenses because of the practical difficulties involved. In relation to volunteers used directly for the support of international projects this amounted to \$nil in 2005 (2004:\$nil).

#### (e) Accounts Payable

Accruals and other creditors are recognised when the Council becomes obliged to make future payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.

#### (f) Acquisition of Assets

Assets acquired are recorded at the cost of acquisition, being the purchase consideration determined as at the date of acquisition plus costs incidental to the acquisition.

#### (g) Employee Benefits

Provision is made for benefits accruing to employees in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave and long service leave when it is probable that settlement will be required and they are capable of being measured reliably.

#### (h) Goods and Services Tax

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST). The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority is included as part of the statement of financial position.

#### (i) Recoverable amount of non-current assets

Non-current assets are written down to recoverable amount where the carrying value of any non-current asset exceeds recoverable amount.

#### (j) Revaluation of non-current assets

Equity in the Melbourne property is measured on the fair value basis. Fair value is determined on the basis of an independent valuation prepared by external valuation experts based on capitalisation of net income.

## 2. Investments

	2005 \$	2004 \$
Investments with NCCA – project funds	1,670,941	1,020,603
Investments with NCCA – legacies and bequests	39,940	385,800
Investments with NCCA – RDP reserves	837,571	1,128,550
	<b>2,548,452</b>	<b>2,534,953</b>

## 3. Employee Entitlements

Provision for Annual Leave	71,695	46,509
Provision for Long Service Leave	46,381	33,625
	<b>118,076</b>	<b>80,134</b>

## 4. Other Income

Managed Funds and Accounts	175,585	270,085
Utilisation of Reserves	310,931	–
Other	10,759	19,121
	<b>497,275</b>	<b>289,206</b>

## 5. Funds to Overseas Projects by Region

Africa	729,205	656,145
Asia	2,564,798	2,500,802
Europe	–	520
Latin America	1,597	–
Middle East	520,130	543,841
Pacific	101,362	157,696
International Projects	52,413	63,843
World Council of Churches Programs	77,000	70,000
	<b>4,046,505</b>	<b>3,992,847</b>



NCCA Christian World Service is a member of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) and is a signatory to the ACFID Code of Conduct. The Code requires members to meet high standards of corporate governance, public accountability and financial management.

More information about the ACFID Code of Conduct can be obtained from NCCA Christian World Service and from ACFID at:  
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## 6. Table of Cash Movements for Designated Purposes

	<i>Cash available 1 January</i>	<i>Cash raised during the year</i>	<i>Cash disbursed during the year</i>	<i>Cash available 31 December</i>
Thailand Burma Border Consortium	95,562	1,386,604	672,252	809,914
Zimbabwe – Water Harvest	3,136	80,000	83,136	–
Council of Churches in Zambia	28,441	137,846	100,059	66,228
Tsunami	–	784,938	735,000	49,938
Middle East Regional Emergency	78,363	1,687	56,000	24,050
AusAID ANCP Program	404,575	412,480	807,850	9,205
Managed Funds	177,434	178,485	145,600	210,319
Bequests	285,615	3,271	288,886	–
Other purposes including Christmas Bowl	303,675	3,251,411	3,137,852	417,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,376,801</b>	<b>6,236,722</b>	<b>6,026,635</b>	<b>1,586,888</b>

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBER CHURCHES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AUSTRALIA

#### Scope

We have audited the attached special purpose financial report of the NCCA Christian World Service for the financial year ended 31 December 2005, comprising the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and notes to and forming part of the Accounts. The Executive of the NCCA CWS is responsible for the financial report and have determined that the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1 to the financial statements which form part of the Financial Report, are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the NCCA CWS and are appropriate to meet the needs of the member churches. We have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion on it to the members churches of the NCCA. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the member churches.

The financial report has been prepared for distribution to member churches for the purpose of fulfilling the Executive's financial reporting requirements. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial report to which it relates to any person other than the member churches, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts (including AusAID contract amounts) and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in

Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

#### Qualification

As is common for organisations of this type, it is not practicable for the NCCA CWS to maintain an effective system of internal control over gifts, subscriptions and other fundraising activities until their initial entry in the accounting records. Accordingly our audit in relation to fundraising was limited to amounts recorded. In our opinion, monies recorded as receipts from gifts, subscriptions and other fundraising activities have been properly accounted for by the NCCA CWS.

#### Qualified Audit Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects on the financial report of such adjustments, if any, as might have been required had the limitation on our audit procedures referred to in the qualification paragraph not existed, the Financial Report presents fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the Financial Statements the financial position of the NCCA CWS as at 31 December 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.



Thomas Davis & Co



R C Geeves Partner

Chartered Accountants, Sydney, 2 May 2006

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## 6. Profiles

*Members of the Commission for Christian World Service are appointed by the National Council of Churches in Australia during its Forum (held once every three years, the last one being in July 2004). The 2005 Commission Members were:*

*The Reverend Gregor Henderson (Uniting Church in Australia, ACT) BA, BD. Minister, Wesley Uniting Church, Canberra, Uniting Church President-elect, member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, CWS Standing Committee.*

*Archbishop Aghan Baliozian OAM (Armenian Apostolic Church, NSW) MA. Primate of the Diocese of the Armenian Church of Australia and New Zealand, 2001-Present Vice President of NSW Ecumenical Council.*

*Bishop David Cremin (Catholic, NSW) DD. Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney (retired March).*

*Father Michael Delaney (Catholic, TAS) Parish Priest, Naval Reserve Chaplain, member of the Tasmanian Council of Churches, member of the National Board of Inter Church Trade and Industry Mission.*

*The Reverend John Gilmore (Churches of Christ, VIC) BTh, MTh, DipMin. Director of Mission and Ministry, Churches of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania, Chair of CWS International Programs Committee, CWS Standing Committee.*

*Bishop Philip Huggins (Anglican, VIC) Chair of Anglicare Australia, Chair of Anglican General Synod Ecumenical Relations Commission, Australian Bishop on the Council of Churches of East Asia, Bishop of the Northern Region, Melbourne (from April).*

*Father James Minchin (Anglican, VIC) BA (Hons), MA (Hons), ThL (Hons). Vicar, Christ Church St Kilda, Chair, CWS Education and Communications Programs, and CWS Victoria, CWS Standing Committee.*

*Jackie Perkins (Quaker Service Australia, NSW) Executive Administrator of Quaker Service Australia, member of the Quaker Peace and Social Justice Fund Committee (from April).*

*The Reverend Elenie Poulos (Uniting Church in Australia, NSW) Chair, CWS Refugee and Displaced Peoples Program, CWS Standing Committee, Member NCCA Social Justice Network, Member WCC Global Ecumenical Network on Uprooted and Displaced People, National Director, UnitingJustice Australia.*

*Mr Peter Schirmer (Lutheran, NSW) BA (Hons), MDS. Executive Secretary Australian Lutheran World Service.*

*Mr Aaron Tang (Catholic, NSW) BA/LLB. Youth Liaison for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, Commission for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations.*

*Ms Athena Tzigeras (Greek Orthodox, NSW) BBus (Computing and Information Management) Grad Dip Marketing. Marketing Coordinator, National Council of Churches in Australia 2000-2001.*

*Harold Wilkinson PhD (Religious Society of Friends, ACT). National Treasurer of United Nations Association of Australia (to March).*

*Lieutenant Colonel Ray Wilson (The Salvation Army, NSW & QLD) Territorial Property Consultant, Suicide Prevention Australia Board Member, CWS Standing Committee, Member NCCA Finance Committee.*

*Mr Alistair Gee ex-officio. Director Christian World Service (from July).*

*The Reverend John Henderson ex-officio. General Secretary National Council of Churches in Australia.*

### The CWS Staff Team



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*Alistair Gee, Gwen Willis, Howard Graham, Michele Knight, Visier Sanyu, John Ball, Eleanor Acabado, Mark Hobson, Emily Anderson, James Thomson, Charlie Ocampo, Colleen Hodge, Jeff Wild, Kaylea Fearn, and Jonathan Lin*