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# IBCM

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## NETWORK

### INAUGURAL REPORT

March 2019—August 2020

*connecting & serving a worldwide community*

**155** countries

**17,000** workers

**40,000** congregations

**2.7 million** people

## UNITY IS MISSION

"I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.  
Then the world will know that you have sent me and have  
loved them even as you have loved me."

John 17:23

## IBCM NETWORK

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IBCM Network CIO was established in March 2019 to provide a stronger framework for IBCM activities and to allow IBCM to develop its ministry on a number of fronts. The development of the network during its first year places it in a position to take advantage of current and future opportunities. The IBCM Network Trustees are assisted by the International Advisory Group which meets regularly to contribute to the overall planning and direction of the network.

The vision of IBCM Network includes ensuring a larger involvement from the youth in the global and regional conferences. To facilitate this the Youth Advisory Committee has been launched to focus specifically on strengthening and enlarging youth involvement worldwide through pursuing various future initiatives including:

- Planning and preparation for the regional conferences
- Planning and preparation for the four-yearly global conferences
- The development of a Youth Ministry Network

The Brethren Training Network (BTN) continues to connect trainers and pursue initiatives to strengthen training offered worldwide.

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## **IBCM NETWORK PROGRESS**

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The following represent the major projects and ministries undertaken from inception to August 2020.

### **IBCM7 ROME**

- 880 Participants from 122 countries.
- Supported 220 people to attend.
- Developed associated invoicing and registration process.

### **IBCM8 PLANNING**

- Investigation of locations and selection of site.
- Selection of keynote speakers.
- Preparation of programme and costings.

### **BTN & TRAINING**

- Strengthening of BTN through developing a network of global teachers, who can deliver courses virtually.
- Facilitated accredited training at GLO-Zambia through Australian College of Christian Studies (ACCS).
- Discussions with Uganda, Ethiopia, Malaysia and Kenya about offering different levels of accredited training.
- Working with ACCS to internationalise their on-line journal for teachers, trainers, and theologians.
- Progressing plans to launch webinars for leaders and to support regional conferences. Administration of this process is also being progressed.

### **COMMUNICATION**

- Produced an IBCM Network introductory brochure.
- Combined, increased and edited the contact database.
- Produced a regular newsletter disseminating global news and information. Launched in November 2019 – 3 Issues to date in 4 languages.
- Developed online conference booking forms for global and regional conferences.
- Updated Website: connects with Facebook, multiple languages available (English, French, Spanish, Italian), prayer and news posts, countries represented page connected to Brethren Movement Worldwide, leadership links and resources added, regional conference Information and links, mission service group listings and links, BTN website now linked and commenced updating.

### **REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

- Assisting regional conference committees in planning and preparations as requested.

### **COVID CARE**

- Receiving and disseminating news from our family around the world.
- Considering how help could be provided for those in particular need.

## IBCM NETWORK - PURPOSE

IBCM Network exists to serve the international Brethren community through:

**STRENGTHENING** LEADERS  
**ENCOURAGING** CHURCHES  
**FACILITATING** MISSION  
**CONNECTING** WORLDWIDE

### INTERNATIONAL

Working with the regional planning groups IBCM Network connects and serves the Brethren community worldwide through:

- organising a global conference every 4 years
- assisting the regional conference teams
- facilitating global networks and communication

### MISSION

Working with national mission agencies IBCM Network facilitates mission endeavours locally and globally through:

- worldwide communication on mission
- creating mission partnership possibilities
- an online mission connecting centre

### CHURCHES

Working with national church leaders and organisations IBCM Network encourages local churches worldwide through:

- coordinated global communication
- an international website and database
- an online church resource centre

### LEADERS

Working through BTN (Brethren Training Network), IBCM Network strengthens leaders, trainers, and theologians worldwide through:

- grassroots and accredited training
- online forums
- an online training resource centre

## IBCM NETWORK ACCOUNTS

July 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020

### INCOME

Gifts & Donations	£41,832
Book Sales	£314
Other Income	£30
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£42,176</b>

### EXPENSES

Staff & Secretarial	£16,912
Residual Conference Costs	£8,114
Office Costs	£3,570
Bank Charges	£146
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>£28,662</b>

### SURPLUS

**£13,514**

**IBCM Network support budget for 2020/2021 is £59,450**

A full set of accounts and the separate IBCM7 conference accounts are available on request.



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