Integral Announces a new Board Chair

17th April 2019

Integral is pleased to announce that Ian McInnes has been unanimously appointed by the Integral Board to be their new Chairperson, with immediate effect. Ian is Chief Executive of Tearfund New Zealand, a founding Integral Member.

Ian says, “It’s a delight and an honour to be elected to serve as the Integral Alliance Chair. I have particularly enjoyed the recent season of consolidation around vision and mission overseen so ably by our former Chair, Jacinta Tegman. Her servant heart and grace in leadership has been an inspiration to me. As the CEO of Tearfund New Zealand, I have found Integral to be a tremendous blessing to our organisation, as well as to me personally. The depth of friendships, trust, a common vision and yearning for the Kingdom to come in the most troubled and disaster-struck corners of our world, bind us and inspire us all.”

He continues, “That mission, forged and shared by our 22 Member Agencies is truly remarkable. It reminds me, as I’m sure it does all of us, of our complete dependence on God, our provider, as we seek to fulfil our mandate and strengthen our commitment to each other. Our bonds allow each of us to accomplish immeasurably more together than we could ever do on our own. As Board Chair, my prayer is that the Alliance will continue to grow, to adapt to the sheer size and pace of disasters that now call on our resources. I pray we will speak God’s timeless truths in fractious and politically tumultuous times, to grow in depth of relationship and impact, serving those in greatest need around the world”.

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Current Integral Disaster Reponses are Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe (Cyclone Idai), Indonesia (Sulawesi Tsunami), Philippines (Typhoon Mangkhut), Indonesia (Lombok Earthquakes), Bangladesh (Rakhine Refugee Crisis) and Syria, Lebanon and Jordan (Refugee Crisis).

Members adhere to Integral’s Commitments to Quality Standards which are drawn from common internationally recognised quality standards, codes, guidelines and principles committed to by Integral Members. The key standards from which they are drawn include the RCCC, CHS, People in Aid Code and Sphere standards.

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Extra information:

Integral's Vision
Christian agencies uniting globally, alleviating suffering and restoring hope, in disasters and beyond.

Integral's Mission
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On Integral Collaboration:
Integral’s goal is for all its Members to become more effective and efficient in their work and to see greater impact and reach as a result of working collaboratively.

Integral Members have a collaborative strategy for responding to disasters, with the Integral Disaster Response Process coordinating the emergency activities of its Members. The aim of the Integral DR process is to combine resources to ensure that as many people as possible are reached with the assistance they need. The Integral Secretariat plays a coordinating role to facilitate better communication between all Members in disaster situations with the aim of increasing support and avoiding duplication.

Integral has 22 Members with headquarters in 14 countries. Integral Members work in 100 countries, across 40 sectors, and have a network of over 650 local partners. To watch a short film introducing Integral click here.

All Members sign up to the Red Cross Code of Conduct and Sphere Standards, and have an agreed Quality Standards Statement.

Integral Members are:
CEDAR Fund – Hong Kong
Food for the Hungry – USA & Canada
Integra – Slovakia
International Health Partners – UK
Medical Teams International – USA
Medair – Switzerland
Missions Alliance – Norway
Mission East – Denmark
SEL France – France
TEAR Australia – Australia
Tear – Netherlands
Tearfund – Belgium
Tearfund – Canada
Tearfund – Ireland
Tearfund – New Zealand
Tear Fund – Switzerland
Tearfund – UK
Transform Aid International – Australia
World Concern – USA
World Relief – USA
World Renew – Canada & USA
ZOA – The Netherlands