

Dreams and Visions
President's Letter June 2022

Dear Sisters,

I do hope you all enjoyed our zoom service and I was pleased to see that many of you were able to join together at various venues. This must surely have helped to make it a better experience, being with your sisters instead of in isolation at home. It was also good to see sisters who are 'out on a limb' being able to connect via zoom and see their sisters around the province. We must not forget those who cannot get to meetings due to either distance or infirmity and perhaps more online groups will eventually be able to include these sisters.

It was with great pleasure that led the Sister Service at Salem and will be taking the one at Gomersal in mid-June. These are an opportunity for me to meet with sisters who I have not seen for what seems like a lifetime.

At present I am preparing my report of our Provincial Synod, which is to be held in July. This should be a good Synod as we are meeting in person and it is four years since that has happened – 2021 Synod being held on zoom.

In my last letter I said I would report on the Central Committee Meeting decisions, as there may have been sisters who did not get to the zoom service. Firstly, I would like to say how grateful I am that the executive positions have been filled. The new Secretary will be Sr Sandy Mundy and Treasurer Sr Cathy Gledhill. I am most appreciative that they were willing to fulfil these positions and I wish them well when they assume their roles in September. Pray for them and the rest of the executive as they plan our next meeting. Thanks go to Sr Jean Parker who has finished her term as Secretary.

Our new theme from September is 'A Time for Everything.' I am looking forward to the devotional papers to come as this is such a diverse topic.

We were more than able to meet the commitments we were fundraising for last year. These were £500 to Masai Girls and £750 to Medical Research for Children. We were also able to distribute immediately £250 to Canine Partners; £250 to Action for Children; £250 to The Peter Doody Foundation; £250 to Jacob's Well Appeal; £500 to help provide resources in Labrador and £500 to the Czech Province who are renovating a hostel to support the Ukrainian refugees.

The projects that we have chosen for you to support next year are £1,000 to the British Mission Board to assist in their work to support India, Nepal and Tanzania; a further £500 to the Masai Girls; £500 to the Trussell Trust (Food Banks); and £500 for Moravian Youth Work. This is a commitment of £2,500.

Our preparations are still ongoing for us to meet in person at our gathering in October and circles will soon be receiving forms and information.

Lastly can I just thank the Irish District for organising a wonderful retreat which we all enjoyed. Roll on the next retreat in September 2023.

The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.

Sr Gillian Taylor

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