

**A Time for Everything
President's Letter March 2023**

Dear Sisters,

The year is now in full swing. We are in the middle of lent and will soon be celebrating Easter. How quickly the years now go by! Or is that my age.

As I look out of my window today the sun is shining but when I went outside a moment ago there was a 'nip' in the air. Perhaps spring is not far away or are we being tempted into a false sense of security. Time will tell. (I remember snow in May),

Remember our theme a 'A Time for Everything' and with that in mind the Executive are busily preparing for our Away Day on 22nd April at Hall Green. All circles should by now have received forms and I hope as many of you as possible will attend as possible. Hall Green was chosen as being central and therefore easier for more sisters to attend. I do want to see you there as we are hoping this will be a joyous occasion of fellowship and being able to greet one another in person.

As you know the Central Committee will meet the Saturday before and I do hope you have come up with some good ideas for themes, projects to support and names for positions on the executive. We will see.

I have heard of some circles trying to meet in different ways, due to age and meeting time problems. Also some circles are having problems electing leaders etc. Let me assure you that the way and how people meet is entirely up to the groups involved. Just think of the Seedlings who are all over the country (including one in Scotland) but still try to meet when they can. If anyone wants a copy of the pack that Sister Janet Cooper put together regarding this, please ask and we will make sure copies are sent to you.

Before the Away Day we have an Executive Committee meeting and, of course, the Central Committee meeting. If you have any ideas of how you think MWA should develop in the future to increase our membership and reach out to more sisters, we are always open to ideas. We are not a static organisation. I want us to move with the times.

In last month's letter I reminded you that Mother's Day was coming and urged you to remember all the ladies who are not mother's but may have looked after others as a mother would. The adopted aunts and grandmothers. Please remember this.

This month I urge you to not give up and I think the words of this poem 'Don't Give Up' are apt.

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems uphill,
When funds are low and debts are high,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest, if you must, but don't you quit.

I hope you all have a wonderful Mothering Sunday and good Easter.

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

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