

## **Wonder Women! – Then and Now President's Letter February 2021**

Dear Sisters,

As I said in my last letter, written just a couple of weeks ago, Executive Committee met on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January to discuss plans for MWA Day 2021. We decided, reluctantly that the current situation is too changeable for us to be able to make reliable plans for the District services we had thought of organising. Instead, we have decided to host a service online via Zoom on 17<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. Sr Sarah Groves has agreed to be our speaker and the service will roughly follow our usual format for the morning MWA service including my report from Central Committee. Central Committee will meet the day before also via Zoom. Sr Jean Parker will be contacting all the District leaders shortly to discuss arrangements. All the reports which were prepared for last year's Central Committee will still stand including suggestions for Themes, Projects etc. Any nominations made for the two roles of President and Home and Overseas secretary will also stand but, as a year has passed by, can I ask that you check with the person you nominated that they still wish to stand. Please let Sr Parker know if the person does not wish to stand. You may remember that we were able to provide the appropriate funds to the Projects we had agreed to support for 2019-2020 from our existing funds. Can I ask that if you have any Project money that this is sent to Sr Gillian Taylor as soon as possible. Obviously, we are not going to be able to present the Project money as usual but we would like to know what we have in order that we can support some more Projects. These Projects will be decided upon at Central Committee.

Earlier this month, I received an email from Br Fred Linyard, a retired minister, former PEC member and husband of Sr Olive Linyard a former President of MWA. Fred informed me that he and Olive had heard from Sr Chamneth Paljor of Leh. Fred and Olive met Chamneth sometime in the early eighties when she was a student teacher and Olive suggested that MWA support Chamneth in her studies. She qualified as a teacher, assisted financially by MWA and on qualification taught in the Moravian School at Leh until her retirement last year. Some of you may remember contributing through your fund-raising to Chamneth's education. Just imagine all those children who have been able to receive an education because MWA members participated in fund raising events to help train Chamneth. We cannot ever know the impact of our activities! Many wonder- women helping another wonder-woman to educate children who will themselves have grown into wonder-women (and men) themselves.

Some of you may know that Sr Olive Linyard has resided in a Care Home for some time now following a stroke. We are all aware of the incredibly difficult position that care home residents and their families have been in for almost twelve months now so might I ask that you remember Olive and Fred and all people in similar situations in your prayers.

Until next month Sisters

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

***Amen***

Sr Janet Cooper