

Wonder Women! – Then and Now President's Letter June 2021

Dear Sisters

As we edge nearer to normality, many of you will have probably managed to attend church for worship. I hope you have enjoyed being back with your Sisters and Brothers in Christ. I was happy to join the congregation at Fulneck to conduct the service for their Sister's Sunday celebration and I hope to join the congregation at Gomersal for their Sister's festival later in June. Our MWA theme of Wonder Women is a great theme to be used for Sister's festivals!

During June the Provincial synod will take place. I will be presenting the MWA Memorial which is always a great honour. More importantly, I ask that you hold Synod in your prayers. There are a number of roles to be filled on various Provincial committees including of course, PEC. I don't need to remind you all that the Province cannot run effectively if we do not have the people to take up roles on these committees. It certainly needs people to serve on PEC. Please pray that these roles will be filled with people suitable for this service; pray also that Synod will make wise decisions about the future direction of the Moravian Church in Britain.

In April, Central Committee made the decision to support the education of 12 Masai girls in Tanzania both with an immediate donation of £500 and a promise to provide at least £500 next April. I think this is a project which has inspired many people already. We have received a donation of £200 from the Carol Holdsworth Fund for the Masai girls. Carol herself, was a member of MWA and served on Executive Committee for a while before she became ill and sadly died. I am sure she would be very pleased that a fund set up in her memory is being used for such a good cause. Thank you to the administrators of the Fund for donating this money. The "Seedlings Circle", our online MWA Circle have also decided to organise a fund raiser for these girls. During the week commencing 14th June the members of the Circle are committing to cover a hundred hours of exercise between them. There is a Gofundme page for donations - <https://gofund.me/00fd8ae1>. If you don't have access to Facebook but would like to donate then a cheque to Moravian Women's Association sent to Sr Gillian Taylor will be fine. Please make it clear when you send the cheque that it is for The Seedlings fund raiser. I hope to write a paper on the Masai girls in my new role as Home and Overseas Secretary.

I am pleased to confirm that MWA Day will be held in 2021 at Fairfield Moravian Church. I am already looking forward to seeing you there. I would also like to remind you that MWA does need a treasurer to serve on Executive. If you think you can fulfil this role, please don't be shy in putting yourself forward. You will find Executive Committee members very friendly and helpful.

Finally, I hope that we can all soon enjoy some warm weather and sunshine – I think we need it!

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper

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