

PRESIDENT'S LETTER OCTOBER 2016

COME JOURNEY WITH ME

Dear Sisters

Another MWA year has begun!! Where does the time go?

This year our theme is an invitation – to us and perhaps to those outside MWA to share the events and experiences of the coming year with each other and with God. I am sure Sr Thornton will produce her usual high standard of papers and perhaps we could take the opportunity of this year's theme to invite others along to share in the activities of MWA.

Sr Maynard wrote her last letter as Vice-President last month and in it she described the role of vice-president and appealed for a volunteer to fulfil this role. So far no-one has come forward so I ask that you keep this vacancy in your prayers and if you feel you can fill it, don't be shy – put yourself forward.

I am pleased to say that we do have a new Quarterly Secretary – Sr Lesley Benedek of the Royton Circle was nominated and elected over the Summer months. So on behalf of MWA can I offer a warm welcome to Lesley as she begins her new role.

The executive committee met early in September and received the good news that all the payments to our various projects had been received and acknowledged. We also learnt that the congregation in Khokona, India are very near to being able to purchase land for their new church building, in part supported by MWA via project money and the offertory from the MWA Day in April.

On 17th September, the Irish sisters held their annual Rally at University Road and I sincerely hope that those of you who attended had a blessed time of fellowship together.

This time of year is harvest festival time, a time to remember God's bounteous gifts to us all. Let it also be a time when we remember to share God's gifts and to be good stewards of this wonderful world he has given us.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper.