

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER MAY 2017

### *COME JOURNEY WITH ME*

Dear Sisters

I hope you all had a blessed Easter with time to rejoice in our Saviour's resurrection but also some time to enjoy the Bank Holidays with some rest and recreation.

On 1<sup>st</sup> April executive committee met at The Moravian Church, Royton. We welcomed Sr Audrey Kendal, our new Vice-president to her first meeting. We enjoyed a lovely lunch together and had a fruitful meeting in preparation for the Central Committee which will be held at Church House at the end of April.

Hopefully you are all aware that one of our major projects for this MWA year (2016-2017) was work with refugees. This was decided at Central Committee in the Spring of 2016 and had been suggested by a number of Circles although no specific charity had been chosen.

In a couple of my president's letters I had asked for Circles to suggest a charity which we could donate our project money to and the Swindon Circle suggested a charity called The Harbour Project. This project runs from a Church and offers daily help to refugees who find themselves in Swindon. I am sure Sr Naomi Barker will write more about the project in one of the Home and Overseas papers but if you want to find out more they have an excellent website: [www.harbourproject.org.uk](http://www.harbourproject.org.uk). £1500 of the project money collected in at the MWA Day at Harlesden will go to this very worthwhile work.

You may also remember that Central Committee approved a fund of £2500 as a "disaster fund". The idea was that money would be available throughout the MWA year for executive to use in response to an emergency situation either here or abroad. It was decided at our executive meeting that we would send £1500 for famine relief in Africa to help with the dire situation which is developing there.

When you read this letter both Central Committee Meeting and the MWA Day will have occurred. I am sure both events will have passed off successfully and on behalf of you all I thank both the staff at Church House and the congregation at Harlesden for agreeing to host these important events.

I will of course bring you news next month of the decisions taken by Central Committee. In the meantime may I remind you all about our MWA facebook page. If you use facebook and haven't signed up please do so – perhaps some of you could take some photographs of the MWA Day and post them on the page.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper