

PRESIDENT'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2016

COME JOURNEY WITH ME

Dear Sisters

I am writing this on a beautiful October morning, the sun is shining and although there is an early morning chill; it is still warm enough to sit outside with a jumper and a cup of coffee and think.

It can be difficult to compose a letter to you all every month, some months there is plenty of MWA news to impart to you all or a specific Christian season to comment on. At this time of year we are too early for Christmas but holidays and harvest are all past.

I find November a sombre time of year, the cold weather is beginning to bite and Spring feels a long way away. I do feel that in many ways this year has been a sombre year – we lost so many celebrities at its beginning, our country entered a new uncertain political future, the war in Syria and Iraq wages on and refugees continue to pour into Europe and have received a mixed reception.

On 11th November we remember those who lost their lives in war, fighting for this country and its values. Let us remember those who continue to lose their lives in war, wherever the conflict may be and let us hold dear the values that those men and women in the past paid for with their lives.

One of our MWA projects this year is to provide assistance to refugees – the exact charity which will receive the money has yet to be decided. Perhaps you know of a charity which works locally with refugees in this country or perhaps you are aware of the work of a charity working in refugee camps overseas if so please send their details to me and they will be considered at the executive committee meeting in March.

Our next letter will be the joint December/January letter and by then we shall all be busying ourselves with Christmas preparations both for home and church. I will be writing this letter as there is no vice-president. Please continue to pray and consider who may fill this role for MWA and send suggestions to me.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper.