

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER MARCH 2016**

### ***MESSAGES FROM THE MOUNTAINS***

Dear Sisters

I hope this letter finds you all well and appreciating the opportunity that Lent provides to reflect upon our faith and prepare for Easter.

A couple of years ago I wrote about a Passion Art Trail which was organised in various venues – sacred and secular – around Manchester. This year a new trail has been organised around Manchester with some different art works in a variety of venues. The theme this year is Be Still – stillness is something which we all could practise more of as it gives us an opportunity to reflect and think and an opportunity perhaps for us to hear God. There is a website which not only gives you details of the trail around Manchester but also has 40 images, one for each day of Lent and if you click on those images, a reflection is revealed on “being still”. The website is [www.passionart.guide](http://www.passionart.guide); for the reflections click on the heading “40 days” and then on to the picture for the reflection. I realise that by the time you read this we will almost be at Easter but the reflections are short and there will still be Passion Week to use them in.

As I write this the Unity Women’s Conference is underway in Surinam. I am sure we will hear all about it when Srs Hoey, Maynard and Dixon return – we hope and pray that they had a good time and that the whole conference will produce some proposals to be taken to Unity Synod to improve the lives of women and girls around the Unity.

The MWA Day draws ever nearer, if you have not yet booked and wish to do so please get those booking forms in! I look forward to seeing many of you in Birmingham. I am sure we will have a wonderful day! Please remember in your prayers the Central Committee Meeting which will take place before our April meetings. We are in need of two new executive committee members – so pray that we have some nominations for the vacant positions. We need willing Sisters to take on these roles if the work of our organisation is to continue.

Easter will soon be here, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a blessed time – with time to reflect and to celebrate and time to relax with family and friends.

Phil and I will be visiting our oldest son, Ben and his girlfriend Sophie in Dubai and we are looking forward to this opportunity to see them and to experience a different country and culture. Hopefully I will have a suntan when I see you in Birmingham!!

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper