

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER APRIL 2017

### *COME JOURNEY WITH ME*

Dear Sisters

April is a busy month for us all. By the time you read this letter, the Executive Committee will have met at the Moravian Church, Royton. Although it is too late to ask for your prayers for the meeting, I ask you to keep all the committee members in your prayers as we prepare for the Central Committee meeting later in the month and as we try to guide MWA forward.

Preparations are well underway now for the MWA Day at Harlesden and the Central Committee Meeting at Church House. I am looking forward to both events. Although it is a busy two days, I always leave with a feeling of joy –that MWA continues to be enabled to serve our God in drawing women closer to Him and also in furthering His kingdom on earth by the fundraising which MWA carries out so successfully. It is also so lovely to meet so many of you and a real pleasure to be reunited with sisters I see only once in the year. I am sure the day at Harlesden will be a real success.

Before the Away Day however, comes Easter. I hope many of you will be able to attend some if not all of the evening readings during Passion Week. It is a wonderful way to prepare for the sorrow of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday.

I am writing this on the evening of 22<sup>nd</sup> March. An evening when once again, an attack – presumably terrorist-related - has taken place in London. Once again, innocent people have been murdered whilst doing their job or enjoying a day out in the capital. I know you will all have prayed for the people affected by this event. Unfortunately, on a daily basis, innocent people are killed by others who hold human life with little regard. In addition, we hear daily of the terrible famine occurring in Africa, where again innocent people lose their life. Sometimes it is hard to believe that there is any good in the world at all.

And yet there is..... people will rally to help those affected by the attack in London, aid agencies will, with the help of generous donations from ordinary men and women, provide aid for the hungry. This coming Friday, Comic Relief will once again raise enormous amounts of money for people here in our own country and abroad who need a helping hand.

Jesus' life, death and resurrection is a sign, that ultimately, good and God will win. We as Christian women must do what we can do to help where there is need... it is something I think MWA is rather good at.

Have a wonderful Easter

Yours in Christ

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