

## VICE PRESIDENT'S LETTER FEBRUARY 2017

### THEME: COME JOURNEY WITH ME

Dear sisters,

A very Happy and uplifting new year to you all, that you may feel the presence of God in your joys and in your struggles, always remembering that Christ gives us victory and favour.

My name is Sister Audrey Kendall and I am delighted to introduce myself as the new vice president of the MWA. It is a privilege and an honour to be nominated and elected into this role.

As Sister Janet Cooper stated in her last letter of 2016, I worship at St Margaret's and St Georges United Reformed and Moravian Church in Harlesden, London and I am the leader of the MWA circle there. This year our church is hosting the annual MWA Rally on 29<sup>th</sup> April. I am looking forward to meeting you all at the event.

Harlesden is a wonderful and vibrant community in the North West of London. We are one of the most ethnically diverse areas in the whole country. When I think about 'come journey with me', I envisage painting a picture of what my community is like. It has its challenges, probably more than most communities, but it is how we deal with these challenges and support each other through the journey that makes us stronger.

The journey of life is a challenge. The women's fellowship is one area of our lives where we can rise to the challenge. Sister Janet Cooper talked in her December/January letter of the Medias highlighting of the war in Syria and Iraq. Although the media focuses mostly on the negative, 2017 is a time to follow all the positives which we can do if we follow the journey with Christ particularly in regard to equality and fairness.

The Women's Fellowship is a wonderful tool for the uplifting of women in a troubled world where unity, care and compassion are key for making the journey.

As Christian women we need to take authority and put ourselves forward. People feel anxious and intimidated by the culture of the world. Come journey with me is to encourage everyone that journeys and travelling are not easy, but if you take your journey with Christ, He will light the way for you and make the passage clearer.

I would like to thank Sister Norma Maynard, the previous vice president and strive to be as supportive as she was. I would also like to thank the women in my MWA circle for all the support they have given me and for believing in me. I hope that over time and through fellowship that we get to know more of each other

Yours in Christ,

Sister Audrey Kendall

