

MWA PRESIDENT'S LETTER SEPTEMBER 2013

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

Dear Sisters

Another MWA year begins! I hope you all had a lovely summer, certainly the weather this year has been mostly sunny and warm which always aids relaxation. I hope that you have all had time to relax and refresh yourselves.

The Executive Committee will be meeting on August 31st at the home of Sr Glenys Marshall. At the time of writing this letter, we have not yet had a firm offer for the MWA Day 2014, although there have been some suggestions of where we might hold the event. I hope to bring you more concrete information in the October letter.

The MWA retreat will be held over the first weekend in September at Cliffe College, Derbyshire. Sr Obbard, who has preached at one of our previous MWA Days and at a Fellowship Day is to lead the retreat. I hope and pray that all of the Sisters who are attending the retreat will have an enjoyable and spiritual time. Also during September, the Irish District will be holding their Rally. I offer my thoughts and prayers to the Sisters of the Irish District and hope that they will have a good time of fellowship together.

You will, I hope, notice the new MWA theme for 2013 – 2014 which is printed at the top of the page. The theme was chosen by Sr Diane Thornton, our new Devotional Secretary. Diane has planned a series of papers for the year covering various aspects of this theme. Without wishing to steal any of Diane's ideas, I would like us to consider this theme very carefully. MWA cannot exist in its current form unless we have people who are willing to take on the different roles needed. I am concerned that as an organisation, we seem to be struggling to find District Leaders, members of Executive and a venue for the MWA Day. It may be that this is a temporary "blip", and that willing volunteers will materialise in the near future.

I know that there are Sisters out there who are members of the Church but are not MWA Members. MWA is not for everyone, but I would ask all of you who are members to try to encourage more Sisters to join us. Our papers are now available on the website so it is easy to get hold of copies for Sisters who are not members. In the next few months I hope to set up a Facebook page so that Sisters will be able to post discussion points about the papers. This may widen our appeal to a younger audience and encourage them to join in with our activities.

If you have any other ideas of how to "recruit" more members, please let me know.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper