## MORAVIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Vice President's Letter – July 2015 – August 2015

Theme: "With God in the Garden"

## **Dear Sisters**

As I prepared to write to you I reflected on a couple of things. Firstly, on how quickly time is rushing by. It only seemed like yesterday when I wrote to you last. Everywhere I go the mantra seems to be time is going so quickly. Even the children are saying "it is going too quickly" and when this happens then you know it is really flying pass.

Secondly, on the great time had by all at the European Conference, and I am certain that I can speak on behalf of all the Sisters who met in Drumalis in Northern Ireland earlier this month. It was so good to see some of the familiar faces and a large number of new ones. It was a great time of fellowship. As usual, lots of sharing, praying, eating, laughing, talking and do not forget the singing. It would not be a Moravian event without the singing.

The Theme this time was "Building Bridges". We certainly did build some new ones and reflected on the older ones. Bishop Kay Ward inspired us with her life stories and we had a chance to share and listen to some of the experiences of our Sisters as we drew a flowing river, and thought about the bridges we have crossed whether it is family, work, church or community.

Our MWA theme "With God in the Garden" links very well with the theme of "building Bridges". I thought of the many times that I walked with God in the Garden of peace and tranquillity either before I have built a bridge or after I have done so. For those who did not attend the conference try drawing a flowing river and insert the bridges that you have crossed in your life – do not forget to add the positives along with the not so positive. Happy drawing!

Well Sisters I must end here and hope you have a wonderful summer and do enjoy your well earned summer break. Let the sun shine on your face as you walk with God in the Garden and hold onto him steadfastly as we continue to build bridges in family and church life, at work and in our communities.

May God continue to richly bless you all.

With Love and Best Wishes

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