

## Wonder Women! – Then and Now President's Letter March 2020

Dear Sisters

Last month we were privileged to enjoy details about the lives of women in Zimbabwe in our Home and Overseas Paper. This paper was provided for us by Sr Wendy Hopcroft as additional information for the annual World Day of Prayer, held every year on the first Friday of March. For those of you who were able to attend a service/prayer group, I hope you found it enjoyable and inspirational. It is always interesting, I think, to gain insight into another culture and it is a blessing to understand how women in other parts of the world live their lives. This paper is the last World Day of Prayer paper to be written by Sr Wendy Hopcroft. As Wendy stated in her letter, she has come to the end of her term of office and can no longer continue as the representative of the Moravian Church on the committee. On behalf of MWA I would like to thank Wendy for representing the church so ably over many years. The World Day of prayer representative has an automatic seat on Central Committee and delivers a report, Wendy has always delivered these reports with much enthusiasm and love for the organisation and its work. I know PEC are actively seeking a successor to Wendy and as Wendy has written in her letter, if anyone is interested, she is only too willing to speak with them. It would be a great shame if the Moravian Church in Britain is no longer represented on the committee.

Whilst on the subject of elections, may I remind you all that MWA needs to find replacements for myself as president and Naomi as Home and Overseas Secretary.

MWA executive will be meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March, where we will conduct our usual business and begin to finalise plans for MWA Day in April. Please keep the committee in your prayers as we seek to serve the church in our roles within MWA and as we plan what we hope will be a inspirational MWA Day at Fairfield.

In preparation for MWA Day I would like all of you to think of a wonder woman. This can be someone famous or not, Moravian or not, Christian or not. I hope to send out some small luggage labels to you all at some point in March/April. The idea is that you each write on one side of the label your wonder woman with a brief reason why on the reverse side of the label. I am hoping that you can return them to me in advance of MWA Day so that I can make a display for Church. I will send more instructions with the labels.

I can think of many women who have been wonder women in my life – I think I will be hard pressed to narrow it down!

Lent begins on 26<sup>th</sup> February, I hope you can all use this time to prepare for Easter.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper