

*Wonder Women! – Then and Now
President's Letter September 2020*

Dear Sisters

Welcome to the new MWA year! I hope some of you have managed to get away somewhere even if it was not quite the holiday you were expecting. Phil and I are hoping to be able to go to Skiathos later on this month and we are looking forward to the rest!

We are of course continuing with last year's theme – Wonder Women! – Then and Now. I know Sr Diane Thornton has been working hard to put together a set of papers which cover this theme in a fresh and insightful way. I know she has asked a number of Sisters to contribute to the papers this year which will provide us with a number of different voices and ways of looking at this topic. There are, after all, many wonder women whose stories can be told.

For those of you who use Facebook I am sure you have enjoyed Sr Naomi Barker's daily photographs which link in to one of the daily texts. If you have Facebook and haven't "liked" and joined the MWA page, please do and encourage people you know to do the same.

At some point I will be writing a report to present at MWA Central Committee and a Memorial to present at Synod. I would very much like to include in it any thoughts you have regarding the role MWA and MWA papers have played in your ability to cope during the pandemic. Of course, MWA may not have helped at all and if that's the case that is absolutely fine! But if any of you would like to write to me either by email or with old-fashioned paper and pen, I will do my best to include your contributions in my reports.

MWA Executive have a meeting planned for the end of October where we hope to be able to plan for an MWA Day to be held at Fairfield in April 2021. At the very least, we will be planning to hold Central Committee next year where we will be requiring new Sisters to take up roles on Executive Committee. As I kept saying last year, neither myself nor Sr Naomi Barker can continue in our roles – and this time we mean it!!

By the time you read this, some of you will have returned to Church and perhaps some of you will be planning to hold your MWA Circle meeting face to face this month. Enjoy the experience of being with each other again and next time one of your Sisters or Brothers annoys you in some way – remember all the months you would have given anything to be with them in Church or at MWA!

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Yours in Christ

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