

## ON THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

### President's Letter May 2025

Dear Sisters,

I am writing this letter after our Central Committee meeting but before the MWA Day. I look forward to seeing you on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. It should be a wonderful day especially if the weather holds.

I am going to report the decisions of the Central Committee meeting for those who are unable to attend our day so that you know what we are looking forward to from September.

Sr Cathy Gledhill was re-elected as your Treasurer and I look forward to continuing to work with her. Unfortunately, we had no nomination for Secretary and this is a position that we need to fill as quickly as possible. Central Committee wondered whether this could be a shared position and on consideration it would be possible. Hopefully, we can complete the Executive as soon as possible as our Constitution does not allow us to function for more than twelve months without a full complement. Please ask members to consider.

Our new theme from September is 'Jesus the Story Teller'. I am looking forward to the devotional papers to come as Jesus told so many stories to explain things.

The project money collected on the MWA Day will be going to - £500 to Barnardo's support for young carers, £500 Marie Curie, £500 for Provincial Youth work and £750 to the Unity Women's Desk to help fund Women from poorer countries attend the Women's consultation. This is a commitment of £2,250.

We had money left from last year and were able to distribute immediately was a further £3,250. It was decided that £500 should go to CRIBS International. £1,000 to British Mission Board for them to £500 each to the Myanmar Earthquake appeal and to help finance the Seminar in the East African Mission Area. A further seven charities will receive £250 each. These are Turning Point N.I., the Message Trust Manchester, Maggies Manchester, Bristol Children's Hospital Charity, Kirkwood Hospice, Overgate Hospice, and Martin House Children's Hospice.

The projects that we have chosen for you to support next year are £1,000 to help schools in India and Nepal (but we will be asking of specific projects that they need), £500 Alzheimer's Society, £500 Motor Neurone Disease and £500 for Youth work in the Province. This amounts to £2,500.

We did manage to give something to almost all the charities which you suggested. The ones we did not give to were either because it had not been that long since we had given to them as they were so like another one that we were supporting.

There has been a pin designed to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and this will be on sale at the Day, but members will be able to get one after if they let one of the Executive know. Also, we had had bookmarks made and these will be given out on the MWA day and extra sent with circle leaders for members who are not there.

Please will you all remember the memories book we are trying to compile. We have had a number of entries, but we need lots more. Look through your archives.

I hope you feel the Central Committee have represented your wishes but please let us know if we can do more. We try our best to cover all your suggestions, but it is not always easy.

Enjoy the coming summer.

***The Lord watch between me and thee when we are absent one from another.***

***Amen***

Sr Gillian Taylor