Dreams and Visions President's Letter September, 2022

Dear Sisters,

I cannot believe that it is twelve months since I wrote my first letter to you. The year has gone so quickly. Hopefully you have all managed to stay cool during our 'heat wave'. It appears that we are going to have to get used to these temperatures if the weather people are correct in their predictions. I, for one, am not looking forward to it because if you know me, you will know I am a winter / snow person.

We must however look forward to our new year with a new theme for your devotional papers. I look forward to Sr Diane's papers. I am sure these will be as inspirational as her papers have been over the past years.

Everyday life sems to be getting back to normal and people are enjoying socialising with friends, going on more outings and holidays. Some people I know are still timid and lack confidence, but I am sure that you are encouraging one another and giving these sisters your full support. Please remember the words I quoted in my fist letter. These were from Jeremiah 32 v42 – 'Thus says the Lord: Just as I have brought all this great disaster upon the people, so I will bring upon them all the good fortune that I now promise them.'

This still brings me hope for the future and I am still positive that with God's help we will overcome all the uncertainty.

Please remember our gathering on the 15th of October at Fairfield. I am so looking forward to us all meeting together in person as it seems like an eternity since our last MWA Away Day at Hall Green. I know that all circle leaders have had forms to complete for their workshops and I do hope this will be the return to our annual meetings.

As the summer becomes more remote, let us remember all the children returning to school, students starting further education and those starting employment. Will you also think of our ministers who have received calls and are about to start their ministry with a new congregation. And, let us not forget our Provincial Board that have just reconstituted itself after Synod. All these brothers and sisters need our prayers.

I just leave you with the following words from Matthew 29 v20 – 'Jesus said, "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age,".'

Take heart, you never walk alone.

Yours in Christ

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