

**Dreams and Visions
President's Letter May 2022**

Dear Sisters,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. As I write this the sun is still shining, and I know that most of you will be thankful for that so that you can get out and about and enjoy your gardens. (Not everyone is like me and finds winter the best season.)

This letter has been written before our Central Committee meeting and zoom service, so I am not yet able to provide news of the decisions made. This will be in my next letter. I do hope, in advance, that you were able to join our service and that some sisters joined as groups to make it more of a gathering with your sisters.

Preparations are well on the way for us to meet in person at our gathering in October and I am expecting this to be a wonderful time for you all to see each other. It does seem so long since we had a Provincial gathering and although many sisters have kept in touch, there is nothing better than to see each other in person.

The Irish Retreat is at last going ahead, at the beginning of May and I am sure the sisters attending will have a wonderful and inspiring time.

Please prayer for your sisters as I have news that one or two of them are facing serious illness. I know you do this but perhaps a few more prayers would not go a miss. I pray every day that I am well and able to do all things I want to. (Well maybe not all as I get a little slower and less flexible.) Age may bring wisdom and experience! But it also brings problems with health as the body starts to wear out.

Last month I did say that, in some ways, Easter could be considered the beginning of Jesus' ministry as he sends his disciples out to spread the "**Good News**." Let us hope we now have a new beginning, and our "**Good News**" is that we are all meeting again and things are returning to some form of normality.

My dream and vision is that we can increase our numbers, encourage more to join us, and have some sort of revival. Sr Janet did try this with the packs she introduced into every congregation and trying to encourage more online groups for those unable to make a set monthly commitment or schedule day. We all need to look at this again. Look around your congregation to see if there are people "on the fringe" who are maybe undecided and need an enthusiastic voice to explain what we all get from being part of the MWA. Who knows what it might bring?

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

Amen

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