

Fruits of The Spirit
Vice President's Letter December 2023/January 2024

Dear Sisters,

Once again it is a pleasure to be writing to you all.

Sr. Janet in October wrote about the 75 years Windrush Anniversary Black History Month and the struggles they experienced.

Sr. Gillian highlighted the war in the Middle East, soul destroying, suffering of innocent lives.

Why have we not learnt lessons of the past!!

Ralph Bunche he was a person of colour, perhaps not as well known as Martin Luther King or Nelson Mandela.

Ralph Bunche consulted on minority problems by The Roosevelt administration.

He declined President Trumans offer of the position of Assistant Secretary of State because of the segregated housing conditions in Washington DC.

He helped to lead the Civil Rights March organized by Martin Luther King in Montgomery, Alabama in 1965, he also supported the action programs of the National Association of the advancement of people of colour.

Ralph Bunche was years ago dealing with problems and conflict in Palestine.

He was acting as UN mediator on Palestine, after 11 months of virtually ceaseless negotiating Bunche obtained signatures on Armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab States. The world today continues to be difficult and complex.

No matter how bad things get we must maintain a positive attitude. Even in the darkest moments there are things we can feel good about.

As Christians we continue to be kind, caring and compassionate.

The world **doesn't** control us, we control the world in Gods teachings, we live in Gods strength.

It seems peace has been shattered in the Middle East but what does God say?

Romans Ch12 v 21 Be not overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

This Christmas and the coming New Year I pray for peace throughout the world and for everyone's heart to be filled with love, so that we can all live together in harmony whatever our differences.

Sisters I look forward to seeing you all next year at our MWA day.

May joy and happiness fill your homes this Christmas as we continue to pray for those less fortunate than us.

Yours in Christ

Sr. Audrey B Kendall