

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER OCTOBER 2015

### *MESSAGES FROM THE MOUNTAINS*

Dear Sisters

Autumn is here and I am reminded of the beautiful poem by Keats which describes Autumn as a "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". Autumn is often regarded as the time of the year when everything begins to die, a time perhaps of sadness and melancholy. Keats' poem reminds us that Autumn is a season of colour and beauty; a time when produce ripens ready for our consumption. Indeed Autumn is the season when we celebrate harvest, a time to give thanks for all that we have.

Nevertheless there is a reflective feel to Autumn. At the same time as we celebrate and give thanks for the harvest, we can not help but remember those less fortunate than ourselves. This remembrance is particularly acute this year as we see on a daily basis the plight of refugees streaming into Europe to escape unspeakable horrors in their own land.

This month, the Executive Committee meet at the home of Sr Glenys Marshall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If there is anything you would like me to raise at this meeting, please contact me, preferably by email. Please remember that meeting in your prayers.

The week before our meeting, many of us will share in the ordination service of Br James Woolford at Wellhouse Moravian Church. Let us also remember James, his wife Annette and son Edward in our prayers as they embark together on the next stage of James' ministry in the Church.

At the very end of October, Ockbrook will host a conference on the subject of poverty in the UK. I hope this conference will be well supported and if, for whatever reason you are unable to attend, again pray for those who do.

District Conferences and Provincial Committees will be meeting around this time also, all this work needs our thoughtful prayer and consideration as they (we) seek to further God's kingdom on earth.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper