

PRESIDENT'S LETTER SEPTEMBER 2015

MESSAGES FROM THE MOUNTAINS

Dear Sisters

Here we are again at the beginning of a new MWA year. Where does the time go? September always feels to me like the start of a new year, probably because for many years my life has been governed by the school/university calendar. As a child and young person, I always enjoyed that sense of newness and possibility that going back to school or college gave me.

So we begin with our new theme: "Messages from the Mountains", a theme which focuses, much as last year's theme did, on the natural world and how God might speak to us through it. Many years ago I was privileged to travel with a group of disabled children to Lourdes. One day we journeyed up into the Pyrenees where, as it was quite early in the year, snow was still plentiful on the mountain sides around us. As a group we celebrated Mass, it was a wonderful experience to praise God with the words "snow-capped mountains praise the Lord!" and actually be surrounded by snow-capped mountains! I am very much looking forward to exploring the theme in the papers which I am sure will be very capably prepared by Sr Diane Thornton.

As an organisation we begin our fund-raising for the chosen projects. These projects are listed either on the reverse of this letter or on a separate sheet enclosed with the papers. We have already had some information on one of them, I am sure we will learn more as the year progresses.

May I remind you all that the papers are available on the MWA page of the British province's website along with the monthly prayer list for the Unity Women's Consultation. We also have a facebook page, so please feel free to post viewpoints, give MWA news etc.

The Irish District MWA Rally will be held on Saturday 19th September at Kilwarlin. Please keep the Irish Sisters in your prayers and I hope you all have a lovely afternoon together. Remember also the Birmingham Sisters as they begin their preparations for the MWA Day in Spring. It may seem a long way off but it will be here before we know it!

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper

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PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR 2015 – 2016

£500 for Summer Camp

£1500 for Girl's Dormitory in Tanzania

£1500 for the Camphill Village Trust

We have already given to the following from money held in reserve:

Age Northern Ireland, Reuben's Retreat, Unique, Workshop for Stewardship in Tanzania, Unity Women's Consultation.