

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER JUNE 2016

### *MESSAGES FROM THE MOUNTAINS*

Dear Sisters

This will be my last letter before the Summer break so can I take this opportunity of wishing you all a lovely Summer and if you are fortunate enough to be taking a holiday, I hope it is a time of rest and relaxation for you.

The MWA retreat took place in May at Drumalis in Northern Ireland and was enjoyed by those who attended. I would like to thank the Sisters who organised the retreat and ensured its smooth running. Thank you also to Sr Diane Thornton, who did a fine job of leading the retreat on our theme, Messages from the Mountains.

Before I write again in September, there are a number of provincial events which I ask you to remember in your prayers. Firstly, Synod, let us pray for those who will be attending that they will make considered and prayerful decisions about our Church. I will be presenting the MWA memorial on one of the synod days.

Secondly, I ask you to remember Summer Camp which this year for the first time ever takes place in Northern Ireland. Of course, MWA support Summer Camp financially but let us also support it with our prayers – for the leaders and the young people who will attend. For so many of the people in our Church today, Summer Camp was an important part of their Christian journey – let us pray that it will be for the young people who attend this year.

Now to MWA matters; I reported last month that we were unable to elect to two positions on the Executive Committee – Vice President and Quarterly Secretary. We really do need people to fill these roles. As it stands we will be unable to send our housebound sisters and those sisters who live far away any news of MWA. It would be a shame for this ministry of MWA to finish. So, I ask you all please to consider whether or not you could fill this role. If it is the technology you are concerned about in preparing the Quarterly, I am sure we can look at that and if necessary simplify it.

Likewise we need a Vice President, we do not want Executive to become a small committee as this puts more work on those who are already serving and it narrows the scope of the discussions and decision making.

The roles require attendance at three meetings a year; two Saturday half-days and one all day Friday before the MWA Day. All expenses are paid.

If any of you are at all interested and want to know more please contact me, preferably by email on: [janet.cooper@moravian.org.uk](mailto:janet.cooper@moravian.org.uk)

Yours in Christ

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