

THE POWER OF LIVING WATER

May 2018

Dear Sisters,

What a marvellous day we had at Swindon! In spite of the weather forecast the sun shone for us all day long. It was so lovely to see so many of you there and I'm sure all of you who were able to make it had a wonderful time. Thank you so much to the sisters and brothers of Swindon who planned and executed a wonderful day. The Rev. Moyra Davies who is minister of an Ecumenical Partnership Church in Swindon gave an excellent address on our current theme. The offertory from the morning service amounted to £326.71 and was donated to the Chernobyl Children's Link, Swindon.

Project money donated on the day amounted to £5,536.00. This money will be distributed as previously decided between Summer Camp, Crohn's and Colitis UK and the Leprosarium in Sikonge. The remainder of the project money will be held in reserve to be distributed at next spring's Central Committee Meeting.

Central Committee 2018 was held in Swindon Moravian Church and once again we were well looked after by the Swindon members. The meeting is always long and busy but I think enjoyed on the whole by all who attend.

Sr Jean Parker was re-elected as secretary and Sr Gillian Taylor as treasurer. As our General Fund is in good health, Sr Taylor suggested that we transfer £500 to the Disaster Fund and £1000 to the Project Fund. This was agreed and we now have £1000 in the Disaster Fund and a total of £5800 in the Project Fund to distribute immediately.

The following projects received immediate donations: £1500 to support three Moravian ministerial students in S.Asia as they begin their practical ministerial training. £800 was given to Binnakandi in S.Asia to run educational workshops for women in this area. £500 was donated to the upcoming European Women's Conference. Gifts of £750 were given to the Cancer Care Centre at Tameside General Hospital and to Plan International's "Because I am a Girl" campaign. This organisation provides personal, social and health education to young women and girls worldwide. Three donations of £500 each were given to research into juvenile diabetes, Ehler-Danlos Syndrome and Kawasaki disease.

During 2018-2019 we will continue our support for Summer Camp (£750) £1500 will be raised for the United Nation's Population Fund's Dignity Kit appeal. These kits are provided to women and girls in areas where disasters have struck and contain essential items for the woman to be able to keep herself clean, including sanitary protection. We are also going to support an organisation called Key4Life which works with young men and their families who are either at risk of committing crime or who are already involved in crime.



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Sr Naomi Barker aims to provide more information about these projects in her Home and Overseas Papers.

The theme for next year is "Let it Shine!" Perhaps that is why the sun came out on Saturday!

During our meeting we learnt of a new online Semi-Circle called "The Seedlings". This consists of a number of women around the Province who cannot attend meetings due to work commitments, distance from congregations etc. They are using the Devotional Paper as the basis for their conversations together which take place on Skype.

New Ways of "being MWA" were discussed at length during the Central Committee Meeting and information about a way to increase participation in MWA will be distributed in the next few months.

Unfortunately we had no offers for next year's MWA Day although we are hopeful that a few ideas we had may come to fruition. If any of you have any ideas please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of the other members of Executive Committee.

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper

