

# LET IT SHINE!- PRESIDENT'S LETTER JUNE 2019

Dear Sisters

For those of us who were able to get there, MWA Day 2019 at Hall Green United Community Church was a wonderful day. Although a little chilly, the sun shone and we all had the opportunity to join together in worship and fellowship. To those of you who were unable to come, you were missed and remembered. Thank you once again to the Sisters and Brothers of Hall Green who did a magnificent job of hosting us both for MWA Day and for the Central Committee meeting the day before.

At Central Committee, we decided reluctantly that we needed to raise the annual subscription fee. As you are all aware general costs are going up and it is now more expensive to hold Central Committee meeting as we have to use a hotel for accommodation. The new fees are £6.50 for full members and £5 for associate members.

Sisters Thornton, Kendall and Benedek were re-elected to their Executive Committee roles.

£1700 was available for immediate distribution to projects and Central Committee decided upon the following: £400 to purchase a computer for the Shristi International School in Nepal. £240 will be given to twin four of the toilets at Church House with toilets in poor countries – this is through the toilet twinning scheme which some of you may have heard of. £250 to each of the following: hearing Dogs for the deaf, Wellspring (a charity in Stockport, Greater Manchester which helps the homeless and disadvantaged), See the Way (a Christian organisation which alleviates blindness in some of the world's poorest countries) and finally Open Door (which works with persecuted Christians).

MWA will support four projects during 2019-2020: Summer Camp (£750), the new Dispensary at Tabora, Tanzania (£1000), Shristi International School, Nepal (£500) and Good Morning Lifeline in Northern Ireland (£1000). I'm sure Sr Hancock will tell us more about these projects in her Home and Overseas papers in the months ahead.

Central Committee decided to use the Away Day Offertory to support the Rukwa Province in Tanzania as it seeks to rebuild three churches badly damaged by a recent cyclone. The offertory on the day was £400.07. Gift Aid will be added to this. A sincere thank you, to all of you who were there and donated so generously.

The project money total for 2018-2019 is a magnificent £7442! Thank you all so much!

Our theme for 2019-2020 will be "Wonder Women! – Then and Now." We look forward to the papers which will be produced by Sr Diane Thornton on this theme.

Central Committee 2020 will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> April at Dukinfield Moravian Church and MWA Day 2020 – our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – will be held the day after on 25<sup>th</sup> April at Fairfield Moravian Church.

Next month, Sr Kendall will be writing this letter, so let me take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Summer. See you in September!

Yours in Christ

Sr Janet Cooper