Wonder Women! Then and Now- Vice President's letter December 2019/ January 2020

Dear sisters,

In life, we thank God for all of the celebrations that we can reflect on and thank him for, For example, my birthday in September. It is a tradition for members to have their birthday celebrated and any testimonies shared.

Rev Donald Elliott (one of our ministers), allowed me to share my testimony in which I highlighted the MWA Harlesden anniversary service where a young man came up for his birthday. I was leading the service and he asked to share his testimony. He was inspirational in touching others with his story, particularly the young people in the congregation. He spoke about the distress of the depression that he was going through, and how now he can publicly talk about it, as well as speaking about being in a better place. These testimonies remind me that when we are going through pain and suffering there are special people who have been placed in our lives to help us through.

We thank God for the biblical story that demonstrates the love of a friend. Throughout the books of Samuel I and II we can see how Powerful Jonathan's Love for David was. Every time King Saul tried to Kill David, Jonathan Would find a way to protect him. Today many of us have wonderful friends with the values of Jonathan; the values of unconditional Love, loyalty, High principles, compassion and integrity. We thank God for the Jonathans who look out for us.

As Christian women, it is so appropriate that in this season we are celebrating Christmas. We must not be influenced by all that is wrong. Let us detox any negative self-defeating thoughts by meditating on God's promises. Detoxing bitterness, low self-esteem, negative words and condemnation. God says our best days are In front of us. I pray this Christmas and in 2020, you my sisters will rise up higher and you'll live the abundant life he has for us.

Finally, special thanks to Sr Janet our president who has been an outstanding leader and to all the executive members of the MWA for proving that we are living the best life that God intended for us. By working in harmony we can do all things through Christ.

Yours In Christ Sr Audrey B. Kendall