



Christmas 2015

Letter from the Area President,
Europe: Britain and Ireland Area



World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

Dear World Federation sisters,

I greet you as we prepare to welcome the Christ at this special season of the year. Christ, the light of the world, come to dispel the darkness as a candle in the night; Christ, the gift of God to the world, love incarnate; Christ, the vulnerable baby born to a humble girl; Christ, the bringer of hope to a fallen world; Christ, the man with no home who seeks to enter our hearts; Christ, the friend we can introduce to others; Christ, the King who calls us friends if we offer him our lives.

How do you 'know Christ'? How do you 'make him known'?

The 13th World Assembly, in Houston Texas 29 August- 3 September 2016, will give us the opportunity to discover more about Jesus Christ, God's mission to the world, and the part we might play in it, inspired and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. It will also give us the opportunity to strengthen our links with our sisters within our Britain and Ireland Area and beyond. Do encourage each other to register for the Assembly, register yourselves if possible, and let me know when you have done so. Email me at wfmucw@mwib.org.uk for more information.

The Assembly will mark the end of the current quinquennium during which Maureen Young and I have enjoyed fruitful collegueship and our two Units have grown closer together; through our sharing in the joint European Area Seminar in Rome, and representatives attending each other's events in both Ireland and Britain. We look forward to continuing such exchange visits after Louise Wilson and Carolyn Lawrence become Area President and Vice-President. We hope too that the special friendship between Rachel Fallows and Rachel Collins, our two Helen Kim Memorial Scholars, and the contribution each has made to their Unit, will be replicated with the next pair of Scholars.

Please continue to pray for the World Executive of the WFM&UCW as they prepare for the World Assembly. Please pray too that women from every Unit might be enabled to attend and that none will be prevented by lack of funding or visa difficulties. Please pray that appropriate women will be willing to stand for office during the next five years. Please pray for the finances of the WFM&UCW to increase so that we can continue the mission of 'Knowing Christ and making him known' in all the world.

May God bless you this Advent and Christmas season.

Alison

