



**Methodist Women
in Britain** 2011-2021

for women, for justice, for Christ

Annual Review

Celebrating 10
years of MWiB

Cover image: panel made by women in the Birmingham District as part of MWiB's 'social justice bunting' project –see overleaf for the full story and more images.



Methodist Women in Britain is a self-financing volunteer-run charity within the Methodist Church in Britain.

Its aims are three-fold:

- to bring women together, encouraging one another to know Christ and to make him known, as Methodist women and as part of the wider Church in the world;
- to encourage, resource and train women members of the Methodist Church, equipping them to participate more fully in the wider church and in society;
- to connect women in Britain with women overseas, working in partnership with others to raise awareness of and act upon issues of social justice around the world.

It does this by:

- providing fellowship and training events, including residential conferences and one day events;
- producing resources and publications, both printed and online, for worship and spiritual growth, and for advocating and providing information on issues of social concern;
- highlighting areas of need and raising funds or providing other goods to support partners and agencies working to alleviate poverty and injustice.

The MWiB Forum acts as the Trustees of the charity, comprising one elected representative from each District within the Methodist Church in Britain, the MWiB Executive team, the Helen Kim Memorial Scholar, and the Methodist representative of the World Day of Prayer Committee (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). The Forum meets twice yearly (February and October), and is the main decision-making body of MWiB.

Outside of Forum meetings, the work of MWiB is taken forward by the Executive team, comprising the President, Vice President, Finance Officer, World Federation Officer, Communications Coordinator and Media Coordinator.

The work, activities, events and campaigns undertaken by MWiB are largely based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and everything we do falls under one or more of four main areas of focus:

~ **Creative Spirituality** ~
~ **World Church Focus** ~
~ **Global Social Justice** ~
~ **Resourcing and Enabling** ~

For more information about MWiB and news of our current activities, visit our website: www.mwib.org.uk or to be added to our mailing list to receive quarterly mailings and updates, email: communications@mwib.org.uk

**We're now on YouTube—search for our channel:
Methodist Women in Britain**

Celebrating 10 years of Methodist Women in Britain



The first MWiB Executive: Alison Judd (World Federation), Jill Baker (President), Julie Hulme (Vice President), Gillian Pengelly (Finance), Liz Marriott (Communications and Resources)



MWiB Forum meets for the first time at Swanwick in May 2011



Five Presidents: Jill Baker (2011–13), Linda Crossley (2013–15), Anne Browse (2015–17), Sandra Goodwin (2017–19) and Hilary Evans (2019–21)

MWiB came into being on 1st July 2011 at a special event at the Methodist Conference in Southport. Jill Baker was commissioned as the first MWiB President, with the late Revd Julie Hulme as Vice President.

Since then we have gone from strength to strength, carrying on the legacy of previous Methodist women's movements in our commitment to the World Church, to prayer and worship, and to social justice—an ongoing commitment summed up in the strapline that now appears on our logo:

for women, for justice, for Christ

In this Annual Review we celebrate and reflect upon some of the activities and achievements of our first decade as MWiB, giving thanks for all those who have enabled us to continue our work of encouraging, enabling and empowering women and men across Britain and around the world.

A Special Commission

In 2019 we commissioned Revd Michaela Youngson, an accomplished glass artist, to create something to commemorate our tenth anniversary. Michaela in fact made four pieces! She explains the inspiration for the pieces:

"The purple is as close as I could get to the MWiB logo colours, and with the white and green it makes up the colours of suffrage—hence one of the pieces is based on a rosette [1], to represent the campaigns for justice that MWiB has joined in with.

The woven bowl [2] represents the art and craft that Methodist Women use to contribute to worship, and use in craftivism.

"The other bowls [3 and 4] use 'lenses' to move and transform the glass from straight lines into lovely curves, representing the way that

MWiB helps to change perspectives and to transform lives.

"The pieces can be used either individually, or as a set—for example in sharing the bread of Holy Communion, or as a baptismal bowl."

We treasure these beautiful and unique bowls, and look forward to showing them to you at Connexional events.



Creative Social Justice

This year we wanted to recognise and celebrate MWiB's social justice legacy, particularly the countless projects supported by Methodist women as part of their district activities, and President Hilary Evans suggested that we do this in a creative way—with a giant string of bunting!

We invited each District to design and create a fabric panel to illustrate a partnership or project that the District MWiB has been involved in during the last ten years, that supports the aims of MWiB towards social justice and the empowerment of women. Districts took on the challenge, and we received panels illustrating more than 90 different partnerships and projects.

The original intention was to have the bunting on display at events during 2021. Instead the bunting was hung and filmed, and that video formed part of our birthday celebration at the 'Swanwick online' event in April 2021.

Some of the panels are pictured below, and you can see the full video of our birthday celebration, along with the whole of the online conference, on our new YouTube channel.



A message from the Presidents

In 2021 Methodist Women in Britain celebrates its tenth anniversary, and we began planning to mark the occasion with special events and activities nearly two years ago. Then the pandemic arrived and curtailed many of those plans.

Nevertheless we were determined that we would highlight our special year as much as possible, and committed ourselves to adapting to the alternative means of communication open to us. The Forum and Executive continued to meet via Zoom, and our annual weekend Conference, usually held at The Hayes Centre in Swanwick, went online with the keynote speaker, Sister Imelda Poole, joining us online from Albania. We also set up a YouTube channel to enable us to extend our reach, enabling more people to learn about and engage with MWiB, and we encouraged District groups to explore online meetings and activities.

It has been a challenging time in many ways, but also an exciting one as we have adapted and developed to the needs of the circumstances in which we found ourselves, and put in place the systems needed to continue to engage with people in varied and different ways.

Reflecting on the movement's first ten years one realises just how far we have come. Our original aims are just as relevant now as they were when we began, building on the work of preceding Methodist Women's movements. Part of our ten year agenda is to reflect on the past to help us make forward plans. We will continue to connect, train, and bring women together to share and learn in faith. We will continue to campaign and fight for justice when and where we can, and to contribute as part of the British Methodist family.

As we seek to take the next forward steps we pray that more women will feel drawn to connect with our work and our vision as we work towards a better and fairer world. We hope for an 'inter' future—that is, a movement that is international, intergenerational, and interesting, with Christ as an integral presence in all we seek to do.

Hilary Evans
President 2019–2021



Ruth Parrott
President 2021–2023



Creative Spirituality

Grounded in prayer and worship, MWiB acknowledges and values the diverse and creative ways of expressing the Christian faith that lie at the heart of our movement as we seek 'to know Christ and make him known'.

Pilgrimage

Over the years MWiB has offered a variety of pilgrimage opportunities, including Lindisfarne, Rome (*below*), and Scotland (*right*), and provided training for pilgrimage leaders.



Pilgrimage facilitator and former MWiB President Jill Baker writes:

"Pilgrimage is being rediscovered in this age by many people of all faith traditions and none. It has a long and important role within the Jewish and Christian understanding of God, bringing people together on the road to sacred spaces and holy places. Pilgrimage is as much about the journey as the destination and at

every stage challenges and stretches the pilgrim to know more of themselves, and of God.

"Preparation and departure make us think about priorities and values; the pilgrim path itself calls us to find resilience, courage, attentiveness and adventure in our souls; the 'sacred centre' of encounter with the divine may change how we understand and relate to this big wild God and, at the end of the pilgrimage, we find we are transformed in some way—and ready to set out again, for the end of every journey is the beginning of the next!"

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We hope to be able to walk in pilgrimage together again soon—look out for information on the MWiB website and in our mailings.



World Day of Prayer

Charity Madenyika is the Methodist Church representative on the WDP Committee for England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and represents WDP on the MWiB Forum. She writes:



"The pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another throughout the whole world. As WDP women across the Globe we continue to unite and share our pain and suffering in prayer."

WDP 2021:

'Build on a Strong Foundation' (written by the women of Vanuatu). Many services took place online due to Covid restrictions, and you can read about some of these on the WDP website.

WDP 2022: Friday 4th March

'I know the plans I have for you' (written by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland). See WDP website for your nearest local service and information about preparation days.

Y-Pray?

In 2021, WDP's prayer conference for younger women was cancelled and instead held a successful day event meeting via Zoom.

MWiB has bursaries available to enable younger women to attend the 2022 Y-Pray? conference.

Visit www.wwdp.org.uk for more information about WDP and Y-Pray?

For information about MWiB bursaries, visit www.mwib.org.uk or email: finance@mwib.org.uk

EASTER OFFERING 2021 Into all the world

The 2021 Easter Offering service, postponed from 2020, took as its theme 'Into all the world', celebrating journeys made either by choice or by necessity. The worship encouraged us to reflect and learn from those who travel, and to consider our own journeys, both physical and spiritual.

As many churches were not open for meetings, and many anxious about meeting together, the MWiB Executive team put together a video recording of the service, which was made available on our new YouTube channel.

We encouraged local groups to watch the service at the same time, in their own homes, and to follow the service with a Zoom session to talk and pray together.



Telling her story, telling our story.

The 2022 Easter Offering service focuses on the stories of women, which have often been forgotten and overlooked—stories of courage, compassion, and calls for change. The theme has been inspired by the 10th anniversary of MWiB and the work we have done to empower and enable women around the world.

Entertaining Angels:
Transforming Encounters in Mission



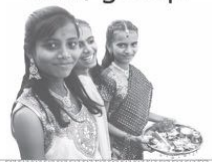
EASTER OFFERING 2012

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EASTER OFFERING 2016

"Child, get up!"



Focus on...

Easter Offering

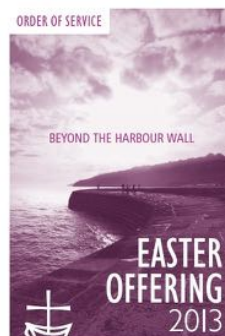


Written by Methodist Women in Britain as a gift to the whole church, the annual Easter Offering service is an opportunity for churches, circuits and districts to celebrate God's mission activity around the world and to dedicate the money raised, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain.

In ten years to 2021, the Easter Offering has raised nearly £3.5 million to support Mission Partners in 17 countries and the church's work with 65 partner churches around the world.

Thank you to all who have given so generously over the years.

EASTER OFFERING 2020
Into all the world



Supporting Worship at Home

We continued our partnership with Twelvebaskets, sharing their 'Vine at Home' resource on our website and Facebook page—a weekly order of worship based on the lectionary, with links to recordings of hymns and other accompanying resources.

Along with a recorded version of the Easter Offering service, we added to our new YouTube channel the commissioning service of our new President, Ruth Parrott—just one way of sharing in worship together online.

We have particularly valued our partnership with All We Can this year, working together to produce two resources—a series of Advent Reflections on the theme of 'Hope' for the *Methodist Recorder*, and prayer resources for Lent to accompany All We Can's full Lent resource booklet.

We are now working with All We Can on the joint publication of a Lent resource linked to the 2022 Easter Offering theme, Telling her story, telling our story.



Methodist relief and development

Jumpers, Umbrellas and Plastic Bags

Since November 2019, Dr Ruth Slatter and Dr Hannah Worthen from the University of Hull have been working on the 'Jumpers, Umbrellas and Plastic Bags' research project, working closely with MWiB and the Methodist Women's Collection at Epworth Old Rectory. Focusing on the everyday material things that have been donated to the Collection, Ruth and Hannah have been exploring the stories of everyday faithfulness of ordinary Methodist women.

Interviewing Methodist women in the UK, they discussed the ways in which they meet and support each other, how they make and use objects as part of their worship practices and as reminders of special moments in their spiritual journeys, and how they have made and used material things to advocate for social change.

Ruth and Hannah have now held two webinars to share their findings so far. The research is ongoing, and we look forward to hearing more of their insights as the project progresses.

MWiB has been pleased to support **From Susanna's Kitchen**—an ongoing series of online talks from Epworth Old Rectory. See EOR website for details of future talks.

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This year's exhibition at the Rectory celebrates MWiB's tenth anniversary.

The exhibition runs until 31 October 2021. Advance booking is required; visit www.epwortholdrectory.org.uk or telephone 01427 872 269 for Rectory opening times and to book your visit.



World Church Focus

A focus on the World Church has been at the heart of every women's movement in the Methodist Church since the first, established in 1858 'to train, equip and finance the sending of women missionaries overseas'.

We offer prayer and practical support to our Mission Partners and work closely with the Global Relationships team, visiting partner churches overseas and identifying projects for fundraising, gifts and grants.

The Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship

Helen Kim was a young Korean woman who envisioned a time when women would work together 'to promote peace and better conditions in the whole world'; the World Federation is the outcome of her vision.

Named in her honour, the Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship was set up in 2001 to offer Leadership Development Training for young women from around the world. The Scholars also attend the World Federation World Assembly, and have the opportunity during the five-year programme to focus on issues of social justice, and to build relationships not only with Scholars from other Areas, but also with the World Officers and the World Federation's Representatives to the United Nations.

MWiB has been fortunate to have had two wonderful Helen Kim Scholars to

represent the British Area in the last ten years. Rachel Collins (formerly Coates) (2011–2016) focused on ensuring young women's voices were part of the brand new movement, while Rachel Allison (2016–2022, serving six years due to the pandemic) has been focusing on gender-based violence, and has also represented the World Federation at the United Nations in Geneva.



*Rachel Collins,
Helen Kim Scholar
2011–2016*



*Rachel Allison,
Helen Kim Scholar
2016–2022*

MWiB has recently selected and submitted two nominees for the next British HKMS. Please pray for the World Officers as they select the next quinquennium's Helen Kim Scholars for all Areas.



Focus on...

the World Federation

A message from the World President

The World Officers of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women congratulate Methodist Women in Britain for your many achievements during the ten years since your formation in 2011.

As one of the two Units of the Europe: Britain and Ireland Area, you have combined creative spirituality with a passion for making known the love of Jesus in every part of the world. Your generosity through offering time, effort, prayer and money for the work of empowering women is greatly appreciated. You speak out about domestic violence and other forms of gender-based injustice. You have risen to the challenge presented by the global pandemic, showing courage and determination.

May you continue to be blessed as you are a blessing to so many, not least to myself. Thank you!

Alison

Alison Judd,
World President,
WFM&UCW 2016-2022



World Federation Day

World Federation Day is celebrated annually on October 26th, the date the World Federation of Methodist Women was inaugurated in 1939. MWiB holds its World Federation Day event on the nearest Saturday to that date each year.

This day conference focuses each year on one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (formerly the Millennium Development Goals), with worship, Bible study, a keynote address, and workshops on the theme.

In the last ten years, MWiB has focused on the following themes:

- 2012—Hope for Creation (MDG 7)
- 2014—Caste Out? (Dalit Solidarity)
- 2015—MDGs: Have we made a difference?
- 2016—A Taste of Texas: A review of the 13th World Assembly
- 2017—Mind the Gap: Gender Equality (SDG 5)
- 2018—Life and Learning: Quality Education for All (SDG 4)
- 2019—Water for Life, Water of Life: Clean Water and Sanitation (SDG 6) *[pictured below]*
- 2020—Just Living: Being Faithful with God's Resources (SDG 12) *[cancelled]*



A NEW VISION

FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE



This global online event, planned and facilitated by World President Alison Judd and Helen Kim Scholar Rachel Allison, took place in August 2021, with around 400 women from around the world joining together via Zoom to hear updates and news from around the world, to worship and pray together, and to learn more about the real effects of climate change and ways in which we can take action.



14th World Assembly
**Go and bear fruit—
fruit that will last**

August 2022

After being postponed from 2021, the World Officers have made the decision to hold this event online.

Look out for dates, event information and booking details

Global Social Justice

One of the main aims of MWiB is to work in partnership with others to identify and engage with issues of social justice both in the UK and around the world, and to highlight those issues within the wider church.

This year we have continued our focus on issues around

Migration and Human Trafficking



Despite the pandemic restrictions, we were determined that this year's

conference would go ahead, and after much planning and preparation our first online conference **Together, with Hope on the Way** took place in April, with around 300 participants from the UK and other countries joining us for all or part of the two-day event.

Our keynote speaker Sister Imelda Poole, shared with us stories and information from her work with the Mary Ward Loreto Foundation /Albania Hope—an organisation that works with young people to prevent human trafficking, and works to rescue and rehabilitate survivors of trafficking.

We also learned about the work of

Stop the Traffik, Railway Children, and Hope for Justice.

MWiB President Hilary Evans has continued to meet online with women around the Connexion, speaking about trafficking and sharing news about the work of the church in Mexico. Hilary visited in 2019 and saw first-hand the way the church there is working to provide practical support to migrants trapped at the Mexico-US border.

To date, more than £6,000 has been raised by women across the Connexion for the newly opened *Comedor Juan 6.35*, a café in Tijuana, Mexico, providing food, support, and a safe meeting place for migrant families.



Sister Imelda Poole, speaking live from Albania in April 2021

Over the years, MWiB has tackled issues of social justice highlighted by visits to our partner churches overseas, including the plight of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in Germany and Greece, climate change in the Pacific, the privatisation of water supplies in Bolivia, and most recently migrancy and trafficking in Mexico.

We remain committed to working towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals, to raising awareness of issues of social justice, and to encouraging prayerful and practical action within the wider church.

Education, Education, Education!



During her term in office as MWiB President (2021–2023), Ruth Parrott will be focusing on SDG 4: Quality Education. Ruth writes:

“There are many reasons why girls have either not received an education or have had to drop out of school. These include poverty, early marriage, and pregnancy, but there are many other reasons. Of course, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an adverse effect, and climate change and gender issues also have an impact on the education of girls and women across the world.

“Currently there are 130 million girls who do not receive an education. In Malawi, AGLIT—the Adolescent Girls Literacy Project—is just one project seeking to address these problems. Just imagine what an impact it would have on the world if all girls received an education!”

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If you'd like to arrange for Ruth to come and talk to your group, you can email her at: president@mwib.org.uk

2011–2013: Children Unite

Standing up for the rights of young domestic workers around the world, to live and work free from exploitation and abuse.

Helen Veitch, Founder and Director of Children Unite, reflects on this early partnership with MWiB:



"In 2013, the support of MWiB enabled Children Unite to meet a key objective for a campaign entitled 'SEND your gLOVE' fighting for the rights of child domestic workers. MWiB members sent letters and postcards to Vince Cable MP and helped organise the presentation of over 1200 signed rubber gloves to the UK Government [pictured below].



"In February 2014 Vince Cable invited Children Unite and MWiB to a round table at the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills where UK ratification of the ILO Domestic Workers Convention was discussed for the first time with government representatives, charities and trade unions.

"Children Unite's work with exploited children continues, in particular in Tanzania, where former child domestic workers have set up their own organisations to support child domestic workers."



www.childrenunite.org.uk

2011–2015: Dalit Solidarity

"Untouchability is far worse than slavery, for the latter may be abolished by statute. It will take more than a law to remove this stigma from the people of India. Nothing less than the aroused opinion of the world can do it." Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

Working in partnership with the Dalit Solidarity Network UK and the Church of North India, MWiB sought to raise awareness of the plight of Dalit women, both in India and the UK. Dalit women face three-fold discrimination because of their economic situation, caste, and gender, with fewer opportunities for education and increased threat of abuse.

In 2013 and 2014, MWiB President Linda Crossley visited CNI and Dalit communities in North India [pictured, right]. As part of this work, a 'Dalit Solidarity' resource pack was published in 2013, containing information, stories, action points, and worship and prayer resources.



Focus on...

Campaigning

Carrying on the work of previous Methodist women's movements, MWiB has continued to engage with issues of social justice both in the UK and around the world.

2017: Visual Impairment 2018: Hearing Impairment

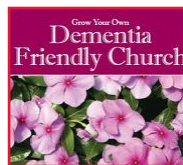
In 2017 MWiB hosted a consultation event with a group of visually impaired church-goers, and subsequently produced a resource aimed at encouraging and enabling churches to become more accessible—for worship and other activities—to those with visual impairment. This was followed in 2018 with a similar resource for supporting people with hearing loss.



2014: Dementia Friendly Churches

MWiB worked in partnership with Methodist Homes to produce the 'Grow Your Own Dementia Friendly Church' resource, with information and resources to enable churches to engage with people with dementia and their families.

The pack is still in demand, and we are working with MHA to produce a revised and updated resource.



2018: Food Poverty in the UK

Conference speaker Rachel Lampard (JPIT) spoke about the Universal Credit system and food poverty, and led 250 participants in a 'craftivism' project—decorating cloth napkins with images and slogans, to present to MPs.

A grant from MWiB then enabled a group of women from Tower Hamlets to present a play and share their experiences of UC to MPs at Westminster.

Jackie Hartrey with her napkin



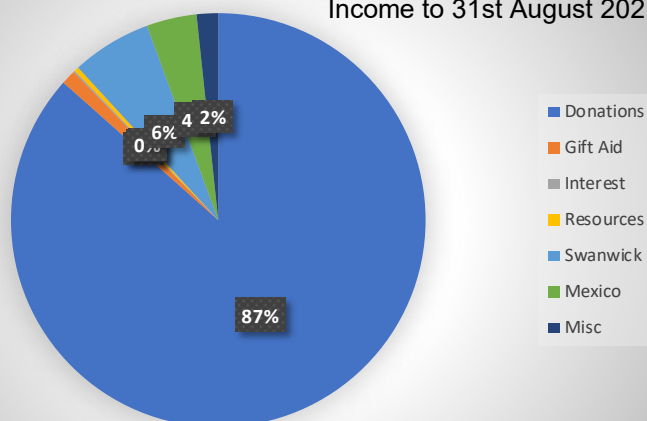
Resourcing and Enabling

MWiB is self-financed, primarily through donations and the occasional bequest, enabling us to fund the running of the movement, to underwrite our activities, events and resources, and to offer gifts, grants and bursaries to enable and empower people and projects.

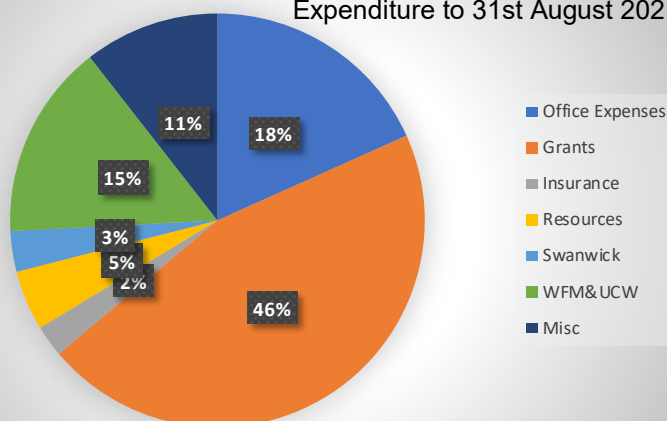
For more information about gifts, grants and bursaries available from MWiB, visit 'Resourcing and Enabling' on our website:
www.mwib.org.uk

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 2020 –2021

Income to 31st August 2021



Expenditure to 31st August 2021



Supporting Dalit Communities

In 2020 MWiB received an application for funding from the Mahalir Sakthi project in Tamil Nadu, India, which offers training in tailoring, typing, and business management.

A gift of £2,000 was granted from the Dalit Solidarity fund.

As well as continuing to offer training programmes, the money will enable the project to supply basic needs (rice, soap, etc) for families who have lost work and income due to the pandemic, many of whom are struggling, and some starving.



A Practical Response to an Urgent Need

In September 2020, the Cornatel Orphanage in Romania, which is overseen by Methodist minister Christian Istrate and his wife Ligia (editor of the World Federation's *Tree of Life* magazine) was being threatened with closure unless urgent renovation work could be carried out.

Ligia told us: "The septic tank is broken, so there is always a bad smell, and when it rains heavily the drains back up into the kitchen sinks... so unpleasant and unhealthy for the children!"



As a practical response MWiB was able to give a gift of £5,000 to replace the broken septic tank.

Empowerment Gifts 2020

Every year MWiB donates £10,000 to projects working to empower women and girls overseas. In 2020, six gifts were awarded:

Hope for Girls and Women, Tanzania
—a safe house for women and girls fleeing FGM, forced marriage and domestic violence £1,500

Nusirat Women Programme, Gaza
—training for hearing-impaired women to make soap £1,500

Skills Training Project, Accra, Ghana
—skills and business training for women £3,000

Pottery making project, Sri Lanka
—providing pottery-making tools and equipment £1,500

Karibuni Children's Food Project, Kenya
—distributing food parcels to families affected by the pandemic £1,500

Nixon Memorial Hospital, Kenya
—to enable the purchase of a scanner for pregnant women £1,000



Above: MWiB Communications Officer Jude Simms meeting with women in Accra, Ghana, in January 2020

Below: a potter at work in Sri Lanka, and the finished pots drying in the sun



Focus on...

Enabling Women through Training



Since 2018, MWiB has worked in partnership with Cliff College, World Day of Prayer, the Girls Brigade, and others, offering bursaries to enable more than 30 women to attend training courses, retreats, and conferences, including Y-Pray? (the World Day of Prayer's younger women's conference), retreats focusing on women in the bible, training for women in leadership roles, and Cliff College's new 'Gap Year' programme.

Revd Charity Madenyika, a presbyter serving in the London District, received funding from MWiB to study at Cliff College. Charity, pictured above, says:

"I am studying a master's degree in missions at Cliff College and majoring in Christian mentoring. My aim is to mentor diverse people, especially for women in leadership and those aspiring to become leaders within a Church context, using the Christian mentoring model. I have completed four modules, two in mentoring, and two in leadership and evangelism, and I am now at the stage of writing my proposal for my dissertation.

"I am so grateful that Methodist Women in Britain has contributed to this part of my development as a woman Church Leader. As such I have grown, and am continuing to grow, in confidence as a leader and as a person, and I am able to inspire and encourage through mentoring those women and men that I meet in my ministry. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the work that Methodist Women in Britain are doing in empowering women to fulfil their God-given potential to live out their purpose in the mission of God and community."



Pamela Hales (pictured left), a lay pastor in the Calderdale Circuit (Yorkshire West), used an MWiB bursary to take part in the Certificate in Women's Leadership at Cliff College. She says:

"I went to Cliff thinking about my own vocation and whether I was called to ordained ministry. I found the course to be inspirational, and after hearing the stories of the women leading and participating in the course, I came to realise that lay ministry is just as important. I am very grateful to Methodist Women in Britain for supporting me and I hope to pass on that support to other women in the future."

If you are considering some training that will empower you in your faith, leadership and ministry, then why not consider applying for a bursary? See MWiB Bursaries under 'Resourcing and Enabling' on our website.

Looking to the Future

In September 2021 Irene and Amy took over from Communications Officer extraordinaire Jude Simms. Yes, she was so good that two people are needed to replace her!

As a Methodist minister serving as a chaplain in the British Army, Amy is currently posted to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Irene is a local preacher, semi-enthusiastic runner, and all-round advice giver. They share their thoughts about the future:

"We are excited to be joining Methodist Women in Britain as it celebrates its 10th anniversary. The hard work of getting the charity up and running is nearly complete and we are thinking about what's next. How can we live our strapline: 'for women, for justice, for Christ'? Maybe our teenage years could be an exciting time of creativity, asking awkward questions and campaigning for change.

Whatever the future holds, communication will be at the heart of it. Love it or loathe it, the last year has shown the importance of social media and digital platforms. Some who had previously struggled to access events have taken part, many have learnt new digital skills and the online Swanwick conference in April 2021 showed that the presence of God is everywhere—including Zoom!

There are many ways we can use digital platforms to help grow Methodist Women in Britain and we will look at our website design to make navigation easier. This will take time...and money, so please be patient as we experiment—and if you have ideas or suggestions then we would love to hear them at communications@mwib.org.uk.

We look forward to working with you all. God is with us—Alleluia!"

Amy Walters
Media
Coordinator



Irene Hayes
Communications
Coordinator



In 2021 –2022 we're looking forward to continuing to mark our curtailed 10th Anniversary, with celebrations at our residential conference, the Fringe Event and other activities at the Methodist Conference, a repeat of this year's exhibition at Epworth Old Rectory, and other special events.

Look out for further details on our website and social media, and in our regular mailings.

To join our mailing list, email: communications@mwib.org.uk

EVENTS DIARY 2021–2022

23 October 2021

Just Living—World Federation Day
Event cancelled

19–21 February 2022
MWiB Forum meeting

March–October 2022
'For women, for justice, for Christ'
Exhibition at Epworth Old Rectory

22 –24 April 2022
'Traveling in Hope'
Swanwick Residential Weekend

23 –30 June 2022
Methodist Conference

Summer 2022 (*date tbc*)
Summer Garden Party
at Epworth Old Rectory

August 2022
World Assembly (online)

Forum Members (Trustees)

at September 2021



MWiB Forum meeting online, October 2020

Beds, Essex & Herts	Linda King
Birmingham	Diana Bosman
Bolton & Rochdale	Philippa Hill
Bristol	Margaret Johnston
Channel Islands	Pam Gidney
Chester & Stoke	Margaret Lindley
Cornwall	<i>Vacancy</i>
Cumbria	Judith James
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