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**Diocese of Adelaide
South Australia**

“MULOA: Mothers’ Union Listens, Observes and Acts

from Marion

Every blessing to you and yours and your branches for 2018. We go into the New Year full of hope and expectation as we find a new way forward as MU in the Diocese of Adelaide. I am looking forward to our many celebrations, our social engagements, our work and commitment in our parishes, our special fellowship as we follow our Lord Jesus Christ in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

As our Worldwide President, Lynne Temby wrote, *“God has a plan for our lives. He has uniquely prepared each of us to accomplish something special for His Kingdom. The world is changed and lives are saved when individual men and women realise they have been called **for such a time as this** and through faith, they take action.....*

God has called you for such a time as this. It is no accident that you are where you are, doing what you’re doing. In special ways, the Lord has uniquely prepared you to accomplish certain tasks for His Kingdom.”

I find them challenging words but I encourage all of us to “take them on board” as we go forward in faith and trust in our own lives and in MU.

Welcome to Lady Day and may you be richly blessed as you walk through Holy Week and into the joy of Easter, that most wonderful time of the year!

Good Friday

The silence that is Friday, no sound. We wait. Gold leaves falling, russet, brown, still air. A magpie warbles, a sparrow chirps. We wait. Death comes on Friday. Pain, hurt, derision. A man of sorrows, a sacrifice. We wait. The waiting is warm, familiar, comforting. We know it. Words roll over us, terrible yet glad. We know them. The silence that is Friday. We wait.

Marion McCall

THE QUICKEST WARMTH PROJECT.

In addition to the various goods needed for this project “new baby packs” have been added to the list. These packs are taken to Gawler Aboriginal Health where they are then taken, where needed, often to young mothers & their new babies in the NPY lands or to the health centre at the hospital.

If any Mothers’ Union members wish to help fill these baby packs, items needed are:

baby shampoo, powder, cream, wipes, soap, washers, towels, crib- sized blankets, new bottles, nappies, singlets, all-in-one short or long sleeved stretch suits, small toy or mobile, or anything else suitable for a new baby. Any goods can be left in the Mothers’ Union rooms for collection.

ARCHIVIST REPORT

As we contemplate the changes to be undertaken within Mothers’ Union in this Diocese I have considered how fortunate we have been to have had the benefit of our current premises for almost 25 years. With the realization that it will be impossible to maintain the current holding of archival material when we move to smaller premises, steps have begun to lodge precious documents into permanent care. A Deed of Deposit has been signed with the State Library of South Australia to house our Diocesan and Branch Minute Books and all published South Australian MU Literature. This will proceed progressively during 2018 adding to those documents already in their care, which, when digitised, will be available to the general public.

I have already donated the few remaining Almanacs first produced by this Diocese during the Second World War at the request of Mary Sumner House and the correspondence relating to the permission to use the 'Old Masters' paintings will follow.

The printing blocks used in these productions, not accepted by the State Library, together with those used in the printing of the Jubilee Book in 1945, have been given to the Mallee Tourist & Heritage Centre at Pinnaroo. This museum houses The Printing Museum set up with the letterpresses once owned by E.S. Wigg & Son and is well worth visiting. MU had an association with this firm in its early years, both as a stockist and later as printer of our literature.

Mrs Denise Ley, AC Promotlon & Development Co-ordinator, arranged a small display of archival MU artefacts at the September Conference in Launceston, and expressed her willingness to receive any MU material relating to Mary Sumner House, Australian Council and duplicate Adelaide publications, which she intimated would eventually pass on to AC archives. In December I forwarded the first consignment weighing 4 ½ Kgs.

Joan Martin

PUBLICATION NEWS

Business as usual in the Rooms, except we will be open TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS ONLY during the usual hours 10 00 am until 2.30 pm.

We have already reduced the prices on some of our SA stock and are giving away some of the old prayer cards, Photo cards, monogram and banner cards.

We encourage you to keep buying the cards, tea towels etc. that we have in stock and of course, the. cards and jewellery made by Faith, her daughter and others. This all helps to pay the rent and other costs associated with the Rooms.

The Publication Committee members look forward to seeing the Branch Coordinators gathering up items to sell in your parishes and individuals who pop in to buy or have a chat.

They may act as " postman " bringing in forms and cheques (not cash) for your Treasurers but that mail will go straight in to the Diocesan Treasurer's bag for his attention.

May 2018 be a good year for you.

Cathryn Fardon

TREASURER'S JOTTINGS

In 2017, we made the following donations. Note that these amounts:

- a) Include money which we drew from our 'long-term historical Funds' to support these Worthy Causes,
- b) Were in addition to what we give to the MU Australia Northern Outreach Fund and the Mary Sumner House Overseas Fund through the relevant elements of our AC Subscriptions.

Worthy Causes	\$
MU Australia Overseas Target Fund: "Peace & Reconciliation Process in Rwanda"	2552
Australian Defence Anglicans AMOS Foundation	350
MU Australia Disaster Fund	648
MU Australia Indigenous Women's Training Fund	3706
St John's Youth Services: Assistance to young mothers and their dependent children	2987
MU Australia Northern Outreach Fund	3767
Mary Sumner House Overseas Fund	207
Anglicare	100
The Quickest Warmth Project	936
TOTAL Donation & MUA Contributions	15252

Our Projects 2018 will be:

OUR LOCAL PROJECT — "St John's Youth Services work with young mothers and their dependent children".

OUR MU AUSTRALIA OVERSEAS PROJECT — MU Australia "Peace & Reconciliation Process in Africa".

We will also support The Quickest Warmth Project, the Ordinands, and toiletries for women in prison.

The June Mail-out will have the Projects Form which. will state how and when to forward the money and the Form to the Mothers' Union.

Dan Fardon, Diocesan Treasurer



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

*Congratulations to Anita and Max Lennard on Celebrating
their 60th Wedding Anniversary.*



ADELAIDE DIOCESAN AND LONE MEMBERS

Usually meet **last** Friday of each month 12 noon to 1:30pm in the MU Centre February to November.