

## OVERSEAS AND NORTHERN OUTREACH NEWSLETTER May 2017

Dear friends in Mothers Union,  
Warmest greetings to you. I trust that you are well and truly into the swing of your Mothers Union programs for the year. I am very grateful to all of you for the work you do in promoting the various projects which Mothers Union has undertaken to support, both in Australia and overseas. I have received some very helpful information from Rose Wright at Mary Sumner House, about our Overseas Project, and from Rev. Kate Beer, of the Diocese of the Northern Territory, explaining the various ways in which the grants from our Northern Outreach Fund will be used, both of which are included in this email as attachments. With warmest greetings in Christ,  
*Christine*

### "THANK YOU MOTHERS UNION"

Recently, we received this note of thanks from the Diocese of the Northern Territory... *"We are very grateful for MU Australia's support for the Diocese of the Northern Territory through the Northern Outreach fund. In a diocese that is small in population but large in geography, it is essential that we have partners like MU to help us in our ministry. The funding you have provided has been used in areas including training to help people in ministry understand and deal with domestic violence, safe ministry, support for training and care of Aboriginal ministers."*

How encouraging it is to know that our grants (that is, each member's contribution, and all your fund-raising efforts, are so much appreciated !



*Training at Numbulwar*

### NEWS ABOUT THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION PROJECT

Eleven representatives from the countries involved met over 3 days in February to share what Mothers Union is doing in the area of Peace and Reconciliation in their own countries. They were assisted in their discussions by a representative from Mary Sumner House and from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Reconciliation team. It was agreed that Mothers Union should continue to be involved **in the development of training for women in leadership so that they might be involved in Peace and Reconciliation processes.** What this training will involve is not clear at this point, and the Mary Sumner House staff are currently working to establish just what the working group would like them to do.

This is a new venture for Mothers Union, and therefore it may seem that things move very slowly. Do continue to share the need for finance to enable this project to get off the ground. Lots of time is needed to call people together and then to establish clear communication between participants so that what Mary Sumner House offers to deliver actually matches what the workers in each country actually want.