

OVERSEAS AND NORTHERN OUTREACH NEWSLETTER November 2017

Dear friends in Mothers Union,

As the year begins to draw to a close, I want to thank you for all your hard work in promoting the Overseas and Northern Outreach work of Anglican Mothers Union Australia. I know that our members keep very busy with local activities and projects close to their hearts. However, as we promote the work of Mothers Union beyond our local sphere we help our members remember that **MU is a world-wide organisation**. It is a great privilege to join with others from around the world in the fulfilling of our Objects. Keep on lifting our members' eyes to that wider work. Not only will we bless others, but we will all be encouraged as we see what great things are being wrought under God through Mothers Union Worldwide.

May I wish you God's richest blessings as you celebrate the great gift of God Himself coming to this earth-**CHRIST My Almighty Saviour**. Warmest greetings, *Christine*

NORTHERN OUTREACH

Those of us who heard **Rev. Kate Beer** speak in Launceston were thrilled to learn first-hand how much our contribution to the training of clergy is valued in the NT. In particular, Kate highlighted the training in dealing with **domestic violence** with which she has been closely involved. This is a complex and difficult issue, and we hope to be able to continue to support the Diocese of the N.T. into the future as they seek to address it.

The **Diocese of North West Australia** held their biennial "Fellow Workers Conference" in Geraldton in September. Once again MU funded a significant portion of this important time of sharing and learning, which brings ministry families together from all over that vast diocese. I received a letter of appreciation from those who were there-look for it in the Summer edition of Mia Mia.

NEWS ABOUT THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION PROJECT

I know that some of you have found this a difficult project to "sell" to our members. As I mentioned in my last Newsletter, when new projects begin things move very slowly, and news of this particular project has been thin on the ground. However, our support is always needed for Mothers Union worldwide to do its work, and the staff at Mary Sumner House work very hard at using funds wisely. So, whether we have numerous "good news stories" to tell, or not, our contributions are both necessary and appreciated.

Canon Sarah Snyder spoke about Peace and Reconciliation in her keynote address to the Mothers Union (UK) General Meeting. You can find an edited version of her address at <http://www.themothersunion.org/archbishop-canterburys-advisor-reconciliation-encourages-mothers-union-move-outside-its-comfort-zone>

There are also some resources which might be useful in promoting the "16 Days Against Gender Based Violence Campaign" (which is closely related to our Peace and Reconciliation Project) on the Mary Sumner House website:

<http://www.themothersunion.org>

16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2017



BREAK the silence

LIFT the shame

SHIFT the blame

of gender based violence

Mothers UNION
Christian care for families

#letstalkaboutit #MU16days #endstigma #endgbv