

MWI FEBRUARY 2020 ARTICLE FOR THE METHODIST NEWSLETTER

GOD MATTERS

I am pleased to report that the Methodist Women in Ireland is progressing well into our new three districts structure in the Methodist Church in Ireland.

I wish to inform you of two exciting events happening this year as “All-Ireland” events.

Firstly the **World Federation Day**.

Louise Wilson, World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women Area President – Europe, Britain and Ireland, provided the following information: “The Methodist Women in Ireland will be holding an event to celebrate the World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women, on **Saturday 21st March 2020 in Wesley House, Leeson Park, Dublin**. This will be an opportunity to share news from our sisters throughout the world and to hear about the work of the World Methodist Council and the United Nations in enabling and equipping women. Gillian Kingston will lead us in a Bible Study focusing on the issues of gender equality and violence against women. We will share fellowship together as we start with lunch (12noon) and continue together in worship and prayer.” I would encourage MWI members to plan to attend this worthwhile event. It is an opportunity to wet our appetite for world issues. Information will be coming to Branch Secretaries/contact person giving more information on the day. Please circulate this information and encourage your ladies to attend. If you come by train, a taxi will bring you to Leeson Park. Share taxis to reduce the expense.

Secondly I wish to draw your attention to is the **MWI Fellowship Weekend**. This weekend has taken place in Glenada Conference Centre in Newcastle for many years but as Glenada is no longer available we have chosen **Drumalis in Larne on 18 – 20 September 2020** as our new venue. Drumalis has been used by many Methodist groups and is highly recommended. It is a lovely centre with great facilities and beautiful gardens. We are privileged to have as our speakers our two Helen Kim Memorial Scholars – **Wanda Hogan, Irish Unit and Rachel Allison – Britain Unit**. Wanda sent me this resume “Originally from Zimbabwe, Wanda Hogan now lives in Dublin where she enjoys seeing the millions of different ways that God paints the sky hanging over the sea each

morning. Wanda is currently halfway through her term as the Helen Kim Memorial Scholar for the Irish unit of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. She has recently taken on the role of Vice President for the Southern District of MWI. Wanda is a primary school teacher who thrives on the craziness and unpredictability of being in a school environment. She especially enjoys teaching Religious Education, Visual Arts and English. An avid picture book collector, Wanda enjoys pouring over the illustrations and will read aloud to anyone that will sit still long enough to hear a story!"

Please put this date into your diaries and plan to attend. Booking forms etc will hopefully go out in March/April to Branch Secretaries/contact person. Glengormley MWI branch are willing to transport folk from Larne Train Station to Drumalis which is a short distance on the Glenarm Road, not far from Larne Methodist Church.

As you consider attending these two wonderful events please pray that all the arrangements will fall into place and that we as MWI members will be challenged in our walk and work for the Lord.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13 v 16.

Joan Strong

All-Ireland MWI President

Engagement - Tuesday 25th February 2020 – Tuesday at 8 – Ballynahinch MWI