

Presidents Report 2018

This is my last report as your President, a post I have enjoyed and tried to do to the best of my ability.

During the three years we have achieved much with our work with the hospitals growing and expanding to include syringe bags, fiddle pinnies and twiddle muffs. We decided, due to new regulations to stop knitting toys as MU members but this work continues with 'knit & natter' groups throughout the diocese taking up this challenge. We have begun to find out more about our new overseas links and if your branch would like to have more in depth information please remember to look at the Speakers booklet. The new one will be out before the end of the year.

Our Prison work has grown also when as well as toys for the children and the visitors centre and cards for prisoners at Christmas & Easter you have kindly provided toiletries to give to the prisoners at Christmas.

We have benefitted greatly from the work of the F&P unit, who despite the unit head standing down at the end of 2017 have continued to arrange, quiet days, retreats and services as well as taking care of those most precious members our IM's

We have struggled a bit because of not having a proper Fundraising and Communications Unit, however our Diocesan Members have been looked after and with help and the articles you have provided I have produced N&V's.

The F&CS Unit have ensured our finances and gift aid have been functioning as well as possible by ensuring the money you give for the work of the MU in the diocese is well invested. The MUe team have worked hard at encouraging you to purchase cards and gifts so that we were able to earn a bonus on our sales from MSH.

There have been changes along the way with the introduction of GDPR which the Trustees will continue to work on but means we can no longer hold information on our computers or as paper copies when they are no longer valid. This includes shredding papers and directories once the end of the year comes and or we stand down from a particular post. This extends to grass roots level so Branch Leaders please make sure you destroy shred everything pertaining to 2018 at the start of 2019 unless it is needed for archive purposes. If you are not sure please ask and we will help you with this.

The other new challenge for us all is MULOA Mothers' Union Listening Observing and Acting which is the basis for the theme for 2019 Listening, Observing and Acting in step with God.

The MULO team introduced this at Spring Council and it is important that you enable us to bring it to your branch during the coming year. This is all based on prayer and bible study and encourages us to look again at how well we listen to and observe the people around us so that we can better put into action the things they have need of most. One way to do this is by mapping your area, which can be great fun and can be done easily even if you aren't very mobile.

MSH launched their new website just last month, this is much more accessible and has some excellent information to help with planning activities for branch and deanery events and meetings, so please if you are able, have a look and if not find someone who will look for you or with you.

Other things are changing also under the new constitution which will see us becoming more independent as a Province, running more of our own affairs.

We are still struggling as a diocese with falling numbers, most of this is due to members dying, as was evident as we read out the names and remembered all those who had carried the banner for the MU over many years. Speaking of which I was my pleasure to be able to say thank you to long serving members as we presented around 100 long service certificates. But the struggles continue with a lack of people coming forward to take up leadership roles. We have tried hard to find volunteers to be part of a team so that MU can continue to function in this diocese and remain a member of the Charity Commission which gives us status and protection.

After we have heard from the Units who present their reports in a minute, we will move to the important issue of the future of this diocese. A future I hope to still be part of but will not be allowed to hold office at diocesan level as I have been selected to take up a brand-new post in the MU in the UK, that of Zonal Trustee for Wales. We have always had Zones overseas but this is the first time this has included Britain and Ireland. I will therefore be very grateful for your prayers as I take up this new challenge.

So, to finish my report I wish to say a huge thank you to you all for your dedicated care and hard work, please help us to keep things going into the future by continuing by offering as much of yourselves as possible to the work of the MU worldwide, but particularly at grass roots level.

Jenny Barton

Diocesan President

Diocese of Monmouth

Mothers Union

Statement of Receipts and Payments

Year Ended 31st December 2018

Receipts as per schedule (1)	£ 25,179.04	Payments as per schedule (2)	£26,077.28
Attached		attached	
Interest COIF Share	845.79		
COIF Deposit	9.50		
Deficit of payments over receipts	- 42.95		

Total	£ <u>26,077.28</u>	£ <u>26,077.28</u>
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General Fund:

Accumulated Balance as at 1 st January 2018	31,832.11
Deficit of payments over receipts -as above	- 42.95
Accumulated balance as at 31 st December 2018	Total <u>31,789.16</u>

Represented by:

Bank Account	4187.88
COIF Share Account	27,500.00
COIF Deposit Account	101.28
	Total <u>£ 31,789.16</u>

I certify the above to be in accordance with the books of accounts, receipts and documents produced and explanations provided. I have examined the bank accounts and certify that the balances are correct.

**Michele M. McIntosh, CPA
Certified Public Accountant
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DIOCESE OF MONMOUTH
MOTHERS UNION

Schedule 1

RECEIPTS

Members Subscriptions		9,640.00
Insurance		830.00
Donations:		
Overseas	1682.96	
Summer of Hope	789.50	
Make-a-Mother's Day.	160.00	
Sudan	100.00	
Emergency Relief Fund	490.00	
MSH General Fund	85.00	
MSH Fabric Fund	50.00	
B&I Development Fund	80.00	
Indoor Members	192.00	
AFIA.	687.00	
Diocese	678.05	
Prisons	332.00	
Contact Centre	692.00	
Homeless	202.00	
Speakers	405.00	6,625.51
Sales:		
MUE Grant	347.88	
MUE	<u>3537.60</u>	3,885.48
Events	1800.90	
Retreat	1,435.00	
Misc	962.15	4,198.05
TOTAL		<u>£ 25,179.04</u>

MONMOUTH DIOCESE
MOTHERS UNION

Schedule 2

PAYMENTS

Expenses:

Subscriptions 2018	1390.50	
Subscriptions 2019	8245.00	9635.50
Overseas	2212.18	
Make a Mother's Day	160.00	
Summer of Hope	789.50	
Sudan	700.00	
Relief Fund	570.00	
B&I	100.00	
MSH General	115.00	
MSH Fabric	70.00	4716.68

Units:

Finance & Central Services	2125.47	
Faith & Policy	132.81	
Indoor Members	121.60	
AFIA	700.00	
Speakers	312.36	
News & Views	454.00	3846.24

Sales:

MUE	<u>3653.21</u>	3653.21
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Projects:

Prisons	299.30	299.30
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Special Events:

Retreat -2018	1635.00	
Misc	959.85	
Diocesan Lunch	1331.50	
		3906.35

TOTAL

£26,077.28

Unpresented Cheques.

60	100.00
61	223.12
64	602.00
65	<u>88.13</u>
Total	£ 1013.25

Balance in Bank 31 st . December 2018	5187.13
Less unpresented Cheques	<u>1013.25</u>
Actual balance as at 31 st . December 2018	£ 4,173.88
Unpresented Cheque 2016 written off	<u>14.00</u>
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