

APRIL 2019

Dear Friends,

I trust that your year in AMUA has begun well, and that you are finding lots of opportunities to keep the work of MU in other places before members. I know that it's not always easy, especially when we don't have much fresh information to share. However, here's an idea:



*If you are invited to speak to a group and need an activity, why not choose a few pages of "Families Worldwide", make up a quiz based on the information contained in them and have the group search for the answers. You could make a list or pictorial record of what the group discovers, then pray for the countries you have studied.*

### Overseas Project

As you are aware, our Overseas Project this year is the Peace and Reconciliation Workshop with wives of South Sudanese bishops, which is a continuation of work begun by Caroline Welby through the "Women on the Front Line" project. It took place recently in Uganda, and was combined with MULO. Those present came from many different tribes and language groups, most of whom had never met, and the civil war in South Sudan had resulted in much suspicion between tribes. However, through the work of the workshop leaders, the prayers of many and the over-riding grace of God, by the end of the week they were singing and dancing together and barriers had been broken down.

You can find a report on a similar workshop conducted by Caroline Welby and her team in Burundi last year, which will give you an idea of the philosophy of these workshops and of the way our project was conducted. Go to:

<https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/latest-news/women-front-line-reflections-burundi>



### Noticeable Noticeboards

In my last Newsletter I issued a challenge to make AMUA more noticeable on parish noticeboards. I was delighted to receive this offering from the parish of Woodlands-Wembley Downs in Perth. The member responsible received a chocolate frog for her efforts! Have you seen any "noticeable noticeboards" in your diocese? Why not write about them for Mia Mia?

### Wave of Prayer

This week the Wave of Prayer rests on my own diocese of Perth. In a recent meeting of O&NO representatives we had a discussion about how groups might incorporate this into their program. Several are able to incorporate it into the Sunday prayers. Others meet in a member's home to pray for their linked dioceses. I would be very interested to hear from you if you have seen or heard about creative ways to observe this important aspect of our MU life. Remember, we are a worldwide organisation, and we do undertake to pray for each other-the Wave of Prayer is one way we can do this and it would be a pity if we let it go because old ways of observing it are no longer appropriate.

With my warmest good wishes as you seek to encourage members to offer "Christian care for families **worldwide**".

*Christine*