

## Transformation – Now!

### Transforming our groups

*During the periods of lockdown and social distancing, Mothers' Union took on a whole new look! As we start a new triennium, it's a great time to look back – and to look ahead – to how we might meet, what we might do and how we keep in touch in 2022 and beyond.*

*You could start by using one of the introductory activities in the 'Steps to Transformation' resource, which encourages us to open our minds to new possibilities.*

#### Activity

On a sheet of flip chart paper, draw up three columns:

What we used to do	What we've done recently	What will we do in the future?

#### Step One

Start on the left hand column, thinking about the way you did things in the past, note the way that Mothers' Union used to be – before the pandemic. Think about:

- How, when and where you met as Mothers' Union
- What you did – activities, events, meetings, projects you were involved with – and how these were planned
- Keeping in touch – how you communicated with each other

#### Step Two

Move to the centre column and write down how you have approached things more recently – what has stayed the same and what have you done differently? Have you:

- got together in different places, or held more outdoor events?
- held virtual meetings using Zoom?
- met at different times, or on different days?
- started new activities – or continued existing activities?
- dropped some events, meetings or activities?
- kept in touch with each other in different ways?

### Step Three

In the third column, think about what you will do in the future. This doesn't need to be an 'either/or' choice between the two previous columns.

- What are the positive changes that can be built on?
- Is this the time to let some things go?
- Are there things that could be done in a different way entirely?

It's an opportunity to learn from our experiences and re-examine old approaches.

### Step Four

Talk and pray about these ideas as a group.

- What might you do differently in this new triennium so that Mothers' Union becomes more effective to serve Christ in your community?
- How might you adapt and change to move ahead with confidence.?

### **Note:**

*You may choose to break into small groups for steps one to three of this activity, coming together as a full group for step four.*