

## **Easter 2020 Letter from**

### **Worldwide President to Indoor Members**

Dear Friends,

It's that time of the year when we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and rejoice in the fresh hope that comes with Easter.

It is with this in mind that I have immense pleasure in wishing you a joyful Easter and I pray that you will always feel God's love and presence near you.

I had the pleasure of catching up with Sister Blanche, a retired teacher, who has now devoted her life to the Church. She is 96 years old and is still very active as the organist for St. Mary ye Virgin Anglican Church in Guyana. As I sat with her and listened to her stories of long ago, I noticed that her eyes twinkled and her entire being came alive as she recalled the beautiful memories. This made me think of you and the wonderful contributions you made to your church and community for so many decades. I can just imagine the beautiful cakes you made, the colourful teddies that you knitted, and the way you entertained the children with lots of Easter eggs and candies. What a blessing it is to have lasting memories like these that you can reflect on and smile.

In some areas around the world the tensions are so high that unpleasant memories bring tears to the eyes at this time. But I thank God that our members are so compassionate, kind and loving that they work hard at reaching out, touching lives and giving people hope. Do you remember the song by Diana Ross, *“Reach out and touch somebody’s hand, make this world a better place if you can?”* If you do, I would just love it if you can sing as you read this letter or ask someone to play it for you on YouTube. What a blessing this would be!

This year 2020 promises to be a very busy one once again but I wouldn’t have it any other way. I love my ministry in Mothers’ Union and I believe God will give me the all that I need to complete every task placed before me. Of course your constant prayers continue to be a source of strength for me.

In January, I was invited to the Vatican in Rome to attend a gathering of the Abrahamic Faiths to promote peace and interreligious harmony worldwide, an area which I am very passionate about. While I was there I was fortunate to meet Pope Francis, a very humble man who is hopeful that world peace would be reality one day.

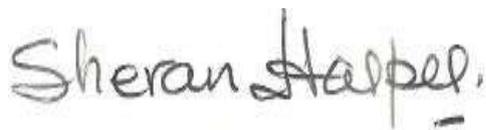
As I write this letter, I am preparing to visit the Provinces of All Ireland and Scotland in March. I am

excited about these visits and I look forward to enjoying fellowship with the members, visiting the outreach programmes and of course attending the Lady Day Service. Please can you keep Provincial President of All Ireland, June Butler, and Provincial Representative of Scotland, Deborah Munday, in your prayers as they prepare to welcome me.

Thank you for all you have done for Mothers' Union in the past and all you continue to do. It is because of your constant prayers that we overcome the challenges and make a difference. It is because of your intercession that I can humbly lead this life-changing movement of ours into a new era of serving communities and yet remain faithful to the cornerstone that was laid by Mary Sumner 144 years ago.

As I close, I pray that God will continue to shower blessings of love, peace, joy and healing on you and may he keep you in the palm of his hand until I write again. A very Happy and Blessed Easter to you!

With my love and prayers always,



Sheran Harper, Worldwide President



*Board of Trustees at Commissioning Service of new Central Chaplain on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019*



*With Newt Gingrich and Ambassador Gingrich at Evening Reception at Abrahamic Faiths Initiative in Rome on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020*