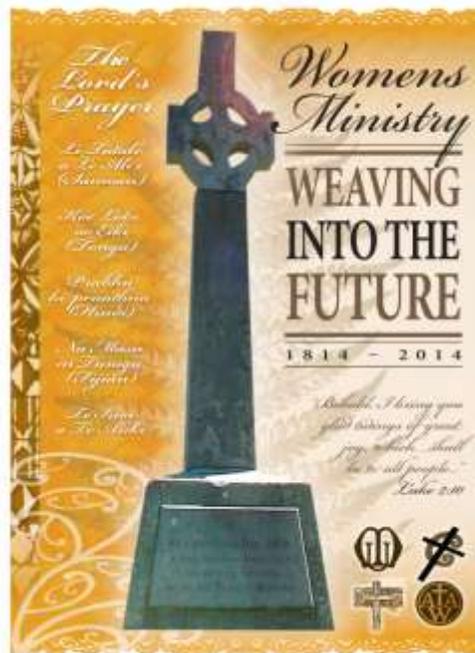




Greetings from the Provincial President  
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On Christmas Day 2014 the Anglican Church in New Zealand celebrated its 200th anniversary by commemorating the first sermon preached by The Rev. Samuel Marsden on the beach at Oihi Point in the Far North.

**The Mothers' Union was pleased to collaborate with members of Kahui Wahine, the AAW, and other Anglican women, by holding a special service in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Auckland, on 23rd November, in honour of the contribution made by the women of our 3-tikanga Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia over the past 200 years.**

## From our Provincial President

*E te whanau a te Karaiti, Tena koutou katoa.*

*Dear Members of the Mothers' Union and Friends, Greetings in the Name of our Loving God.*

The year 2014 has been a memorable one for many reasons in Aotearoa. Establishing and maintaining programmes that support and enhance family life, working together to forge meaningful relationships with other Women's ministries and being awake to the needs of all members. We celebrate and welcome the arrival of new members during the year.

We look forward to the visit from Lynne Tembey our World Wide President who arrives at Mangere International Airport on Friday 15 May at 10.50 am and departs from Christchurch International on Friday 29 May at 10.50 am. She will be coming on her own, and I will accompany her throughout her stay. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to meet her as we travel throughout the country.

There was a joyful gathering at the home of Ann Town of the Wellington branch who hosted a Christmas luncheon. Fresh from the PP Conference I described to them the colourful scene of conference and the privilege of representing them. The theme 'A Goal to Celebrate' illustrated through daily bible studies set a meaningful tone throughout conference under the headings: Our faith, loving relationships, Working together to accomplish the goal, respectful relationships and the goal of building God's kingdom. Slides from the conference were also shown.

From Dunblane I travelled to Glasgow by train admiring the industrial sights on the way. An hour later it was time to get off and was met by Ann Glenesk, Diocesan President from Glasgow and Galloway and her team were there to meet and greet me outside the railing. Near the Central Square we entered a high-rise building, housing the Church offices where MU occupied a suite. They welcomed me and we had refreshments, while talking about our groups and activities.



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## Wellington Diocese

A Happy New Year to you all. We have exchanged Christmas cards and calendars with Doreen Earls in Clogher, Northern Ireland, Ann Mayer in St Asaph, Wales, and Rosemary and Alwyn Hill in Segonzac France. It was lovely to hear all their news. It has not been too bad a winter in Europe and UK.

Lynne Tembey our World Wide president, who sent a Christmas card to our Diocese, tells us in Families World Wide that the Theme for 2015 is United in prayer. We have a God who loves us and wants us to trust him. Lynne will be in NZ in May. We are planning a service in our Cathedral of St Paul at 11 am on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be there, and bring your friends!

We are still retaining our wonderful relationship with Clogher Diocese, but also we **have been assigned new links or prayer partners. In the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer.** On August 24-26<sup>th</sup> these Diocese are prayed for: Matabeleland, Zimbabwe; Sidenha Bay, South Africa; Karamoja, Uganda; Udi, Nigeria; Etsako, Nigeria; Wellington, New Zealand; Yangon, Myanmar.

Families World Wide has an article on fundraising. We all send our spare cash to all worthwhile charities especially if we have asked them to speak to us for a special reason. However, this year could you send spare funds to our AAW Diocesan **Treasurer to put towards 1. Our Provincial President's travel or 2. Supporting the Diocesan President or her proxy to attend the AAW Triennial conference in Dunedin as the fares will be steep, 3. Or ask the Treasurer to put it in our AFIA programme or 4. Ask the Treasurer to send on to Mary Sumner House for MU projects. To fund their work the central Mothers' Union Relief Fund has sent £60,000 in recent weeks to support their efforts in Iraq, West Africa, South Sudan, and Nigeria.**

**As we are not be holding a Diocesan Lady Day Service at St Mark's this March, I am hoping a group or Parish will hold a Service.** The latest service from Mary Sumner House can be found at <http://www.mothersunion.org/sites/default/files/Lady%20Day%20Service.pdf>. Our first Wellington Diocesan AAW Executive meeting is on February 14. Please pray that we have a good meeting.

**As our Diocesan AGM is in early May before Lynne Tembey's visit I have decided to offer myself for 3 more years MU president, if wanted!** Our next celebration is **Candlemass on February 2. "It is a pivotal point where we look back to Christmas and forward to Easter"** (a quote from the children's page of "Families First"). Of course in NZ it is also AAW Sunday when we celebrate AAW and MU.

Heather Dawson

## Waikato-Taranaki Diocese

Having recently completed my MU Diocesan Report for 2014 I am amazed and thankful for all we have achieved over the last 12 months. With the theme *Working as One* before us we have done this in various ways. For example **St. Mary's members showed care for each other by acting as 'secret friends', praying for a person named on a small card selected from a basket at the December meeting and sending birthday cards for the appropriate day. Their identities are not known until the cards are handed in the following December, when the process starts again. Opportunities for sharing talents was another feature of the year's programme as well as outside speakers keeping us informed of women's issues in the wider world.**

Three members represented the group at the YMCA Teen Mums graduation held in the New Plymouth Civic Centre and were greatly surprised to see a photo of two MU members holding cot blankets and baby clothes flash up on the big screen **during the students' video presentation.**

We have given two contributions for the new primary school in Samoa as support **for Archdeacon Tai and vestry member Faasega Tapelu who are Mothers' Union members at All Saints' Church, Apia.** We hope to continue with this project through this year. **We also sent money for the emergency fund for Mothers' Union at St George's Church, Baghdad whose members are kept in our prayers at this difficult and dark time for them.**

Looking Ahead: We will be holding a Parent Education Programme (PEP) Taster evening on 26 February to gauge interest in holding the course later in the year. Publicity flyers are being printed and Archbishop Philip has given his blessing to it.

**St Peters' Cathedral members are holding a Planning Meeting on 27 February** when they will arrange their programme for the year.

New Wave of Prayer Partners: We say farewell to Auckland as one of our Wave of Prayer partners and look forward to a new date in mid-May and new Links in Sudan, Nigeria and Uganda.

Rosemary Bent

## Auckland Diocese

In our last Newsletter we talked about the Women of Mothers Union, AAW, Kahui Wahine combining together and including all Anglican women in a service in Holy Trinity Cathedral to celebrate **"Weaving the Future Together"**. This well-attended service encompassed some six languages and was a great success. Those attending were given a commemorative tea towel (as pictured on page 1). There were some surplus which have been sold to help balance the budget. These are fast-becoming a collector's item. **Now that they have all gone, suddenly everybody wants one.**

**In November MU friends of Mrs Vera Green', our Intercessory Prayer Secretary** helped celebrate her 90th birthday at Selwyn Village. In lieu of gifts Vera asked **friends if they would donate money for Children's Charity Eye Grafts. This was a** happy occasion, with lots of fun and laughter, which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs Wyn Adams, a former MU leader who was one of our most long-standing and loyal members died at the end of last year. Three of the Executive, along with other members, attended her funeral at All Saints Church in Howick. It was lovely **to see the MU banner displayed at the funeral, and also Wyn's long service badge.** Auckland Executive members have already met and worked on the programme for this year. We have our AGM on March 22nd at 2.30 pm, followed by refreshments and attendance at 5pm Evensong, with full participation by Mothers Union Members.

In May we have a visit from Our Worldwide President Mrs Lynne Tembey. This is a very special chance for us all to meet with Lynne, who has already made the acquaintance of our New Zealand president, Reverend Iritana Hankins in the UK. All Mothers Union Members, and past members are cordially invited to attend on Sunday 17th May, the Mary Sumner lecture which will be delivered by Mrs Tembey at 3pm in the Selwyn Library, and to attend the 5pm evensong at Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Other opportunities to meet with Mrs Lynne Tembey will be during a visit to Mt Wellington summit on Saturday 16th, and the Morning service at Holy Sepulchre church in Grafton on Sunday 17 at 10am, With our 2015 theme for Mothers Union being " United in Prayer", we think about the quote from James ch.5, v16. Which says, "When a believing person prays, great things happen."

Our new theme highlights the importance and centrality of prayer to all we do. With over 100 new links added, the new Wave of Prayer gives us the exciting opportunity to pray for many more people.

Jesus promises to be with all who join together in prayer, Matt.18v19.

Blessings,

Joan Neild.

## Financial Report for the period 1.01.2014 to 31.12.2014

OPENING BANK BALANCE	Suffix	\$
General Account	00	4,452.14
Travel Account	02	3,757.05
TOTAL BANK BALANCE		8,209.19
RECEIPTS		
Membership Subscriptions		
Donations		1,456.00
Levies to MSH for missions		1,015.00
Travel donation		330.00
Levies to MSH for administration		1,645.00
Administration NZ expenses		1,320.00
Interest Received		39.47
TOTAL INCOME		5,805.47
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PAYMENTS		
Administration		
Subscription - FWW		212.70
Printing two issues of NZ PP newsletter		1,051.10
Postage		91.20
Stationery		248.79
Bank Fees		73.94
Travel Allowances		4,151.40
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		5,829.13
CLOSING BALANCE		Suffix
General Account	00	5,919.21
Travel Account	02	118.27
TOTAL BANK BALANCE		6,037.48
UNPRESENTED		
Overseas Telegraphic Transfer to MSH admin.	1,645.00\$	NZD
Overseas Telegraphic Transfer to MSH missions	1,015.00\$	NZD
<i>Report prepared by DM Chapman, Provincial Treasurer</i>		
Presented 31.01.2015		

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It was now time to board the 'double -decker bus' to see both the historical and recent sites of this massive City. The Cathedral, Universities, Museums, Science Centre, Parks, The Scottish Exhibition and Conference Center, and more. We stopped for lunch at Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum for lunch. Here in its own room was the most famous and most loved painting by Salvador Dali, 'Christ of St. John of the Cross' purchased by the Museum in 1952. I stood there in utter silence filled with joy, as I never thought that I would view this original painting. Occasionally looking at his face and felt there was no pain or suffering but he was hanging on the cross. This was a real treasure to see. It was soon time to go home so we exchanged gifts here and I lead our prayers before making our way back to the train.

In mid December I went home to Kaikohe for a peaceful rest, living in our 'family home.' It was great to be chopping wood that had been gathered around the place to keep the wood-range fire going, to cook our meals and heat the water. I had never stayed at home for more than a week since leaving in the mid-80s for the city for education. Each Sunday over the next six weeks I lead the services at Aperahama, my Basilica assisted by members of my family and sang all our favourite hymns that we so loved. At the final service we were joined by more family and locals members. We nurturing our relationship with Christ in celebrating our gifts, skills and resources which he has provided.

## Iritana Hankins

*Our May newsletter will be printed following the visit of Mrs Lynne Tembey, MU Worldwide President who arrives in Auckland on Friday 15th May and departs from Christchurch on Friday 29th May. Her stopovers will include Auckland, Awanui, Tonga, New Plymouth, Wellington and Christchurch. Please contact your Diocesan President for the various activities specific to your Diocese.*

NARRATIVE to the accounts

Based on a Membership of 348

\* 204 of these Members are from the Auckland Diocese

\* decrease in Membership (37) from previous year

Printing & Postage is indicative of the cost for the production and distribution of the MU Newsletter. That remains to be an excellent source to circulate news and events  
Additional funds acknowledged and received;

\* For the purpose of purchasing a gift for the ordination of Provincial President Iritana Hankins

\* An acknowledgement to the generous contributions of a MU Member to assist the Provincial President with her role and duties

Unpresented Items include;

\* International Bank Transfer to MSH for 2014

\* Printing for the Month November

We love to work with flowers  
wherever we are—  
Some 2014 occasions



*Left – St Andrew's Kohimarama.*

*Right – St George's, Thames*

*Below left – Raewyn Skipper, Auckland Diocesan Vice President, taking the service in the chapel at the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, Otahuhu, prior to our Council Meeting.*

*Below right – To welcome the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, when he preached at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Auckland. (see newsletter No. 54)*



An elderly gentleman... Had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%  
The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, 'Your hearing is perfect.. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'  
The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

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