

September 2020

**To: All members via Branch Leaders/contacts, Deanery Chairs and other Diocesan contacts:**

Dear friends,

It's beginning to feel a little more Autumnal and maybe some of you are having a short UK holiday or visiting family a little more? I hope you can enjoy the last of the warmer days, wherever you are.

Thank you to those of you who got involved in the MU Enterprises fundraising venture, making and selling **face masks**. Approximately 75 were sent from Coventry Diocese – a great effort, thank you.

Some of you may be thinking about **meeting again** during the autumn, (although I am writing this on the day that a big increase in Covid cases has been announced, so maybe not....) Above all, please follow government guidance and your local church guidance before planning anything.



In addition, Marian Pope from Mary Sumner House has written some helpful notes for MU groups, including a suggested risk assessment, which you may find helpful. (Attached)

Further general information is on the MU website: <https://www.mothersunion.org/news/12032020-coronavirus-covid-19-information-mothers-union>

I am disappointed that we will not be able to meet in person for our **Members' Day on October 10<sup>th</sup>**. However, we would like to give you an update on what's been happening in MU and opportunity to look ahead to the Autumn and 2021. Reports will be shared on a range of activities, including finance. So, we are proposing to hold an online Zoom meeting from 10.30 – 12noon. If you are unable to access Zoom online, you may be able to join in via a telephone link – further details will be sent to you. Reports will be sent in advance of the meeting, and there will be opportunity for you to ask questions. More details and the link ID will be sent to you.



You may never have had the opportunity to attend an **Annual Gathering of Mothers' Union** in person. This year, the event will be held online, and all members are invited to join in.

**A message from Mary Sumner House and a date for the diary:**

*We are holding an online celebration and update event on **Tuesday 20th October** between 10 - 12 noon. It will cover some of what we normally share during the Annual Gathering/General Meeting, looking back at the prior year and also set our plan for the next 12 months. Filled with stories of impact as well as worship, it will be a chance for us to come together in fellowship. More details, including an agenda and joining instructions will follow later this month, but for now please save the date and time in your diaries, we hope as many of you as possible will be able to join.*

May God bless you in all that you do in His name,

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