Methodist Women in Britain. Report to Synod Saturday 27thApril 2024

The Annual Conference will held at the Hayes Conference centre, Swanwick, over the weekend of 19th- 21st April.

The theme is **Words create Worlds** and the keynote speakers are Rev Jenny Pathmarajah and Becca Byass from All We Can. Several women from the district will be attending.

There is a chance to visit the Epworth Rectory for a garden party on Saturday the 18th May. This is where there is now a permanent exhibition telling the story of the contributions made by women through Women's Work. Women's Fellowship, Young Wives and more recently MWiB.

On Friday 28th June 2024 the Mary Bosanquet Lecture will be given by Chine McDonald at a fringe event at the Methodist Conference in Leeds.

In the autumn the World Federation Day will be held at Stamford Methodist Church on Saturday 19th October. The theme is Voices Near and Far.

As this event in our District I do recommend this day to all women who are concerned about the role of women in the wider context of the World Federation. I will provide further details via the District Office later in the year. Please consider getting a car full of women to come.

I add a note here to explain the relationship between MWiB and the World Federation.

The World Federation is a global fellowship of Christian women from the Methodist, United, and Uniting churches. Each belongs to their own national Unit, and these Units are grouped into nine geographical Areas. MWiB is the British Unit of the World Federation, and joins with the Ireland Unit to form the Europe–Britain and Ireland Area.

Methodist Women in Britain is a charity separate from the Methodist church but supporting the work done in our churches here in Britain and also to support projects based overseas. There is money available to support this work. If you have groups meeting on your premises who need equipment or you wish to help out a project overseas known to you with training or equipment then consider applying.

The Annual Review gives examples of how money has been used in 2022-23.

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