



# Annual Meeting

Presbytery Hall, Free Church College  
Edinburgh

Thursday 26th May 2011  
2.00pm

## PROGRAMME

Welcome and Announcements

Singing  
Scripture reading  
Prayer

2010/11 - Minutes and Report  
New project launch – “Energising Lakhnadon”

Offering  
Singing

Speakers

Olwen Ford & Jenny Nicolson  
Kirsten MacGillivray Ella MacDonald Susan Maclean

Singing  
Closing prayer

Refreshments served in Chalmers Hall

## A note from Kirsty

Dear Friends,

Welcome once again to the WfM Annual Meeting.

It is hard to believe how fast this year has passed by. For many folks there will have been times of joy and great happiness. We praise God for these. One of these for me was the Away Day in Aviemore, where we enjoyed friendship and fellowship, and learned from God's Word how to live daily for His Glory.



For others, life will have been extremely challenging. We watched in awe on TV the unfolding disaster in Japan, totally mesmerised by the power of the tsunami, seeing the havoc it left in its wake. For the survivors, these poor peoples' lives will have changed forever! We continue to remember them. In America we have seen the devastation of the tornadoes that swept through the southern states. It will take more than a generation to repair the damage in these countries.

Nearer to home perhaps our lives have been touched by personal tragedy, sickness or bereavement. These are tough. How do we respond? Who is sufficient for such things? We are grateful to a faithful God who "binds up the broken hearted ..." and enables us to be "more than conquerors".

This year our theme is "Adversity - Stepping Stone or Stumbling Block". The title is self-explanatory. How do we react to situations outwith our control? What light does God's Word shine into the subject of adversity and what should our personal response to it? To help us with these questions our Bible study will be available in August.

On behalf of the WfM committee I would like to thank you all for the generosity and work done throughout the year to help us reach our project aims and encourage fellowship and friendship among our women. I would also like to thank Ella, Susan, Kirsten, Olwen and Jenny for agreeing to share with us today their varying experiences. It is so encouraging to hear about God's work across the globe.

With love from

Kirsty



## **PSALM 146**

### **Tune: Stuttgart**

- 1 Praise the LORD, my soul! O praise him!  
2 I'll extol him all my days.  
While I live, to God my Saviour  
from my heart I will sing praise.
- 3 Do not put your trust in princes,  
mortal men who cannot save.  
4 All their plans will come to nothing  
when they perish in the grave.
- 7 He delivers from oppression  
and relieves the hungry's plight.  
He releases those in prison;  
8 to the blind the LORD gives sight.
- Those who are bowed down he raises.  
God delights in righteousness.
- 9 He protects and cares for strangers,  
widows and the fatherless.
- He frustrates the wicked's purpose.  
10 So the LORD through endless days  
Reigns to every generation.  
Praise your God, O Zion, praise!



# Minutes of WfM Annual Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010

Kirsty Boyd, Chairwoman, welcomed all present as well as those watching by video link in Stornoway.

She thanked the Principal and Senate for the use of the College facilities, as well as others whose help was appreciated for the smooth running of the Annual Meeting.

The meeting opened with the singing of Psalm 103, reading from Phillipians 2 v 1 - 11, and prayer. The minutes of the 2009 ABM were then adopted.

Mrs Mairead Morrison, Treasurer, reported on the accounts for 2009/10 and thanked Alison MacDonald for auditing these. She announced that the Lighting up Learning project had raised the sum of £29,653.27.

Mairead also reminded those present of the Away Day to be held this September, and urged all to attend.

Kirsty then welcomed delegates - Mrs Rita Jackson representing the United Free Church Women's Home and Overseas Committee and Mrs Helen May-Bain Convener of the Church of Scotland Women's Guild - and presented them with gifts.

Sandra Bain introduced the new project, "Home and Away" which will support the work of "Something for Romania" as well as establishing a fund to assist projects of compassion known to Free Church congregations.

Christine Mackenzie presented Sandra with a gift recognising her 12 years of service to the WfM, now coming to a close. She also presented Meg Miller with a gift, informing the meeting that Hazel Morrison will take over the role of Secretary as Meg relinquishes it.

The offering was then taken: in Stornoway £550 and in Edinburgh £784.

The business part of the meeting ended with the singing of Psalm 63.



Kirsty invited speakers to address the gathering, bringing apologies from Patty Reano in Colombia who was not able to attend as planned.

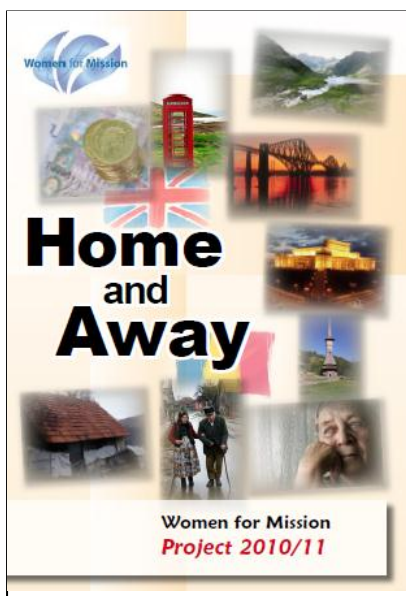
Elizabeth Ross told of her experiences in King William's Town, South Africa. She has become involved in caring for the welfare of students at Dumisani, as well as helping there in other capacities. A ministry has also opened up for her in the KWT congregation of the FCSA, where she has been holding Sunday school classes, for which she asked prayer.

Fiona Campbell told of her 3 months in Kenya with AIM where she had been working in the largest slum in Nairobi. She asked for prayer for Kenya experiencing devastating floods, and thanked WfM for the SAV funding they had given to her.

Elizabeth Graham spoke of the third book in a trilogy about Free Church missions, The Ochre and the Blue, which she co-authored with her husband. Drawing from mission archives, as well as their own experiences on the South African mission field, Elizabeth explained how they had sought to capture the highs and lows of the Mission history.

S. then spoke of how the Lord had worked in her family's life, as they found themselves unable to return to the mission field to which they had felt called. However, the Lord has opened a new ministry, where by Bible study and hospitality they witness for Him. She thanked the WfM for their prayerful support during the last few years.

After the singing of psalm 24, Mrs Nina Meredith, the Moderator's wife, closed the meeting with prayer.



## Project 2010/11

Please continue to remember the outreach in our home congregations and also the work of "Something for Romania".



# Accounts

## **WOMEN FOR MISSION ACCOUNTS - Year to 30 April 2011**

### **GENERAL FUND**

	£		£
Opening Balance	1,259.96	Annual Business Meeting Expenses	
Annual Business Meeting Collection	784.00	North Bus	430.00
ABM North Bus Receipts	360.00	Meeting Expenses	270.93
Interest	21.55	Committee Meeting Travel	
Donation	500.00	& Expenses	317.90
Christmas Cards		Administration	69.00
Loans	1,650.00	Auditor	25.00
Sales	5,716.85	Christmas Cards	
		Purchase of Cards	2,699.81
		Repayment of Loans	1,650.00
		Transfers	
		Favourite Recipes	2,894.04
		Project 2010/11	123.00
		Closing Balance	1,812.68
	<u>10,292.36</u>		<u>10,292.36</u>

### **PROJECT 2009/2010 Lighting Up Learning**

	£		£
Opening Balance	13,194.94	BINCO	8,000.00
Donations - Groups & Private	15,158.33	Colegio San Andres Kitchen	15,000.00
		SU Peru	5,353.27
	<u>28,353.27</u>		<u>28,353.27</u>

### **PROJECT 2010/11 Home and Away**

	£		£
Opening Balance	0.00	Project Leaflets	224.00
Donations - Groups & Private	15,084.52	Heart for Home Grants	1,150.00
Transfer from General Fund	123.00	Closing Balance	13,833.52
	<u>15,207.52</u>		<u>15,207.52</u>



### **FAVOURITE RECIPES**

	£		£
Opening Balance	3,953.49	Donations via D & R Fund	
Cookery Book Sales	2,872.45	Pakistan	3,000.00
Christmas Cards (Transfer from GF)	2,894.04	West Africa	500.00
		Book Postage	45.09
		Closing Balance	6,174.89
	<u>9,719.98</u>		<u>9,719.98</u>

### **LADIES' DAY AWAY FUND**

	£		£
Opening Balance	261.24	Conference Centre	6,075.00
Booking Fees	8,110.00	Coaches	815.00
Coaches	494.00	Speaker Expenses	834.35
		Cancellations	100.00
		Stationery & Sundries	490.36
		Transfer to SAV	500.00
		Closing Balance	50.53
	<u>8,865.24</u>		<u>8,865.24</u>

### **SUPPORT A VOLUNTEER**

	£		£
Opening Balance	902.54	Grants Allocated (10)	1,725.00
Donations	1,260.00	Closing Balance	937.54
Transfer from Day Away Fund	500.00		
	<u>2,662.54</u>		<u>2,662.54</u>

### **Independent Examiner's Statement**

I have examined the financial books and records of "Women for Mission" for the year ended 30 April 2011 and have found them to be correctly kept, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Alison McDonald



## WfM Report 2010/11

*The following is an overview of the work undertaken by the WfM Committee over the past year. We thank God for His blessing on the various activities undertaken to support home and international mission workers. We would also like to thank everyone involved in the work of WfM and to let them know it is greatly appreciated.*

COMMITTEE: Meg Millar has handed on the responsibilities of secretary to Hazel Morrison but is staying on the committee. We are sorry to have said farewell to Margaret Smith, Daphne Douglas and Maggie MacLeod – all of whom have served faithfully on the committee for many years. We are happy to welcome Sarah Cumming and Rona Matheson as new members on the committee.

AWAY DAY 2010: This took place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September last year in Macdonald Conference Centre, Aviemore and all who attended were blessed by the ministry of Ann Benton. We look forward to the next Away Day in 2012

DISASTER & RELIEF FUND: Since the last Annual Meeting, sales of recipe books 1 & 2 have enabled WfM to give the following donations through the Disaster and Relief Fund to areas of natural disaster:

£3,000 in Sept 10 to Blythswood for Pakistan

£500 in Oct 10 to Tearfund for West Africa – Mali Appeal

The sale of WfM Christmas cards has also raised over £2000 for this fund.

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS BOARD: Christine Mackenzie and Anne MacKay (Golspie) represent WfM at Board meetings. Kirsty Boyd and Christine are able to support women missionaries home on furlough. They have interviewed Olwen Ford and Ruth Bailey. Sarah Cumming is now also available to help in this area.

PRAYER NOTES: Daphne Douglas continues to faithfully compile the monthly Missionary Prayer notes.

WfM LINK PEOPLE: Sarah Cumming is now overseeing this activity to ensure relevant information is passed from the Committee to WfM groups and individual women throughout the Church.



ICT COMMITTEE: This group consists of Alison MacDonald, Joan Montgomery and Kirsty Boyd who have produced high quality leaflets and posters to advertise WfM's work.

WfM PAGE: Alison Macdonald continues to edit the Page in the Record.

SUPPORT-A-VOLUNTEER: During 2010/11 there were 10 young Free Church members who received financial support to help them serve as volunteers in mission areas. More information can be found on the FC website.

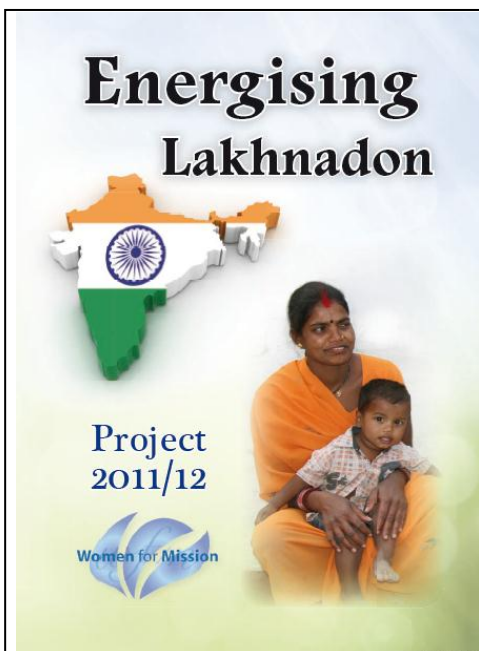
PROJECT: At the time of writing, the 'Home and Away' project has already provided funds for the following:

- Weekly lunch club – Leith Free Church
- Mums & Toddlers Group – Cross Free Church, Ness
- Bible Study material – Neil white, African Outreach

ANNUAL THEME AND BIBLE STUDY: The Annual Theme for this year has been "Living for God's Glory". Bible Study material was available on the website.

WfM WEBSITE You will find WfM information on the following website:  
[www.freechurch.org/missions/wfm](http://www.freechurch.org/missions/wfm)

## **New Project – 2011/12**



The most urgent and immediate needs are to replace a generator and to provide an overhead water tank.

**Let's work together to  
provide power for  
Lakhnadon**



## **PSALM 16**

### **Tune: Malan**

- 7 I'll praise the LORD my God,  
whose counsel guides my choice;  
And even in the night, my heart  
recalls instruction's voice.
- 8 Before me constantly  
I set the LORD alone.  
Because he is at my right hand  
I'll not be overthrown.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad;  
my tongue with joy will sing.  
My body too will rest secure  
in hope unwavering.
- 10 For you will not allow  
my soul in death to stay,  
Nor will you leave your Holy One  
To see the tomb's decay.
- 11 You have made known to me  
the path of life divine.  
Bliss shall I know at your right hand;  
joy from your face will shine.

## Speaker Profiles



**Olwen  
Ford**



**Jenny  
Nicolson**



**Kirsten  
MacGillivray**



**Ella  
MacDonald**



**Susan  
MacLean**

### **Olwen Ford**

I come from County Antrim. I'm married to David and we have 5 children and 6 gorgeous granddaughters. We've spent 15 years in South America, most recently enjoying life in Colombia. Now we're back in Scotland looking forward to the next part of our adventure with God.

### **Jenny Nicolson**

I'm an artist who is currently working with the homeless in Edinburgh. I have just recently got married to Craig and hope to start studying for a Masters in Art Therapy fairly soon. I went out to Colombia last year for five weeks to work with Olwen on some of her projects with the ladies.

### **Kirsten MacGillivray**

I'm from Inverness but currently in my final year at Stirling University studying psychology. I've been involved with the Christian Union, and was the president last year. I spent some time in Russia last summer helping to run Bible camps.

### **Ella Macdonald**

I come from Stornoway but now live in Inverness. I am married to Iain Alasdair who is the Scottish Secretary for SASRA (Soldiers and Airmen's Scripture Readers Association). We have three daughters, Anne, Karen and Alison and also a lovely grand-daughter Hannah. I have the privilege of managing a Christian Care Home for old people.

### **Susan MacLean**

I live in the lovely West Coast Village of Aultbea and am married to Murdo. We have two grown up children - Mhairi 23 and Neil 20, who are both now in Aberdeen - the city of my birth. I have had the privilege of being the Youthwork Facilitator for the Skye and Wester Ross Presbytery for 6 years. I have been a Christian for 17 years and love serving the Lord wherever He puts me!



## **PSALM 43**

### **Tune: Invocation**

- 3 O send thy light forth and thy truth;  
let them be guides to me,  
And bring me to thine holy hill,  
ev'n where thy dwellings be.
- 4 Then will I to God's altar go,  
to God my chiefest joy:  
Yea, God, my God, thy name to praise  
my harp I will employ.
- 5 Why art thou then cast down, my soul?  
what should discourage thee?  
And why with vexing thoughts art thou  
disquieted in me?
- Still trust in God; for him to praise  
Good cause I yet shall have:  
He of my count'nance is the health,  
my God that doth me save.