

Sowing the future together

Rationale

The theme for 2014 is "**Sowing the future together**".

This moves us forward from the 2013 theme 'The Seeds we sow flourish' and explores further our need both to strengthen membership in the UK & Ireland and to work together with members across the world in order to see Mothers' Union grow and develop in the future.

We need to sow the future together so that we can continue to work for a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships.

We need to sow the future together so that, through our Christian faith, communities worldwide can be transformed and stable marriage, family life and children can be protected.

As we consider this we are encouraged by the communal nature of the challenge. God has made us to live and work in community; he himself models community relationship through the Trinity. So as we look to build the community of Mothers' Union we do this together, not alone. Together we both reach out as "hands across the world" and seek to draw in our nearest neighbours.

These themed resources have been created to encourage faith; build vision and consider the big questions of how, what and why we should sow the future together. As you use each resource ask God to shine his light on them, illuminating the way he wants you to respond.

Let us draw encouragement from God's assurance in *Jeremiah 29:11*

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

The resources we have produced include:

Prayers and reflections

Bible verses

Bible Studies

Discussion Group questions and challenges

Creative prayer ideas

Prayer cards in two formats:

Please consider giving the large format prayers to your Indoor Members to enable them to pray with focus for Mothers' Union.

Also, consider giving the prayer to supporters of our work.

Forthcoming:

Worship Service to be used or adapted for various settings