

Sowing the future together: The big questions

This resource can be used with various groups; branch meeting; diocesan council; trustee board....

At the beginning of your time together take a moment in quiet to reflect on this verse:

"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."
Jeremiah 29:11

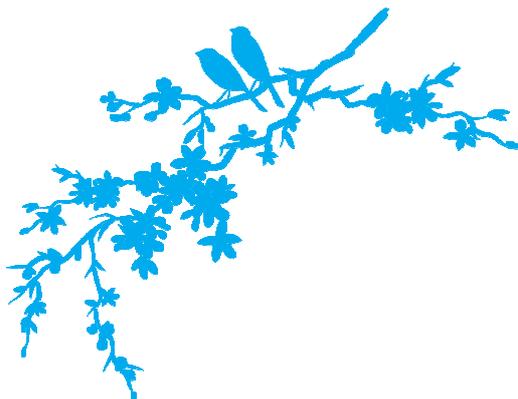
*Loving Lord,
We thank you that you are with us now.
We commit our time to you.
Please guide us in our sharing together,
that we may be built up in our faith
and made ready to embrace your plans
for the growth of your kingdom on earth.
Amen*

Firstly, in groups, review your response to the 2013 theme "The seeds we sow". Note the events and activities which were fruitful; whether as part of the "Help us grow" campaign; as encouragements in nurturing your faith or as inspiration in your practical initiatives.

Now consider together the following questions arising from the 2014 theme. If you have a large number each group could be given one question, their response to which can be fed back to the whole gathering.

1. As Mothers' Union what do we want to sow for the future?
2. Whose future are we hoping to influence for good?
3. How can we effectively make a difference to what lies ahead?

Take notes of what is shared as a basis for going forward through the year; include prayer pointers as well as practical actions.



*Faithful Lord,
We thank you for all we have experienced
and achieved together thus far.
We pray that as we look ahead
your Holy Spirit would work in us
to bring to fruition your plans
for the growth of your kingdom on earth.
Amen*