

Theological Rationale for the 2025 Triennium theme: Join Us, Join In!

The theme "Join Us, Join In!" is a natural progression from our previous focus on "Transformation – now!" It acknowledges that personal renewal and societal change are ongoing processes, and while transformation remains at the heart of our mission, we now shift our focus to a deeper call to active participation and inclusive community-building. It invites others to come alongside us in a movement that is already making a significant impact in the world and encourages us all to grow in confidence as we share this work and welcome new members.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14). This is a call to let our witness be visible, not just for our own benefit, but to draw others into the light. "Join Us, Join In!" is an invitation to people to step into that light and become part of a community that is actively living out Christ's call to justice, peace, and love. It is an acknowledgment that the work of the Mothers' Union is not just about individual transformation or isolated acts of charity—it is about creating a movement of people, united in faith and mission, working together to bring about tangible change.

This new theme also celebrates the unique strength of the Mothers' Union as a membership-based organization. There is power in numbers, and as we grow in membership, we amplify our collective ability to make a difference. The strength of our global network lies in the solidarity of its members—those who share a common commitment to service and justice. By inviting others to "join us," we are not only expanding our reach, but also reinforcing the message that we are stronger together. Each new member adds to the depth and breadth of our collective impact, and together, we are able to support one another in the mission of the Mothers' Union.

"Join Us, Join In!" also speaks to the need for us to grow in confidence, both in our identity and in our mission. For too long, the work of the Mothers' Union has been a "best kept secret." But as we move forward, we are called to embrace our unique identity as a global movement that works to improve the lives of women, families, and the most vulnerable. The invitation to "join in" is a challenge to overcome hesitation, to share our story more widely, and to extend a warm welcome to others who want to be a part of something greater than themselves.

This is a theme that calls us to open our arms and hearts, to share the transformative work we are doing, and to invite others to contribute their voices, their time, and their energy to a mission that is truly making a difference. As we continue to work toward social change, we are reminded that the work is never done alone—it is a shared responsibility, and there is always room for more to join in. Together, we can continue to be a light in the world, drawing others into a community of faith, service, and love.

"You are the light of the world....let your light shine before others" (James 5:14-16)