

Worldwide President Christmas Message

Greetings to you in this season of Advent, and as we move forward to Christmas. I bring you Advent greetings from our Worldwide Board of Trustees and our Central Charity staff at Mary Sumner House.

It has been a busy year for us. Our Board of Trustees was commissioned at St Martin the Fields Church in late March. We are fourteen members of deep faith from all around the world and elected by you to be your voice in our global charity. We have been serving together now for almost 12 months and have been collaborating with our staff to further the work and witness of our over four million members in 84 countries around the world. God has blessed us with a unity of vision and a commitment to prayer; we are *stronger together*.

Advent is a time of anticipation, a time of hope as we move forward towards the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. We may gather with family and friends and may have a generosity of spirit that is more evident at this time of the year. Jesus calls us to share ourselves with others, and to give generously, whether of time, talent or treasure.

Christmas can also be a difficult time for some, especially if we have lost loved ones, or are having relationship challenges. Let us reach out to those with His grace. Let us offer those small acts of kindness. Let us demonstrate that love in action through caring for others.

In Romans 15:7 we read, "So reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Jesus did it; now you do it!"

As we approach our 150th Anniversary and plan for our celebrations in 2026, let us reach out and welcome one another to God's glory. Let us move forward in joyful anticipation.

I pray that He who is the One blesses you and keeps you this Advent Season and Christmastide.

Kathleen Snow

Worldwide President

Lathleen