



**Annual Gathering Programme – 11th June 2026, Emmanuel Centre, 9-23
Marsham St, London SW1P 3DW
10.30-16.30**

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10.00	Doors open – Registration with tea/ coffee	
10.30	Opening Prayer and Hymn	MU Bishop Ambassador, Bishop Kelly of Basingstoke Pianist: Jonnie Barrow, Individual Giving Officer
	Welcome	Kathleen Snow (WWP) and Bev Jullien (CEO)
11.05 – 11.55	Celebrating our Past and Impact	‘Moments That Moved Us: Leadership Reflections’ Speakers: Former WWPs, B&I Group, Kathleen Snow and Bev Jullien
11.55 – 12.15	Midday Prayers and Hymn	Lucy Bubb, Faith and Church Engagement Manager, and Kathleen Snow Pianist: Jonnie Barrow
12.15 – 1300	Showcasing Our Present	Host: Claire Mescia, National Programmes Manager
	Domestic Abuse	Raising awareness and campaigning - Domestic Abuse ‘Standing Strong: Mothers’ Union Addressing Domestic Violence Through the Years’ Speakers: June Butler & Sue Rivers Worldwide Trustee, Zone I (All Ireland) and Provincial President for Wales <i>(20 mins)</i>
	AFIA	Providing space for joy and connection - AFIA (“Away From It All”) ‘In Ely, it’s supercalifragilisticexpialidocious’ Speaker: Hazel Williams, Diocese of Ely <i>(5 mins)</i> ‘Our AFIA through the years in Devon’

		<p>Speakers: Janet Jones and Lorna Young, Diocese of Exeter (10 mins)</p> <p>'The difference a day makes...' Speaker: Louise Lyddon, Diocese of Bristol (5 mins)</p>
13.00 - 14.20	Your Packed Lunch – Rooms provided to eat your lunch at the Emmanuel Centre - tea/coffee provided.	Groups (3) invited to view 150 th exhibition at Mary Sumner House. 20 minutes per group.
14.25 - 15.00	Showcasing Our Present	Host: Claire Mescia, National Programmes Manager
	Prisons	<p>Reaching out to all in our communities - Prisons</p> <p>'From Coast to Country, supporting the work of our prisons here in the Diocese of Blackburn' Speaker: Jane Cairns, Diocese of Blackburn (5 mins)</p> <p>'What's cooking in Leeds?' Speaker: Julia Tum, Diocese of Leeds (5 mins)</p> <p>'When a small gift means the world' Speaker: Di Waller, Diocese of Chester (5 mins)</p>
	Hospitals and Homelessness	<p>Called to Serve – local community projects</p> <p>'Tea@2 Project' Speakers: Hilary Richardson and Liz Pullen, Diocese of Southwark (5 mins)</p> <p>'Mothers' Union Coventry Homeless Initiative' Speaker: Paul Morris, Diocese of Coventry (5 mins)</p>
	Global MU	<p>'One Family' Speaker: Sarah Newnham, Director of Global Programmes (10 mins)</p>

15.15 – 16.20	Shining a Light on our Future	Host: Atim Abrams, Membership Engagement Manager
	Safeguarding	‘Safe Spaces Open Hearts – Safeguarding that brings people together’ Speakers: Liz Gailer, Safeguarding Trustee and Deena Patel, Safeguarding and Procedures Lead <i>(15 mins)</i>
	Working Together – MU in partnership	‘Enabling Freedom: The power of partnership in antislavery action’ Speaker: Lois Bosatta, Director, The Clewer Initiative <i>(15 mins)</i> ‘The Vital Impact of Our Young People for the Future’ Speakers: Emily Brailsford, Chair of Trustees, and Youth President Eloise, and Youth Ambassadors Olivia and Molly all from Girls’ Brigade <i>(20 mins)</i>
	Growing MU!	‘Securing our Future – Lighting the Way’ Speakers: MU Membership Team <i>(10 mins)</i>
16.15 – 16.25	Thank You!	Kathleen Snow
16.25 – 16.30	Closing Prayer	Canon Jen McWhirter