

Mothers' UNION 

Christian care for families

Canterbury Provincial Conference 2013

What *are* we here for?

- Most of you taking up a new role next year
- Considering new ideas, new ways of working
- A chance to exchange ideas with others
- An overview of Mothers' Union and future plans, not a Unit Conference, or Trustee training

Changing Lives, Changing Communities

We are part of a changing world

- Difficult to keep up
- Feeling lost, frustrated, helpless, angry
- Feeling excited, challenged, inspired

But we can also help to change that world
as part of God's plan

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- Transformation
 - For us as Christians
 - For us as members of church
 - For us as members of local communities
 - For us as members of a world society

“Disconnecting from change does not recapture the past, it loses the future”
Kathleen Norris, 2004

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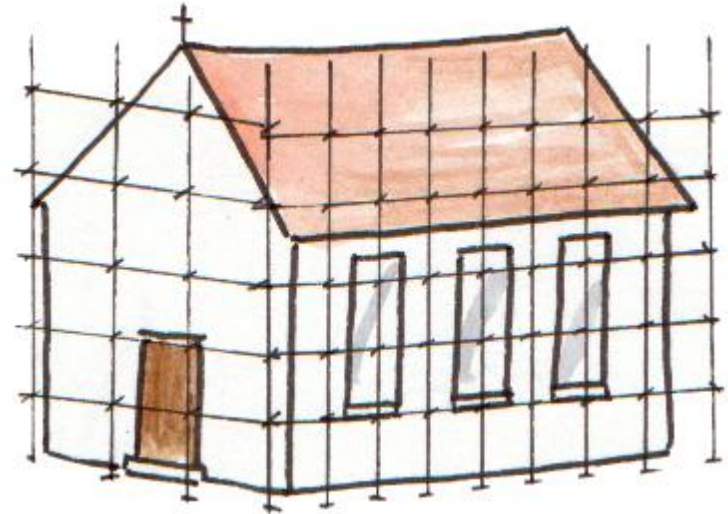
- New forms of membership, and the Seeds We Sow campaign
- New ways to communicate and connect
- New ways to campaign and change society
- New ways to work in the community

Take your ordinary, everyday life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognise what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Romans 12, Message

A few words of warning

- Some people don't like change!



A few words of warning

- Keep your DP and Trustees in the loop
- Work as a team



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