

Engaging with Diocesan members

Intro: Much of what discussed in earlier sessions equally applies to diocesan members as we shall see.

A. Our members

Who are they in your diocese?

Numbers vary from diocese to diocese - 20's to well over 100

Members maybe clergy, non-branch, working, closed branches, disaffected! older (alternative to IMPC), with disabilities.

ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

Why are they diocesan members rather than branch members?

see above

What do we expect from them as members?

Prayerful support,

Subs

Attendance at special events- diocesan or deanery/local level

Interest in our projects

What do they want/hope for from their membership?

To be kept in touch

Be a stakeholder

Be valued

Opinions asked of

Is there a conflict here? If so how can we overcome this?

Different needs present different challenges

KEEP IN TOUCH

B. Our role as encouragers and facilitators

How do you presently engage with your diocesan members and how could this develop?

Group members shared ideas and went away with some of the following to try from the list compiled;

Contact/communicate x2, x4, various through year

Invites to events

Email them in on consultations

Quiet days especially for them

Special diocesan members gatherings – include food

- include worship/eucharist in a garden

Personal contact where possible

How do we encourage their involvement with Mothers' Union aims, projects and public mission at a diocesan and national/international level?

Consultation papers

We must remain relevant, people change and times change

Keep MU glass half full and keep them well informed.

Target groups within our dioc. members (Need to know them!)

What skills have they got which could be used more widely and how do we encourage them?

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C. Suggestions for the future

What has worked well for your diocese and what has not!

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New initiatives to try in our own dioceses.