

Provincial Presidents Conference Statement

Mothers' Union is at work in 83 countries and 34 provinces in the Anglican Communion. Over the week of 27th October 2014 we, the international leaders of Mothers' Union, representative of 26 provinces, have met to pray and worship together, to share experiences, and to plan for the future with the theme "A Goal To Celebrate".

We share a vision of a world where God's love is shown through loving, respectful and flourishing relationships. We are committed to expressing our Christian faith in the transformation of families and communities. We will achieve this by promoting the importance of marriage, supporting families and nurturing faith; with members sensitively spreading the news of a God who loves and cares for us all.

We affirm three clear and consistent strands to our work common to Mothers' Union throughout the world.

Firstly, the centrality of prayer. At the heart of Mothers' Union is prayer and worship which inspires all our work in families and communities, locally, nationally, and globally.

Secondly, we will enable individuals, families, and communities to discover and use the gifts, skills and knowledge they possess, which are culturally relevant and appropriate for their circumstance. Our activities aim to nurture reconciliation, relationships, communication and practical skills to foster a sense of belonging, meaning and interdependence.

Thirdly, we challenge the mechanisms and behaviours that perpetuate social injustices, such as gender based violence, that adversely affect family life. In advocating policy reform we will develop understanding and create dialogue which will influence public opinion locally, nationally and globally.

To achieve these goals we commit to loving, respectful and flourishing relationships with one another; sharing our resources and working together in our partnership in the Gospel.

We recognise that as diverse as our cultures and ways of working may be, we now return to our homes determined, energised, inspired and united by our faith and the experiences we have shared.

Signed the 2nd November, 2014.