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President's Message - MCCA Women Lord's Day - June 24, 2018

Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

As we celebrate and observe another MCCA Women Lord's Day we give God thanks for grace and guidance during the past year; congratulations on your successful adventures and achievements. We also extend heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the new Connexional Officers of the MCCA and pray God's continued blessings on them and those demitting office.

Our Theme this year, *Chosen People called to Proclaim*, is most fitting for us in the Caribbean as we continue to pursue the mission of the Methodist Church 'to spread scriptural holiness and reform the nation.' Friends, the prevailing situation in our world and particularly our region is very distressing. Our people are in need of hope, as we seek to proclaim the good news, let us pray that God will bring an end to the suffering, wanton disrespect for life and injustices all around us. Let us offer special prayers for our children, especially during this summer break: children who are victims of aggression, forced into Child Labour, physical, mental and emotional abuse. Let us make a commitment to protect children's rights and help them to experience the blessings God has in store for them.

The excitement of visiting the site of the birthplace of Methodism in the Caribbean – Antigua is in the air, as Methodist Women throughout the Caribbean, the Americas and other parts of the world look forward to a wonderful spiritual experience at the Caribbean Regional Seminar, July 18 to 23, 2018. It is very important that we understand our roots and preserve our roots for the future generation. Marcus Garvey (a Jamaican National Hero) states, "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." According to Proverbs 12:3 ... the root of the righteous will not be moved. If we care for the roots, we shall surely bear fruits. Therefore, I urge you to be part of MCCA Women's quest to raise funds for the restoration of the Gilbert Centre. To this end, each MCCA woman has been asked to save US1.00 dollar per day for the period May 24th (Aldersgate) to July 12, 2018 as well as solicit contributions from Methodist friends and family. Let us all give sacrificially and from the heart as we contribute to this worthy cause for God's glory.

I hope your worship experience today will so inspire you to tell everyone you meet: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John3:16).

Sisters and brothers let us be BOLD in proclaiming God in our lives.

Yours in Christ,

Lois Grant-Hector

"In Service for Christ"