## With this Newsletter you will find enclosed;

- Your order form and report form (your organiser number is on this sheet. Please use it with all correspondence)
- Separate finance form
- Gift Aid forms to give out at your service
- Press release
- Giro form if applicable
- Invitation to our AGM
- Badge & Pendant order form
- Fundraising ideas for International Meeting
- Reports from Scottish Bible Society, Feed the Minds, Fellowship of the Least Coin. If you would like more leaflets, please contact Marjorie 01764 682234)
- Prepare and Pray for the service leaflet
- Running order

<u>Please note</u> - Order forms, report forms and finance forms should be returned as soon as possible and no later than the end of April. Please do try to send them in on time. Orders have to be with the printer no later than the middle of June

<u>Offerings</u> – Please bank your offerings or send a cheque, made payable to WDP Scotland, to the Treasurer AS SOON AS POSSIBLE after the service.

If you have ideas about what you would like mentioned in future newsletters, please email Marjorie;

marjoriepaton.wdp@btinternet.com

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# JANUARY 2021 NEWS LETTER

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## 'Build on a Strong Foundation'

We hope you are looking forward to, and preparing for, the service for 2021, written by the women of Vanuatu. They tell us that this theme reminds them of the motto of Vanuatu, 'In God we stand' and that we stand on a firm foundation when we are standing on prayer. Coming at the end of the Sermon on the Mount it is a lesson to us all to listen and then act, an echo of our motto 'Informed prayer, prayerful action'. One thing we have learnt from the pandemic is that we can reach out to one another in so many ways, and that 'The day of prayer is never ended'. May God bless you in whatever ways you are able to be part of WDP 2021.

# Margaret Broster (Convener)



Weaving is an important skill, traditionally made using leaves from the Pandanus Palm. Why not try to weave like a Ni-Vanuatu using paper!



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#### **Scottish Committee News**

#### **Committee**

In November we welcomed Rev. Helen M Mee representing the United Reformed Church. Mary Welsh, who is the representative of The Bishops Conference (RC), is now also our representative on The Scottish Christian Forum, formerly ACTS.

## Zoom meeting with ladies from Vanuatu

We were invited to take part in an international meeting with the WDP Vanuatu to hear about their country and share in their aspirations. They informed us of child malnutrition, violence against women, the impact of COVID-19 on the islands and their plans for WDP 2021. Although it was held at 1.00 a.m (GMT) - 11am in NY, there were 6 of the Scottish committee present with 26 participants from 7 regions from 13 WDP committees.

## **International Meeting**

Thank You so much for your wonderful response to prayer Squares. Please send them to Marjorie by the end of March. Some groups are knitting extra and handing them out to their groups.

With this mailing, you will receive 2 more simple ideas for Fund raising, please try to use these ideas as there is still much fund raising to be done.

#### **Meetings with Distributers and Organizers**

Ann Wren, who is our Training Co-ordinator, has run, along with Barbara and Marjorie, 5 very successful information sharing events for distributers using Zoom. There are plans to run 6 events for organizers in January. It is hoped to roll out these events throughout Scotland over the next few years.

## <u>CDs</u>

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, it has not been possible to make a CD of the Order of service. However, we will produce a service on zoom to go out on YouTube and the website. The International committee and the ladies of Vanuatu are hoping to prepare a service and this will be posted on the Scottish committee's website.

#### **Finance**

Covid has not had any impact on the Finance this year <u>**BUT**</u> we must look at what may or may not happen in the future. We pray that we will be able to meet together. Whether the service is held on the first Friday in March, or later, is not important but what is important is that the service does take place. The offerings and donations that are received by the Scottish Committee enable us to carry on bringing together the prayers and thoughts of the writing country which is our priority.

We also make donations to charities in the writing country, The Scottish bible Society and Feed the Minds.

If you go to the website for WDP Scotland, we have put a donate option on which you can click, then follow the directions...