



March 19, 2020

Diocesan Presidents
Area Representatives
Branch Leaders
Members and Lone Members,

I write to you today in follow up to the letter of March 16th. Considering recent ongoing worldwide developments with the COVID-19 or “coronavirus” crisis, we have been notified by the University of New Brunswick they have now closed all their buildings, including summer accommodations and conference bookings, until further notice. In addition to the border closures and airline cancellations, it will now be necessary to cancel the National Canadian Mothers Union Conference, scheduled for June 4 to 7, 2020 in Fredericton, New Brunswick. We feel we must make this decision as the health and safety of Mothers’ Union members is of the utmost importance.

The University has indicated they look forward to working with us to reschedule the Conference in spring 2021. It is hoped we can reschedule at approximately the same time (first week of June), pending availability of our invited guests and keynote speakers. We will advise the members of a rescheduled date in the months to come when this time of crisis is behind us.

For any members already registered and paid, you will be receiving a full refund in the weeks to come; for those of you who just sent in your registration, your uncashed cheque will be returned to you.

Our worldwide President, Sheran Harper, shared a worldwide message to the membership via YouTube today https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=_9oS42m0f3w. She encourages members to “take heart and not to fear because the Lord our God is by your side, an ever-present help in times of trouble”. Please take the time to watch her video in which she acknowledges the tireless work of Mothers’ Union members.

*Thank you, Lord, that you are our refuge and strength in time of trouble. As we turn to you,
Lift up our weary heads until we see your loving face and are comforted.
In troubled times, thank you that you anchor us to you, so we need not be adrift.
We come to you for strength to face our circumstances and if it is your will, take us out of
these troubled times. If not, carry us through.
In your dear name, we pray Amen
(from “Dear Lord ...”, by Lesa Martin, Donacloney Mothers’ Union, Province of All-Ireland)*

If you have concerns or questions, please contact Lilian Ketch, Conference Coordinator, email lilian.ketch@gnb.ca or phone (506) 476-9128. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Lilian Ketch
Conference Coordinator

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Isaiah 30:21

