

# Healing Presence Now and Into the Future!



*Sisters Jyoti Kujur and Susanne Engelaender from the international community in London, share a dance of welcome for those gathered in Germany for the Society meeting in 2022.*

While Medical Mission Sisters were still forming, Dr. Anna Dengel was already fundraising for a vision of providing medical care to Muslim women. Now, almost 100 years later, that original vision has evolved into a mission that has a wide perspective on the breadth of healing that is needed in the world. And so our fundraising continues!

Anna Dengel said years ago that we must adapt ourselves to the needs of the world, that we must never be afraid to change if it is needed. While our vital grassroots work continues in many countries, Medical Mission Sisters know that advocacy is integral and critical to our mission. We are also increasing our understanding of transformative justice. In a world bruised by discrimination and intolerance, exclusion, and the violation of human rights, we need transformation: for ourselves, for others, for our systems.

In June and July 2022, delegates and leaders from every unit around the world gathered to review the past six years of mission and life together, to choose new Society leadership and to plan for the future. Embracing the theme of ‘Becoming One for the Healing of the Nations’, the facilitators intentionally established a process of dialogue and decision-making that was inclusive. They ensured there was space for every voice to be heard and welcomed. Changes within our Society include a shift from the developed northern hemisphere to the burgeoning global south, opening to new growth, new mission and new leadership. If we are to ‘be one for the healing of the nations’, we must be transformed: individually, organizationally, and spiritually. Seeking Oneness with God and with each other is taking us into the future.

We believe that our commitment and work towards oneness provides healing to the world as well. We hope you will join us now and into the future by leaving your legacy of hope and healing, nurtured through the Medical Mission Sisters!

*The face of our Society is changing; we are gifted with a great mix of cultures within our membership. We seek to widen the space of our hearts, making room for values and views other than our own.*

*We experience the sacred within us and in all of life.*

*The values that will sustain us are the simple work of cooperation rather than competition; loving kindness and generosity; care for each other and the earth. These values carry the seeds of hope for a future we know is waiting to emerge. These may be our most important gifts to future generations – a belief in living oneness, the unity of being nestled in the patterns of nature.*

*We are being called to hope in the vision of God for the future.*

Taken from MMS Accountability Report, 2022

# Sisters Investing in the Future



*Children in Barquisimeto, Venezuela gather around candidate Cariali at a neighborhood event.*



*Sr. Christi Kancewick (Philadelphia, USA) offers support to refugee children by offering a warm welcome in interaction and play.*



*Sister Magie Kapito offers pastoral support to local families in Malawi, East Africa.*



*Children at the Anna Dengel Education Centre in Kenya are delighted to be able to attend school in their own neighborhood.*



*The Santhal peoples in North India are traditionally hunters; agriculture is not a known skill. MMS have been assisting them in growing tomatoes. Sr. Bina Stanis shares, "A fragmented community worked together, faced climate change, increased their income and Hope was born! The community land and water were utilized to sustain the well-being of everyone. Being community minded, working together is important for all of them. Planting the tomato saplings, watering and seeing them grow, tying each plant with a bamboo stick so the plant does not fall, plucking the tomatoes, sharing with the old and the vulnerable in the village brought them much joy and satisfaction."*

# Celebrate Your Life by Giving to the Future

## Ways to Plan Your Giving to Medical Mission Sisters

### *Remember Us in Your Will*

Make a simple bequest to Medical Mission Sisters after taking care of your loved ones. You can bequest a specified amount, or a percentage of your estate. Even 1% of your estate is meaningful and valuable to us! Please contact your attorney to write or amend your will.

### *Retirement Funds and Life Insurance Policy*

If your family does not need funds from these accounts, you can make MMS your beneficiary. Ask your financial advisor about Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs) if you are 70 ½ years or older.

### *Donor Advised Fund (DAF)*

This is a charitable giving option sponsored by a public charity and/or community foundation. The DAF combines flexibility with favorable tax benefits to simplify your charitable giving. When you make a contribution to a DAF, you are eligible for an immediate tax deduction from the organization sponsoring the fund. The DAF sponsor handles all record-keeping, simplifying paperwork for you. Your donation can grow tax-free, increasing the amount of money you can give to MMS. Three organizations we already receive DAFs from are Schwab, Fidelity and Vanguard. Please talk with a financial advisor for more information regarding this option. Your DAF can continue into the future.

### *Stocks, Bonds or Mutual Funds*

You can transfer stocks, bonds and mutual funds to Medical Mission Sisters. If you donate appreciated securities, you may avoid paying capital gains tax.



### *Dear St. Joseph:*

Remember last month, I described our over-crowded chapel to you? Well, in August St. Joseph, less than three months away a new group of postulants will be joining us. I am afraid that the above scene will then come to pass, unless . . . We need the postulants. Don't think we will turn any of them away. We have too much faith in you for that.

Thanks very much for the help you sent already, St. Joseph. You really have some good friends, but you must have many more. Please ask them to prove it now by helping us.

Confidently yours,

*Anna Dengel*

### *Are You a Friend of St. Joseph?*

Dear Mother Dengel, here is my contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards your new chapel.

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*The early magazines of Medical Mission Sisters included clever artwork, asking for support for the young Society. This appeal is the May-June 1950 issue.*

## Ways to Support Us Now...

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