

Central Charity's Monthly Update – February 2026 Edition

Dear Members,

Welcome to the February edition of your monthly Central Charity Update.

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1. 2026 Is Here And The 150th Anniversary Challenges Are Officially Open!

We are delighted to announce that the **National 150th Anniversary Challenges are now officially underway**, with **35 dioceses already registered to participate**.

If you have not yet registered, there is still time to do so. Simply complete the Expression of Interest form using the link: [**150th Anniversary – Join us, Join in! challenge**](#)

There will be support every step of the way as staff at Mary Sumner House have been working behind the scenes to prepare practical tools, guidance, and resources to help branches and dioceses make the very most of this historic year.

The bi-monthly advice surgeries where you can ask questions, share ideas, get practical advice, and be encouraged and inspired. Our first Advice

Surgery will take place **on 18 February at 11:00PM on zoom using the details below.**

Meeting ID: 837 4923 7032

Passcode: 029253

Advice Surgery Dates for your diaries:

- **Thursday 19 February 2026 @ 11:00–12:30pm**

You are invited to join us for a few minutes or the full session.

Other dates for your diaries

150th Advise Surgeries	Membership COI Meeting
1 February 19th @11:00 -12:30 AM	1 March 12 th @ 11 – 12:30
2. April 23 rd @ 2 -3PM	2. May 7 th @2 – 3PM
3. June 24th @ 6:30 – 7:30PM	3. July 22 nd @ 6:30 – 7:30PM
4. Sept 16th @ 2 – 3PM	4. October 1 st @11 – 12:30 PM
5. November 11th @ 6:30 – 7:30PM	5. December 10 th @ 11 – 12:30 (End of 150th Challenges Conversation)

Resources Now Available

A wide range of resources is now available on the Mothers' Union website and Resource Hub to support your participation in the challenges. Whether you are focusing on membership growth, fundraising, or both, you will find materials to help you plan, promote, and succeed.

If you need support with anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch on 150challenges@mothersunion.org and we will be happy to help.

Let us step into this historic year with confidence, creativity, and hope as we work together to grow the movement and light the way for the next 150 years of Mothers' Union.

2. Kathleen Snow Kicks Off Her 150th Anniversary Challenge!



Kathleen Snow
On the Nashwaak Trail in Fredericton for run #1!

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To mark this milestone year, our Worldwide President (WWP), Kathleen Snow, has begun her 150th Anniversary Challenge, running 10 km in 15 dioceses around the world throughout 2026 to support our mission to end injustice, end poverty, and end violence.

Her first 10 km run took place on the 23rd January in her home Diocese of **Fredericton**, and future runs will take her to **Bahrain, the UK, and, of course, Durban in October**. Demonstrating her determination, Kathleen even added an extra kilometre to her first run, braving very icy conditions!

Please follow **Kathleen on Mothers' Union social media** to stay inspired by her journey and join in celebrating our **150th Anniversary** through your own acts of service and challenge.

You can show your support and make a donation to Kathleen via the JustGiving link. https://www.justgiving.com/page/kathleen-snow-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

3. Celebrating Pauline McCalla, DP of London

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from the Diocese of London. One of our own Mothers' Union leaders, Pauline McCalla, Diocesan President of London, has been named among three new Prebendaries of St Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally DBE, announced the appointments, recognising the significant contribution each individual has made to the life of the Church. This is a special honour, especially in this 150th anniversary year of Mothers' Union reflecting faithful service, leadership, and commitment.

We give thanks for the dedication and ministry of Pauline McCalla and celebrate this recognition of her work. Please join us in congratulating her and holding her in your prayers as she takes on this new role alongside her ongoing service within Mothers' Union.

4. Staffing update from MSH

We are pleased to share some good news from the Central Team. **Lucy Bubb** has joined us as **Faith and Church Engagement Manager** and **Claire Mescia** as **National Programmes Manager**. Both of them are in your Membership Team. We are delighted to welcome them both.

Lucy and Claire bring valuable skills, experience and enthusiasm, and we are very much looking forward to the contribution they will make to our work and mission. Please join us in welcoming them and holding them in your prayers as they settle into their new roles.

5. MU Live - your stories bring Mothers' Union to life!

We encourage you to continue submitting updates through MU Live. Every story shared helps to celebrate the amazing work happening across our movement from small acts of kindness to large community initiatives. These stories inspire others, strengthen our connections, and show the many ways faith in action is transforming lives every day.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the system, please contact us at Development@mothersunion.org.

Thank you for your continued support!

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