**ROLE DESCRIPTION FOR THE DIOCESAN PRESIDENT**

**(1) Purpose:**

1. In conjunction with the two Vice Presidents, to work with, and lead, the Trustees and members in the Diocese, helping them to achieve the Aims and Objects.
2. To make sure all Trustees understand and accept that Trusteeship carries legal duties and responsibilities.
3. To provide effective financial oversight, by the proper consideration of the Diocesan Accounts.
4. To work with staff at Mary Sumner House to help maintain our part in the Worldwide Mothers’ Union.
5. To seek and encourage others with a potential for leadership at every level.
6. To be a good ambassador for Mothers’ Union.

**(2) Experience and Attributes:**

a. A good understanding of how Mothers’ Union works at grass root levels.

1. Empathy, patience and understanding in working with members and Trustees.
2. Trust and confidence in the ability of fellow Trustees to work on special issues and report back.
3. Total commitment to the Aims and Objects of Mothers’ Union.
4. Good communication skills both written and spoken.

**(3) Time Commitment:**

1. Be prepared to give time and effort to the care of members and the management of Mothers’ Union in Newcastle Diocese.
2. Attend one overnight Provincial Meeting a year, and interact with other Diocesan Presidents.
3. Attend Diocesan Synod twice a year if coopted.
4. Chair two Diocesan Councils, up to four Trustees’ Meetings, Deanery Leaders’ Meetings, and Unit Coordinators’ Meetings
5. Attend, when invited, Deanery Committee Meetings & Unit Meetings and Deanery and Branch Services and Events.
6. Attend Friends’ and Diocesan Members’ meetings when invited, up to twice a year each.
7. Submit grant applications

**(4) Benefits:**

1. To work in a team at the heart of Mothers’ Union.
2. To enrich personal faith.
3. To enrich a broader and deeper understanding of Mothers’ Union and an opportunity to make a difference in God’s world.