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TO: OVERSEAS AND NORTHERN OUTREACH CO ORDINATORS AND LINK SECRETARIES
DIOCESAN PRESIDENTS AND EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

Greetings and wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and may God bless you and your family over the coming season. *JOHN 1 verses 14 and 15*. In verse 14 when John writes; "The word became flesh" we see here the manhood of Christ and the reality that Christ made his dwelling among us." Here, John is declaring that The Word came to earth in the form of man that was to be seen by human eyes. He "came from the Father full of Grace and Truth."

Grace therefore, is God's pure act in sending His son to earth to live, die, and be raised to life again for us. Although this divine act is something we do not deserve, we know that this is an act of God's limitless love towards us.

Truth. Lord Jesus is the Truth. John 14 v. 6 says "I am the Truth." Lord Jesus is the communicator of the truth. The truth will set us free. It frees us from frustrations and fears and brings us to a closer relationship with God our heavenly Father.

When Jesus came to earth, men saw the wonder of God's love and truth. This Christmas we can praise Almighty god for sending us the Lord Jesus in whom He showed us His Love and Truth.

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SHERAN HARPER, Worldwide Parenting Trainer, and Diocesan President in Guyana was nominated by the Women and Gender Equality Commission Guyana for an appropriate Award for her work. As a result, Sheran is now the recipient of a United Nations award for her contributions towards the Equality of Women. She was one of fifty women of African descent who have worked for the recognition of furthering the development of Guyana.

OVERSEAS RELIEF FUND UPDATE

To assist people who have been affected by the horrendous famine in The Horn of Africa, Mary Sumner House has donated a grant of 20,000 pounds on our behalf for relief work in 12 regions of Kenya, especially refugees crossing the borders of neighbouring countries. The funding will go to help Mothers' Union Kenya to provide maize and beans for starving families. MU Kenya will personally supply porridge flour for malnourished children and elderly people.

IRAQ September News I received from Iraq was very exciting. Faiz Jerees had been a lay Pastor at St George's Cathedral, then a Curate, and has now been ordained. He is now the first ever Iraqi to be ordained an Anglican priest. Among the guests at the ordination were the Bishop of Cyprus, and the Gulf the Right Reverend Michael Lewis. and the Archdeacons.

Faiz's wife Nawal is the Mothers' Union President in Baghdad and MU members play a vital role in ongoing work at St George's Cathedral as well as the wider community. and with the organizing and distribution of the weekly food relief to hundreds of families, they have become the very lifeline to many people.

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