

WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

-The Scottish Waldensian Society –

Founded in 1850- Supporting the Waldensian/Methodist Churches in Italy
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The Society's website is at : - www.scottishwaldensian.org.uk. It contains information on the society, with contact and donation facilities.

*In this part year, the Society was pleased to welcome the visit of **Pastora Giuseppina Bagnato**, the pastor of the **Waldensian/Methodist Church in Rimini**, as the Delegate from the Waldensian Church to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in May 2017. Pastora Bagnato was able to bring greetings to the congregation at Liberton Kirk on 21 May 2017. In addition, she presented a lecture on the place of Women in the Churches in Italy, at the Italian Cultural Institute, on 25 May, which was attended by an interested and engaged audience.*

The Waldensian Tavola continues to support the significant work of **Mediterranean Hope**, the unified organisation of the Union of Reformed Churches in Italy, in assisting and settling migrants arriving in Italy. The website for further information is - www.mediterraneanhope.org In particular, the Waldensian/Methodist Churches are active in supplying small-scale accommodation and training (e.g. in Italian Language), and have commitments to continued support in the area of Humanitarian Corridors.

*Copies of the excellent book, “**An Alliance Across the Alps**”, by Mr. R. D. Kernohan, on the links between Scotland and the Reformed Churches in Italy, are still available. This is a most useful Book, with the full history of the Society and its work since foundation in 1850. The book can be obtained from me at £10 per copy.*

The Society records its appreciation of the continuing support of all its members most warmly. Likewise, donations for the ongoing work will be most welcome, and Gift Aid Declarations can be provided to donors who pay U.K. tax. The Society is usually able to provide a Speaker or a video or CD, for presentations to any interested organisations, who may wish to know more of the work of the Waldensian and Methodist Church and Community in Italy. Requests for further information, including copies of the Waldensian Review, will be welcomed. Up to date information can be obtained from the Website of the Waldensian Church – www.chiesavaldeese.org – in both English and Italian. In future I would be happy to send this Newsletter by email. Please advise of your email address for this purpose.

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