

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.

*The important work of Mediterranean Hope, sponsored by the Reformed Churches in Italy, including the Waldensians/Methodists, continues, and we have a link with this organisation. Fiona Kendall, a Scottish Lawyer, is now working with **Mediterranean Hope** in Rome, as a legal advisor and administrator. She was able to share information about her ongoing work, with the advising and re-settling of immigrants who had arrived in the South of Italy particularly in the island of Lampedusa, on a Zoom conference with supporters from the World Mission Group of Liberton Kirk, on 23 September 2021. On 3 October 2022, the ninth anniversary was reached, of the tides of migrants arriving in the little island of Lampedusa. This was a sad anniversary, as during that time, 368 deaths were recorded.*

We were very pleased to welcome in May of this year, as delegate to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland for 2022, **Pastora Anne Zell**, presently the **Pastor of the Waldensian Church at Como**. She was able to attend a number of sessions of the Assembly, and had a meeting with supporters of the Society at Liberton, members of the World Mission Group of Liberton Kirk.

In 2022 Servizio Cristiano, in Riesi, Sicily, celebrates its 60th anniversary. The Centre, which is a place of outreach and training, was founded by Pastor Tullio Vinay. Pastor Vinay was the founder and moving force in the Agape centre, at Prali in the Waldensian Valleys, which was inaugurated after the Second World War as a place of reconciliation. Some years ago the present director of Servizio Cristiano, Gianluca Fiusco, was able to visit Scotland and speak to supporters of the Society about the valuable ongoing work in the community there. For further information, these websites may be consulted : www.serviziocristiano.org and www.agapecentroecumenico.org .

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. Donations may be made to the Society's bank – Royal Bank of Scotland, Sort Code – 83 18 24, a/c 00130120. 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.chiesavaldese.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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