

# WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

## NEWSLETTER, DECEMBER 2005

The Waldensian Calendar for 2006 is sent with the compliments and regards of the Society.

The Book by Mr. R. D. Kernohan, "An Alliance Across the Alps", on the links between Scotland and the Reformed Churches in Italy, was published earlier this year. The publication price was £12.95. The Society has a small remaining stock at the offered pre-publication price of £10. I would be glad to supply any requested copies.

At the Synod in Torre Pellice, in August 2005, the first woman to serve as Moderator of the Tavola Valdese was elected. She is Pastor Maria Buonafede, for many years a pastor in Rome, and prior to that in Milan. She has degrees in Philosophy and Theology, and is married to Prof. Daniele Garrone, a Professor at the Waldensian Faculty in Rome. Whilst the Church of Scotland had the first woman to serve as Moderator of the General Assembly, in the preceding year, the choice of the Waldensian Synod was for a pastor, who is also a woman.

*At the Annual meeting of the Committee in Edinburgh on Wednesday 7 December 2005, there were received the usual reports and Accounts. As instructed, a sum of £5,000 has been sent by this Society, to the Tavola, for the ongoing work of worship, evangelism and social work, under the aegis of the Waldensian/Methodist Churches.*

The Society looks forward to welcoming Pastor Giuseppe Ficara, the Pastor currently serving the Church in Palermo, Sicily, as a delegate to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, in May, 2006.

***As advance notice, there is in contemplation, a possible visit to Torre Pellice, with a group from Scotland, in April/May 2007. Further details will be given in the course of 2006.***

Requests for further information, including copies of the Waldensian Review, will be welcomed 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 and a video or coloured slides, 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.

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