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At the recent inauguration ceremony of the new Province Archbishop Ezekiel Kondo thanked the MU for its continual support and 'always being there'. In a letter to Archbishop Ezekiel, the MU's president, Lynne Tembey said: 'May all who lead the Church in the newly formed Province of Sudan, guide and direct those within their care with love and compassion seeking God's guidance in all things. I pray too for all people in Sudan. May the light of Christ continue to be your light, your guide and your path.' We join with MU members worldwide in echoing this prayer for a vital part of the Church's ministry in Sudan.

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The MU's head of development and policy, Nicola Lawrence, said: 'We have met with Mothers' Union leaders from across Sudan listening to their joys, challenges and the hopes and dreams they have for the future. Every day I have been humbled and inspired by the passion and commitment of the members who selflessly and sacrificially serve others in the community from visiting those who are sick in hospital or in their homes, supporting those in prison, to building the capacity of women through literacy, skills training and savings groups.' Nicola asks: 'Please pray for Mothers' Union Sudan as they move forward together as a new province working together to be salt and light within their communities.'

17/09/17: Discussions regarding Christian freedoms in Sudan

Archbishop Justin Welby was able to hold meetings with various govt. ministers and raise the question of religious freedoms and specifically the demolition of churches and other Christian institutions during his recent visit. He made the point that Muslim freedoms are protected in the UK, and hoped that would be reciprocated for Christians by the Islamic authorities in Sudan. Let us pray that the assurances he received would bear fruit in reality.

24/09/17: Taking our fellowship forward

It is a transitional time for the Sudan Link Committee, with some members moving on and new members joining and contributing new vision, energy and talents. Please pray for the link committee; for increased interest and commitment across Leeds Diocese and for the planned visit to Sudan in 2018. Thank you.