

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 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. This work is a practical response to the real European problem which will be with society for a considerable time. The website for further information is - www.mediterraneanhope.org. In particular, from a recent issue of the weekly Waldensian publication, "**Riforma**" (30 September), news was given of the use of the former Retirement Home in Vittoria, Sicily, which now houses 64 asylum seekers, along with the 34 Older residents, on the premises

It is proposed to organise a further **group visit** to Torre Pellice, for a 5 day visit in **October 2017**. This will include accommodation at the Foresteria in Torre Pellice, visits to the Waldensian Museum, Synod Hall and the historic sites in Val Pellice, and in Val d'Angrogna. Those interested are asked to contact the Secretary to note their interest. Full details of the visit will be circulated to those expressing interest, with information on costs and itinerary, by February 2017.

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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