

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 is very pleased to announce the website of the Society is now in function. The address is - www.scottishwaldensian.org.uk. It contains information on the society, with contact and donation facilities.

At the time of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May 2015, a welcome was extended to the Waldensian Delegate, Massimo Long, from Turin. Massimo is the Deacon working with the Turin congregation of the Waldensian Church, carrying out important work in the social and community fields. He was able to speak to the congregation at Liberton Kirk on May 2015.

From a recent issue of the weekly Waldensian publication, "Riforma", it was also noted that the number of Italian Citizens continuing to send the charitable tax funding of .8 per cent of tax, to the Waldensians Social and Community Work was over 600,000, a very significant number given the small numbers of members of the Waldensian Churches. The funds generated amounted to over 41 million euros, of which one-half is sent to projects for health, education and development in the third world.

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.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. Work is in progress with a view to setting up a website for this society.

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