

# WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

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**NEWSLETTER, OCTOBER 2008**

The Society was pleased to welcome to Scotland, the **visit of Pastor Maria Buonafede**, the Moderator of the Tavola Valdese (the first woman to be chairman of the Tavola Valdese) on the occasion of her visit to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in May. An extremely interesting and well-attended **Lecture was given by her**, in association with the Scottish Italian Circle, and the Director of the Italian Cultural Institute, at the **Institute, 82 Nicolson Street, Edinburgh on Tuesday 13 May 2008**, in Italian - "Protestantesimo in Italia – Radici Storiche e Situazione Attuale".

*It was a great pleasure and privilege for me to attend to represent the Society, at the **Synod of the Waldensian/Methodist Churches this year, in August**, in Torre Pellice. On this occasion Giuseppina Bagnato, who had studied at New College some years ago, was consecrated as a new Pastor and is now serving in Fellonica Po, near Ferrara.*

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. Mr. Kernohan participated in the visits in recent years, by groups from the Society, to Torre Pellice and Florence, to further the research for the publication. The book can be obtained from me at £10 per copy.

*A further **Group Visit to Italy**, based on a visit to Rome, is to be arranged, with a stay at the **Foresteria Valdese in Rome**, which is situated in Trastevere, close to the Waldensian Church at Piazza Cavour. The dates are from **Saturday 25 April to Friday 1 May 2009**. The group will be limited to about 16 in all. The cost, to include travel, and bed and breakfast accommodation at the Foresteria is £550, based on twin bed rooms. Single rooms may be available at a supplement, to represent the actual additional cost charged by the Foresteria. Interested persons are asked to complete and return the attached form.*

*The Society records its appreciation of the support of all its members, and of the Hope Trust, [which supports causes which have a specific protestant religious objective, and which have no political allegiance] 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 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.*

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## GROUP VISIT TO ROME - 25 APRIL TO 1 MAY 2009

I wish to participate in the group visit. I understand the cost is £550, payable as follows:

£200 on application

£200 on 10 January 2009

£150 on 10 March 2009.

I understand the cost includes air travel, and bed and breakfast accommodation at the Foresteria Valdese in Rome. I also understand that no travel insurance is included, and I make my own arrangements in this regard.

(If applicable ) I wish a single room, and understand that a supplement to represent the additional cost charged by the Foresteria will be made.

No detailed programme of excursions will be made, apart from participation in the morning service at the Waldensian Church in Piazza Cavour. Travellers will be free to make their own arrangements to visit their own choice of museums, etc in Rome, during the period of the visit.

Name: (as in Passport)

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