

# WALDENSIAN MISSIONS AID SOCIETY, SCOTLAND

## NEWSLETTER, NOVEMBER 2007

At the last annual meeting of the Society, **The Rev. Mary Cranfield** was elected as Chairman of the Committee, and she is welcomed to this new role most warmly. She had contacts in the past with the Archivist of the Waldensian Church in Torre Pellice. This year she was able to attend the Synod, taking place as usual in Torre Pellice, in August, on behalf of the Society.

The Society was pleased to arrange a **group visit to Torre Pellice** in April, 2007. Some 13 supporters were able to take part, including friends from the Scottish Italian Circle (the Edinburgh Branch of the Dante Alighieri Society). We were able to attend the morning service with the congregation of the church in Torre Pellice, where Claudio Pasquet, the Pastor, made us all very welcome. There were memorable visits to the historical sites in Val Angrogna, and to Agape. Some of our number enjoyed a guided tour of Torino, with friends from the Torino Branch of the Dante Alighieri Society.

*There are still available 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. 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.*

There has been suggested a **possible further visit to Italy**, based on a visit to Rome, to stay at the Foreseria Valdese in Rome, which is situated in Trastevere, close to the Waldensian Church at Piazza Cavour. The timing for this may be Autumn 2008, or more probably Spring 2009. Any interested persons are asked to make contact with the Secretary.

*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 Requests for further information, including copies of the Waldensian Review, will be welcomed 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.*

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