

## DIAKONIA PRAYER LETTER JUNE 2019

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

We will pray for the Conferences of our three regions in DIAKONIA. DAP, DOTAC and DRAE are all having their regional gatherings this summer.

We will pray

- that the gatherings will strengthening the relations between our member organisations.
- that worships and devotions will bring blessings to all the participants
- that old and new friendship will blossom and be fruitful for building our organisation
- that the conferences will bring ideas and tools for how our organisation can continue to grow
- that we all will travel safely

DRAE has already finished its Conference. We were gathered from 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June at Queen Margaret University in Musselburgh just outside Edinburgh in Scotland. Our Scottish brothers and sister had made a superb conference recognising the Jubilee of DRAE. We were founded 25 years ago, in Scotland in the town of Stirling.

The theme of the DRAE Conference was *For such a time as this*. We were discussing about emerging shape of ministry in our context and global climate change. And we had powerful Bible studies by Rev John L. Bell from Iona. The Bible studies were based on the Book of Esther. They were eye opening for many of us showing the strength of women all through the Bible. Parts of the Bible that for a long time has not been part of our oral trading of Biblical stories. Let us pray that the stories about the woman heroes in the Bible will be continued to be told.

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