

**Celebration of 20th birthday of Women's Network in the Methodist Church
East Anglia District 2 June 2007 at Culford School nr Bury St Edmonds
[Photos: Sandra Lewer]**

Well over 200 people joined together in brilliant sunshine at this splendid venue to celebrate the birthday of Women's Network. It began with a picnic on the lawns of the school and participation in a prayer walk in the grounds, including along the river. Refreshments were served in the pavilion part way around – thoughtfully so - and the scene was prepared for the afternoon celebration.

A parade of new banners from all the circuits in the East Anglia District opened proceedings, a truly wonderful display of colour depicting the various parts of East Anglia and showing a wealth of talent.

Following the order of service recently printed in Magnet, we sang 'Here we are God's faithful servants' written by Ruth Levett of Beccles, a dramatized reading of Ruth 1:1-18, and we reveled in the memories and recollections of some of the activities and events of Women's Network over the past 20 years - some of which are ongoing. What a wealth of energy and work for the Lord is displayed in these events!

Sandra Lewer, the Connexional President of Women's Network, gave an illustrated address based on a pilgrimage to Iona. We sang "God who sets us on a journey", participated in a Gaelic Blessing and then cut and ate the Birthday cakes.

20 years of Women's Network was truly celebrated and we all look forward to the new organisation taking us forward for a further 20 years.

Forward Together

"A Call to Journey"

My journey is just beginning

A fresh new day,

On an old, old Path.

That's the blessing,

That's where the hope blossoms

However much I wandered yesterday

I can start again tomorrow

And when all my tomorrows are used up,

I'll still have travelled

And you know what people say,

It's the journey that counts,

Not the arriving.

