



'Bake your

home with us' became our alternative slogan as we celebrated our 70th anniversary – with a huge cake in the shape of a house!

The Society's usual slogan is 'Make your home with us'. But to make a home on this occasion, the usual bricks and mortar were replaced with 30 eggs, 1.6kg of flour, 1.6kg of sugar, 1.6kg of butter – and a whole bottle of vanilla essence!

ENGINEERING FEAT

Our CEO Mairi Johnstone recently led staff and board members in a cake-cutting ceremony as part of the Society's annual general meeting. The cake was shared with colleagues in the Methodist Church at Methodist Church House, Marylebone.

London baker Jola Odegbaro had made the cake, using dowel rods to support the structure and a board to keep the roof up. She took careful measurements using rulers and set squares in what became an engineering feat.

The experience had added meaning for Jola, who runs a bakery business called The CakeWay. The day before baking the MMHS cake, she heard of the death of an uncle who was a Methodist minister – Sir Adeola Olufon, a lay reader and leader of the Wesley Guild at Wesley Cathedral Olowogbowo, Lagos, Nigeria. 'It was my little tribute to him,' said Jola.

AMAZING MINISTRY

After cutting the cake, Mairi said, 'We look back on an amazing ministry that's been running since 1948. As well as being thankful for our history, we've spent much time looking to the future and thinking strategically. No organisation worth its salt can stand still – and we want to be fully responsive to the changing needs of retired ministers of the Methodist Church.

'Our vision is Acts 4:34 – "There was not a single person in need among them". That will keep us busy for quite some time to come!'

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