



March 17, 2015,

Dear Moms in Prayer International Friends,

On August 16, 2014, Fern shared with us, the Moms in Prayer International Board of Directors, how the Lord had strongly impressed upon her heart that her season as president would be coming to an end. Now was the time to begin the process of implementing a succession plan so that we might move forward in strength as we seek to reach the next generation of moms. She encouraged us with this verse from Isaiah 43:18-19a.

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing!

We have long recognized the need to be prepared with a succession plan, but we were not ready to let Fern go. Yet, as she shared her desire to continue as the ministry “founder” instead of “president,” our hearts were touched. We immediately recognized that she had heard from the Holy Spirit and would always be a part of Moms in Prayer International. The original vision and mission God gave her 30 years ago remain intact and as strong as ever.

As we, your board, sought the Lord each day regarding a successor to step into the role of ministry president, He was gracious to us. His choice, Sally Burke, was already part of the Moms in Prayer family at headquarters, and Fern had been mentoring and pouring into Sally for several years.

Fern is passing the baton of the presidency in strength and hope, and we are excited about a smooth and joy-filled transition. Not only is she stepping down from the presidency with a new leader in place, but one with a fiery passion for gathering moms to pray for children and schools.

Operations of the ministry will continue in good hands as all our staff remains strong and loyal. Our statement of faith and core values will not waiver under new leadership as we go forward in assurance to share our mission and vision with the next generation. We pray that you are as full of hope and enthusiasm as we are.

We ask you to pray with us as succession now turns to transition. We also thank you for your support of the Lord’s work here at Moms in Prayer International, and we pray that it continues with renewed excitement until Jesus returns.

With a humble heart for the Lord’s goodness to us,

The Board of Directors—*Rich Bell, Clyde Blyleven, Bruce Brown, Marian Drops, Nancee Hanson, Michelle Kvandal, Nancy Myers, Bunmi Peters and Board Chairman Cathi Armitage*