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Dear Sisters,

I write to you on behalf of President Isobel and the conference committee to invite all members and friends/supporters to register for our first ever virtual SIGBI Conference.

There are many advantages to a virtual conference. Some of you have already recognised them and registered - thank you. We would ask you all to consider these points:

- The cost is less than half of the usual registration fee
- There is no travelling involved and you can view the conference in the comfort of your own home
- This is not a Zoom conference, it is a Broadcast event. As long as you have registered for conference, you can 'catch up'. **The conference can be viewed up until midnight on Sunday 1st November.** Therefore, you can watch in short bursts or for the full three and a half hours on both days. **It is your choice.**
- There is no risk of spreading infection through being in a crowded venue/auditorium at coffee break – just pop to your own kitchen!!!
- The conference will be available to members and guests **throughout the world**, as long as they are registered. This is a huge advantage for members who could never, normally, attend conference – celebrate this opportunity.
- This is a chance for you to invest in recruitment – invite potential members to view with you, to listen to inspirational speakers, hear about our achievements, learn about our project to Empower Girls in Nepal, and so much more.
- **This is an opportunity to promote Soroptimism – grasp it!!**

Finally, I have to mention the financial aspect of this conference. We need 700 registrations to break even. Please help us to reach well beyond our minimum target, but, even better, help us to Stand Up For Women and spread the word about our organisation.

Thank you and every good wish

Ann Dawson

Ann Dawson, Conference Chair

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