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ABOUT JULIE HULME:

Julie was a Methodist minister and a prolific writer. She was the last President of Women's Network in 2010-11, becoming the first Vice-President of MWiB in 2011-12. She explored forms of spirituality developing outside the Church, especially as these related to the building of confidence. Her main method of research was to pay close attention to her own responses, explore the ideas in relation to the Bible and express what she was discovering in writing and in art.

She died of cancer in early 2014 in her mid-50s, leaving behind a rich legacy in the form of her writings; this material can be accessed on the website www.imaginingabundance.co.uk.

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COMPETITION RULES:

All entries MUST be typed and sent as Word documents. The maximum length is 500 words.

Ideally entries should be sent as an email attachment to writingcompetition@mwib.org.uk including your name, address, telephone number and the title of the piece in the body of the email. DO NOT put your name or any identifying details on the entry. Email entries will be acknowledged by email.

Alternatively, typed entries may be sent by post to **Writing Competition, PO Box 9298, Loughborough LE11 9FY**. Postal entries should include a separate cover sheet with your name, address, telephone number and the title of the piece. DO NOT put your name or any identifying details on the entry. If you require acknowledgement of a postal entry, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Copyright will remain the property of the writer, although it would be our intention to publish the material on the MWiB and Imagining Abundance websites.

The judges' decision is final.