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CIRCLE OF PRAYER

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT - 1990

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"CIRCLE OF PRAYER". Vol 12.

Mary Cline Detrick and I met at Kingston in July while she had many other responsibilities (for WDP assembly) to keep her occupied the "Circle of Prayer" Vol 12, seemed to be one of her main tasks. During her few minutes she searched for the regional writers who failed to send in their articles. The activity for searching writers were her appetizer before most of her meals. I admire her patience and her search but most of all her hard work and untiring efforts. Her co-partners A.J.Finally and Betty Turcott as well as herself deserve our gratitude for this wonderful work. "Circle of Prayer" has not only devotional articles and prayers but is a "link" which exchanges the messages of our concern. It strengthens us in our united spirituality. Mary and her co-workers have done their job well. It also demands our commitment to distribute it so extensively that no copy of "Circle of Prayer" remains lying on our shelves. It should be in the hands of women. How do we do it? This is a matter to be discussed.

**BADGES:-** Badges are ready. They are always in great demand. Boonmee Julkiree of Thailand was very generous in giving her time to get them made. ICFLC appreciates her efforts and extends gratitude to her.

Hundreds of letters have been sent from the office of ICFLC, to ICFLC members, to project holders who received FLC grants in 1990, to those who applied for FLC grant for 1991 and to various other people regarding FLC. I searched and found addresses of different people from local, national and international sources and corresponded with them. In a few cases, I received a response. Some expressed the desire to learn further about FLC. To my delight, some committed themselves, to making it part of their spiritual discipline. These appeal letters were written in hope. I found it most wonderful to learn about new women (and organisation) who may become our partners in preparing more fertile land for sowing the seed of FLC. I present their commitment and effort before our God of miracles.

FLC SONG.

Betty Turcott wrote letters, sent a recording of the FLC SONG to enlist the reactions of ICFLC members about lyrics and tune. I hesitantly say that Betty was disappointed because so very few responded. She still had courage to go on with her job and complete it. She used her talents, gifts and skills along with her time to prepare the FLC SONG for us to sing, to rejoice with and praise our God. Betty Turcott's contribution will be remembered in the history of FLC. We are grateful to her for enhancing the unity of FLC members.

EDCS.

We received US \$ 1,000/- as dividends this year. Eva and Mary will give more details in their report.

INVENTORY OF FLC PROPERTY IS PREPARED.

It is in the files of the Treasurer and the Executive Secretary. The list contains the following property.

1. a desk
2. a steel cupboard
3. an airconditioner
4. a wall world map
5. a rack
6. two bulletin boards
7. an electric typewriter

YORK ASSEMBLY OF ECUMENICAL FORUM OF EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN WOMEN.

July 14th-20th, 90.

About 250 women representing 27 countries travelled on a pilgrimage to York to assemble for the 3rd Assembly of the Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women. They represented varied Christian traditions, Anglican, Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Free Church and Protestants. The beautiful York University campus provided all the comforts, plenty of delicious food and inspiration for thinking and working. The theme of the Assembly was "From Division to Vision". The time spent in workshop was most beneficial. The majority of women expressed their feelings. It was a great time for sharing, thinking, discussing, planning and understanding each other's point of view. The reward of the workshop's gathering was experienced one evening when each group made a very creative and meaningful presentation of their discussion. The group also clearly presented their vision. It was a most enjoyable evening as well as a lot to digest so as to transform spiritually, socially and intellectually.

Among the subjects addressed were:- Bioethics, Ethical and Legal Questions, Violence in every day life and "What Freedom is for the common house of Europe".

The members envisioned establishing a permanent relationship with women working within the European Parliament and the European

Conference on Security and Co-operation. They feel that this may serve to influence decision making concerning the role and status of women. It was very encouraging to know that there was an expressed desire to work closely with women of other faiths in order to shape the multicultural future of Europe.

The Forum proposed and accepted a change in its constitution to elect "The Enabling Team" consisting of three Presidents, Treasurer, and the European Secretary. ICFLC would like to congratulate them for this new change. We hope it will be most helpful for the growth and development of the Forum.

I would like to quote a few paragraphs from the message of the 3rd General Assembly of the Ecumenical Forum of European Christian Women.

"As Christian women, we have today a renewed and strong consciousness of our values and our ways of doing things; of our choices and responsibilities. How shall we then dare to believe in the vision of humanity reconciled in spite of its differences, if we do not commit our convictions to defend the dignity and human rights of every person."

"We expect from our churches and all organizations which uphold the ecumenical hope and support in the conciliar process towards justice, peace and the integrity of creation, to speak out clearly against all injustices perpetrated against women and all women. Particularly, against sexual violence, incest and the traffic of women. We also expect of them that they give urgent attention to the impoverishment of growing numbers of women and children."

"We evoked the memory of women which feminist theology helps us to discover anew. We have called them women of faith. They are women known and unknown, women of long ago and today, who transcended the borders of cultures and countries: they join together the past, the present, the future of our Forum."

"We offer their memory to our community, our human community and our churches as a symbol of its unity and of our hope."

Jean Mayland has been a great supporter and promoter of the FLC concept. While attending the assembly at York I gathered that her efforts have borne fruits and some women have started accepting the concept while there are some who are raising questions and expressing their inability to own the concept.

1. Some feel it is the concept which can be applicable only in poor countries, because it is somehow difficult for them, just to offer their last coin.
2. Since most of the countries in Europe are rich, they have many other obligations towards the third world

beside their church contribution, so it will be an added giving which will not be accepted by most of the women.

The Forum has organised a net work of National co-ordinators which serve the purpose of linking the Christian women in Europe in a valuable relationship. The Forum is working hard to develop its enormous potential to use it better in working together and continue to develop at the "grass root". The Forum reports it has 48 national co-ordinators, 92 member organisations and 346 friends. It continues to accomplish its first aim to "create a Forum". This net work has a great possibility to assist ICFLC in the promotion of aims of FLC:

Team visit was one programme assisted by ICFLC. Our assistance certainly helped the Forum to strengthen its roots in Italy, Spain and Portugal.

The Forum's main concern has been "people". It is for people to assemble together, vision together and then scattering to different situations where their vision could take a shape of reality through the contact and hard work of those people. In her presidential report Jean Mayland said: "The European people dream of an united Europe a truly common house, in which our interdependence is recognized and confirmed in which the door is open to the rest of the world."

We, the members of ICFLC assure of our prayerful support and cooperation.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The city of Kingston, Jamaica became a venue for the eight Quadrennial meeting of the International Committee for the World Day of Prayer. Women came from all over the world, representing their national World Day of Prayer and also various traditions of Christian faith. This assembly provided a great opportunity for each participant to be a part of the world wide family of God. The theme, "Eyes open for new vision" was discussed fully through plenary sessions, working groups, themes, and strengthening national committee. Sub themes such as "Eyes open to discover one another", "Eyes open to rebuild a broken world", "Eyes open to issues of concern", "Eyes open to time of challenge", enhanced thinking, challenged new commitments and changed life with renewed values in the power of prayer.

There were multiple opportunities to exchange views, share experiences, grow in ecumenical fellowship, listen to each other and plan things like worship and cultural programmes, together. Even Bible studies were a participatory act. I must say one could not hide her talents and skills because most of the time we were small groups working together. After the first day of assembly, all the strangeness and formalities disappeared and we found that

we could share everything, our achievements as well as our frustrations and inability to celebrate WDP wholeness in our countries.

Reports from different regions were accepted with great appreciation and gratitude. The reports were encouraging and sharing the growth and increase in excitement as second and third generation of women discovered this rich treasure in WDP.

The movement of prayer is moving as women are trying to find ways and means to revitalize old commitments and to bring in fresh awareness and actions. It is amazing that the worship service of WDP is translated in numerous languages. Just imagine if we could be all together on the first Friday of March. It would be a very visible experience of Pentecost, worshipping our creator in our own languages. Though we the members of WDP are far and near, we enjoy the bonds of trust and concern for each other.

Canada is preparing a book, "Sowing Circle of Hope" and a video of the same title, which will be available soon.

In United States there has been an increased effort to involve participants in more than one day's event of "World Day of Prayer". The suggestions are listed for each month. It has been a success, holding meetings to develop plans for increasing involvement of Clergy women, seminary women and university/college students.

In Europe, WDP meetings also concentrate on the content and future development of WDP work. WDP has gained a lot of public attention in many European countries.

The members tried in many of the centennial celebrations to reflect on the creativity and spirit of the movement.

It is felt that in Africa the movement of World Day of Prayer is growing and reaching out to the grass root women. The National committee organized workshops and seminars to provide more information for women: Kenyan National Committee is responsible to prepare the worship for 1991. I am sure the worship will convey their concern, commitment and experience which will strengthen our solidarity of sisterhood in the universal church.

In the regions of Middle East it was mostly reported about the celebrations in Egypt, where the services are translated into Arabic sent to Jerusalem, Bahrain, Kuwait and Sudan. Women's Ecumenical Fellowship which comprises members from interdenominational groups, representing Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic takes the responsibility to arrange for the celebrations of World Day of Prayer.

Asia, which has gone through the varied experiences of uncertainties, hardship, political unrest and threat to democracy

and freedom, has celebrated World Day of Prayer with a great zeal and enthusiasm. The translation of WDP services into different languages has increased markedly. It is a very happy and encouraging sign that the spirit of WDP is taking into its grip the interest of young people and school children. It is also unique that in some countries, women from other faiths join in the celebration of WDP. Some countries which can't send their part of offerings to New York find ways and means of promoting WDP through projects and programmes in their own countries. Some countries feel and take it as a challenge to include people of other faiths, develop follow-up programmes on the themes, organizing Bible studies, workshops, seminars, consultations throughout the year.

WDP was developed denominationally in the Pacific region which provided the women of the Pacific with informed prayer for that region of the world. There has been a sensitivity that praying for others also need to start at home in an ecumenical context. The struggles, the fears and the visions of the women of the Pacific should be shared through their input in a World Day of Prayer service. A National Ecumenical Net Work needs to be strengthened so that in future it will become a strength for the Regional Net Work in the Pacific Region.

I am grateful to Mrs. Alice Jean Finlay (Former President of WDP) & Ms. Elieen King (Administrative Secretary WDP) for their support in the promotion of FLC. It was a great gesture of co-operation when they gave a prominent space in their magazine to one of the projects which received a grant from Caribbean in 1989. We would wish Navamani Peter president of WDP God's strength and wisdom to fulfil the new vision of WDP.

#### FLC & REGIONS.

The women's Inter-Church Council of Canada has been very active in working for the promotion of FLC with all their creativity, skills, talents and commitments. They have organized a group "FLC Task Group" consisting of women from across Canada representing several denominations and provinces. Ingathering service was prepared to be used to celebrate FLC, keeping in mind the vision of peace, justice and reconciliation. A sub-group of the task group will meet in January 1991 to develop a slide presentation and a script to promote FLC as a movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation.

A recommendation to use the FLC prayer and a reading from the "Circle of Prayer" is also included in "ingathering service."

Canada translated and printed 2,000 copies of a French version of "Circle of Prayer" Vol 11. It is disappointing that a large number of those copies still remain in the WICC office. WICC declines to recommend the French Translation of the next volume of "Circle of Prayer".

WICC publishes a quarterly news letter which is a very effective way of spreading the news of FLC. A brief history which highlights the current situation and the status of women, along with a prayer for that country appears in each issue. I feel that this news letter has been a very appealing way to strengthen the bonds of trust and concern of different countries.

#### AFRICA.

Many letters have been received from the women of different countries in Africa, expressing the desire to know more about FLC. A few women directors from women's desks have shown interest in making FLC a part of their programmes. Omega Bula has helped me to find the contacts and advised me to correspond with them directly. I found out at the WDP assembly that there were women from the continent of Africa who were keen to know about FLC. They took back lots of material with them. I feel there is an enormous potential for the acceptance of the concept of FLC.

#### ASIA.

A vast majority of the women in Asia already know about FLC. The Asian Church Women's Conference promotes it as its project at all the seminars, consultation, workshops and meetings. The ACWC news bulletin is always giving space to FLC. One of the responsibilities of the General Committee representative is to promote it in her country. Some of the representatives have taken it very seriously and extensively promoted it.

#### UNITED STATES.

Church Women United always accepts the challenge to promote FLC to new women. I appreciate their patience and hard work that it does for the projects which are received in its office. It is very time consuming to take care of all those projects, to acknowledge and then link them with the right people. It has been sending FLC material to give them the right procedure for requesting FLC grant. I am sure Mary Cline Detrick will be able to tell us how many letters she wrote to direct people to me and to the ICFLC Regional Representatives. The publication of "Circle of Prayer" Vol 12 is another time and energy consuming task which Church Women United has done for ICFLC. I would like to acknowledge their efforts with gratitude.

#### CARRIBBEAN.

The Caribbean Conference of Churches is putting its efforts in the promotion of FLC among grass root women. The ICFLC Kingston meeting in 1989 opened the possibility for FLC to further extend its challenge to more women.

MIDDLE EAST.

All though there have been difficult situations in that region there has been a continuity in the promotion of FLC. I met two very devoted Christian women at the WDP assembly in Kingston who were from Jerusalem and Beirut. They affirmed their deep commitment to practice FLC themselves and also promote it to others.

The Middle East Council of Churches (from their office in Beirut and Cyprus) have tried to make FLC known to many women groups.

JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION.

Towards the end of January 1990, I received an invitation to participate as a visitor, representing the Fellowship of the Least Coin at the Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Convocation. I am grateful to both Dr. Preman Niles and Ms. Prescilla Padolina for inviting me to be part of Women's Forum prior to the Convocation. Seoul, the capital of South Korea generously hosted the Forum and the Convocation. It was a great privilege for me to be among those one thousand people who travelled to Seoul from far and near to struggle with the issues of Justice, Peace and integrity of Creation, intellectually and spiritually. It was a great time for sharing listening, understanding, visioning, committing and covenanting. It was satisfying to see that the evil and ugly which was mysteriously hidden is becoming visible to the eyes of the Church and the Church people are taking courage to raise their voices to seek justice so that peace may prevail. My only hope and prayer is that this kind of sensitivity doesn't remain only at international level for discussions but that our actions, courage and strength may lead us to situations where the weak and poor are crushed and the image of God in them is disfigured. You will find some reports and other documents in your file to learn about JPIC in detail.

PROJECTS 1990.

Projects return their thanks for FLC love grant of prayerful concern. Most of the projects personnel sent in their appreciation and gratitude. They reported of their progress with the help of the FLC grant. People were helped, comforted and gained confidence. Their belief in world wide fellowship concern and unity was confirmed. They also learnt of the nature of FLC that it shares all that it has.

Mr. Lloyd Young from "Today's Child Charitable Trust" with almost ten years of efforts has been persuading people that abandoned children have a right to substitute homes rather than being warehoused in huge, impersonal institutions. Suddenly an openness to such a concept is appearing on every hand. Isn't it wonderful that FLC could share in this concern where these children will mature as loved human beings, able to bear the burden of their society.

Mr. David Cox from Aborigines Friend's Association expressed his gratitude (on behalf of his Association) for FLC grant which has enabled them to extend their significant work. He counts it as one step forward in the process of reconciliation.

The Rev. Ruth Anne Goldson, co-ordinator of Women in Ministries, Barbados writes, "We assure you, too, that our aim is to seek peace and promote justice and particularly justice in relation to women."

Maria S.Humbane from Maputo, Mozambique writes indeed your invaluable support will make the difference."

Tomoko Asano, Territorial President of Women's Organization, Tokyo, writes

"We are blessed with the progress of our Hospice to provide care for terminally ill patients. Thank you so much for your generous gift of love as we continue to work together for peace and reconciliation in the lives of people around the world."

I sense that there are women around the world who are offering their prayers and contributing their coins but for some reason they are not sent to Geneva. One reason may be that majority of women are not exposed to the situations outside their home town, city or country. There has to be a definite method of collecting all the coins in one place at the local level, I would like to suggest that we celebrate "FLC DAY" with a special worship prepared and sent to women. This cannot be forced on every group to initiate it, only a suggestion can be made to women. A worship can be prepared by two or three ICFLC members. I am willing to take the responsibility to circulate it to groups and to individual members so as to give the feelings to the participating members that ICFLC encourages sharing of contributions at a global level. I realize that some of the countries will not be able to send their contribution, then will face the difficulty in sending collected contribution to Geneva, it can be collected at the national level and can be reported to the Executive Secretary.

To make the objectives of FLC more known, I arranged with some women to write articles, relating FLC to Global contextual realities. The first article was written on "PEACE" by Mary Grey it was circulated widely.

Many have contributed to promote the message of FLC through their prayerful actions and contributions. These members are the ones who believe that Jesus transforms the weak and humble situations which bring joy, comfort, health, peace and restoration to others. This is their very simple expression of every day living faith.

God has endowed you and me to encourage women and also to participate in decision making for ICFLC. May I take the opportunity to thank all of you for your interest and your hard work for ICFLC. I would like to thank Maya Michael, the Chairperson and Eva Findlay, the Honorary Treasurer for their support, advice and assistance. I enjoyed working with both of them. I could call on them at any time for their assistance and I always found them present to uphold me with their talents, skills, advice and commitment.

I discover in the presence of God that weakness is strength. My shoulders are burdened with various responsibilities but I recognize, that I am always surrounded with divine as well as human strength and my own calling and conviction to serve FLC is revitalized. it is not myself alone in the office who struggles through the letters, reports and other papers etc.. A young man named "Sohail" is there with me to assist me doing so many things single handedly. I am grateful to him. I remain with hope that FLC will help to create a civilization of love and concern.

Thanks  
Submitted by  
Shirin Samuel  
Executive Secretary  
ICFLC

(SUMMARY)

GRANTS APPROVED FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (FLC) FUND.  
FOR THE YEAR 1991.

<u>Name of the Project.</u>	<u>Person for Correspondence.</u>	<u>Amount:-</u>
1. ALOMA SAINÉ FISHING PROJECT GROUP.(AFRICA)	Ms.Jackton Migenda. .... Box 473 Homa Bay, KENYA.	US\$ 6,000
2. TWESHEKO YOUTH PROJECT. ZAMBIA.(AFRICA)	Ms.Gertrude Chitira. .... House No 3089 Mikomfwa, Lunsemfwa St,Luanshya, Zambia.(Africa.)	" 6,000
3. BUYING ICED-WATER SELLING EQUIPMENTS. GHANA.W.AFRICA	Ms.Mad Grace Kugbeadzor ..... C/O E.P Church Box 17 HOHOE (V/R) GHANA. WEST AFRICA.	" 6,000
4. DEVELOPMENT OF INCOME GENERATING SKILL IN RURAL WOMEN AND YOUTH FOR SELF-RELIANCE.(SIERRA LEONE.)	Mrs.Margaret Moidula P.M.B ..... 1114 Freetown, Sierra Leone. Africa.	" 6,000
5. ALPHABETISATION. (BURKINA FASO.W.AFRICA.)	Rev.Philippe Ouedraogo. .... 01 BP 4326 Ouagadougou Burikina,Faso. West Africa.	" 6,000
* ALL THE GRANTS FOR AFRICAN PROJECTS WERE SENT THROUGH ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.(OMEGA BULA, Programme Officer,AACC)		
6. WOMEN'S DESK-Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt.	Ms Bahga El-Rabib. .... 111 Osman Ebn Affan-Heliopolis Cairo.EGYPT.	" 6,000
7. WOMEN'S AWARENESS BUILDING PROGRAMME. CYPRUS.	Mrs.Rose Jarjour. .... P.O.Box 48 Ayia Napa Monstary, Ayia Napa,CYPRUS.	" 5,000
8. BIBLE STUDY AND EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS.(ALEPPO) SYRIA.	Ms.Freda Boulos. .... C/O Bishop Yohanna Ibrahim P.O.BOX 4194 Sulaimanieh. Aleppo-Syria.(SYRIA)	" 4,500
*ALL THE GRANTS FOR MIDDLE EAST WERE SENT TO MIDDLE EAST COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.(Ms.Dr.Mary Mikhael.MECC)		
9. THE WOMEN PROJECT. BAHIA.BRAZIL.	Ms.Naidison-de-Quintella Baptista... Rua Pontal,61 Cruzeiro-44.015 Feira de Santana Bahia. BRAZIL.	"6,000

10. REGIONAL WORKSHOP WITH Ms. Beatriz Ferrari. .... US\$ 6,000  
 WOMEN PASTORS. Hispanic. Lima 1675-Apto-7  
 11800-Montevideo. URUGUAY.
11. REGIONAL WORKSHOP WITH "Same as above." ..... " 6,000  
 WOMEN PASTORS. Central " "  
 America. " "
12. REGIONAL WORKSHOP WITH Same as above. .... US\$ 6,000  
 WOMEN PASTORS. River Plate " "  
 Area. (Argentina, Para- " "  
 guay.)
13. GRANJA INTEGRAL COOPIL- Ms Ester Ruge Marquez. .... US\$ 6,000  
 AUSIN. Apartado Aereo 5637 Cartagena,  
 Colombia Sur America.  
 AMERICA.
- \*ALL THE GRANTS FOR PACIFIC WERE SENT TO CALI CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.  
 (Ms ESLY CARUALHO.)
14. Korean Youth Christian Rev. SUH Jeong Soon. .... " 5,000  
 Nurture Project of the 2-6-10 Nakagawa Nishi, Ikuno-ku  
 National Women's Coun- Osaka 544  
 cil of the Korean Chris-(JAPAN.)  
 tian Church in Japan.
15. MINISTRY WITH FILIPINO Rt. Rev. JOHN Y. KANZAKI. .... " 2,000  
 MIGRANT WORKERS IN JA- TOKYO DIOCESE NIPPON SEIKOKAI.  
 PAN. (ASIA) 3-6-18 SHIBAKOEN MINATO-KU  
 TOKYO. 105 JAPAN.
16. BETHUNE HOUSE-Refuge Ms. Edwina. .... " 6,000  
 Centre for Displace Wo- A. Santoyo-House Supervisor.  
 men Migrant workers. KUC, # 4 Jordan Rd, Kowloon.  
 HONG KONG.
17. HEALTH EDUCATIONAL TRA- Ms. NYUNT NYUNT THEIN. .... " 5,000  
 INING PROJECT FOR FULL Myanmar Council of Churches,  
 TIME WOMEN MINISTERS. P.O. Box 1400 Yangon, Myanmar.  
 Rangoon Burma.
18. CONSULTATION ON THEOLO- Mrs. Woranut Pantupong. .... " 6,000  
 GICALLY TRAINED WOMEN CCT Women's Department,  
 IN WHOLE ASIA AND SOME 14-Pramuan Rd, Bangkok 10500  
 FROM WEST. THAILAND.
19. CONSULTATION ON THE THE- Mrs. Nellie L. Mercado. .... " 5,000  
 ME "WOMEN AND MEN IN DY-C/O Kapatiran Kaunlaran Founda-  
 NAMIC PARTNERSHIP FOR tion, Inc. 937 P. Paredes St. Sam Paloc  
 SOCIAL CHANGE. Manila. Philippines.

20. BUILDING AWARENESS AMONG WOMEN: (ROMANIA) Ms. SOO'S NOEMI. .... US\$ 6,000  
4300 TIRGV-MURES St,  
PRIENTENIEI Nr, 10AP5  
ROMANIA.
21. ALPHA HOUSE. Ms. V. Harrower. .... " 6,000  
Women's Inter-Church Council of  
Canada. 77-Charles St, W. Toronto,  
ONTARIO M5S1K5  
CANADA.
22. PRODUCTION OF A VIDEO ON THE "ECUMENICAL DECADE CHURCHES IN SOLIDARITY WITH WOMEN." Ms. Priscilla Padolina. .... " 6,000  
WCC, Sub-Unit On Women.  
150-rte-de-Freney. 1211 Geneva 20  
SWITZERLAND.
23. PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (PCC) Women's Desk Programme 1991-PCC Women's Pre-assembly. Mrs. Yvette Temuari. .... " 6,000  
BP 113 Papeete,  
TAHITI. PACIFIC.
24. SLAVADORNA REFUGEE WOMEN'S TRAINING PRODUCTION AND FORMATION PROGRAMME. MEXICO. U.S.A Ms. Carol Johnston. .... " 5,000  
Co-ordinator of Technical Assistance & Training JARAGUA.  
Calle Puebla 313-B Colonia Roma,  
06700 Mexico D.F MEXICO.  
U.S.A
25. THE CENTRE FOR THE PREVENTION OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. "USA. Ms. Jean Anton. .... " 6,000  
Administrative Director. CPSDV  
1914 N. 34th Street, Suite 105  
Seattle WA, U.S.A
26. DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION FOR RURAL WOMEN. Mrs. M. Valigopal. .... " 4,000  
Secretary, Siga Community Service  
Guild. B/3 Dr. Subraya Nagar,  
P&T Quarters Tenampet, MADRAS 18  
INDIA.
27. WOMEN'S THOUGHTS HOUSE OF THE CENTRE INC. Ms. Aida Iris Cruz Alicea. .... " 5,000  
Co-ordinator. Romon Flores 57  
St. Aionito P.R 00609  
LATIN AMERICA.

## Promotional Work on the Fellowship of Least Coin.

Unfortunately for us, development has not been about people but more about GNP growth, income and wealth and producing commodities and accumulating capital that does not consider human beings at the centre of life. Our development experience so far have not given us healthy lives, education, political freedom guaranteed human rights, personal self respect, nor access to resources needed for a decent standard of living. The majority of our people can't individually or collectively develop their full potential and have reasonable chances of leading productive lives in relation to their needs and interests.

The visible phenomena of the structural crisis of the Growth model is the debt problem and its manifestations on the lives of African people. Africa has entered the 1990s with a deteriorating economic crisis, civil conflict, increased violation of human rights, increased militarisation, weakening administrations and collapsing infrastructures. We experience the inability to provide adequately the basic needs for survival for the majority of people e.g housing, health, education, household, food, security etc. More and more children can't be assured of survival beyond 5 years of age.

There is increased destruction of the environment and indiscriminate exploitation of resources that sustain us and the future of our children. Most of this is carried on in the name to address the debt burden. The so called structural adjustments as we have experienced in Africa has produced results which have been short of disastrous.

The whole package is supported to discourage imports while making exports more competitive. Government expenditure is reduced in the belief that government can't act efficiently in the market. Because the IMF sees control of inflation as its priority and control of the money supply (the amount of money and credit available) as the way to achieve it, wages are frozen, the amount of credit available is reduced and interest rates are increased so as to make borrowing more expensive. At the same time, the cost of living is allowed to rise to a level which is determined by the market subsidies on basic foodstuffs are abolished and subsidies on public services such as health or water at the very least reduced and less money is made available for such services (CAFOD 1986)

To give an example, we share with you the effects of this on Zambians:

### On Youth:

- High rate of crime and juvenile delinquency
- Drug abuse and alcoholism
- High unemployment
- Mental stress
- Prostitution
- Gambling
- High rate of deaths from AIDS due to prostitution
- Adolescent pregnancies

### On Rural Communities:

- Rural urban migration. Old people and women are left in rural areas.
- Impact on rural areas is low productivity due to absence of active population. The result is slow development.

### On Urban and Peri-Urban:

- Increase in black market and smuggling of essential goods to neighbouring countries;

- Overcrowding especially in shanty compound homes, poor sanitation, hazards of fire, floods and epidemics i.e cholera as well as poor infrastructure;
- exploitation in rents
- increase in promiscuity
- Adolescent pregnancy
- The poor have become poorer while the rich have become richer
- Coupons are not available to all. They are confined to lowly persons in formal employment. All those in the informal sector are excluded.

#### On Health.

- Withdrawal of free medical services and introduced fee paying;
- Hospitals lack adequate drugs and equipment. In some cases operations have not been carried out because of non availability of rubber gloves;
- Poor salaries, poor conditions of services, lack of accommodation, transportation and lack of inservice training have led to brain drain of qualified doctors for greener pastures. The few remaining faithful doctors are overworked resulting in poor medical services being offered to the public.
- The result of the above is high rate of deaths.

#### On Employment:

- Cut down on personnel and early retirement
- No more employment creation except in agriculture
- The result is unemployment and increase in crime.

#### On Extended Family System:

In the past Zambians treasured the extended family system in both urban and rural areas. As a result of the economic crisis, families are under pressure not to easily accept our extended family members.

#### On Education:

- Introduction of school fees at primary secondary and university level at a time when people are financially hard up;
- Conditions in schools, especially primary level are poor and pathetic with broken window panes, inadequate or no desks at all. This in turn demotivates staff and pupils, resulting in poor education being offered to the next generation;
- Education has become a burden on parents who have to purchase books, pens, uniforms and school fees;
- Standard of education has sunk so low due to demotivated teachers;
- In order to offer alternative education private schools have sprung up now, charging exorbitant fees but in some cases offering low quality education.

#### On Women:

The impact of such borrowings is heavily felt by them in all spheres. Commodities are expensive and people have to queue. The high cost of basic food stuffs makes it extremely difficult for women to feed their families adequately.

The education gap between boys and girls was slowly narrowing in the past. With the introduction of fees our fear is that girls from poor families are likely to be denied education with parents preferring to educate

their sons, who are assumed to be better investments. After all it is still generally believed that a girl has no option of staying at home and later get married to be cared for by her husband.

As a result of increased domestic workload during hard times, girls are encouraged to stay at home to help their mothers with household chores. Girls in some cases frequently skip school or attend only irregularly or drop out altogether. Generally, there is an increase of girls on the streets earning money from irregular activities.

Women are health care providers for their families. The cut backs in health care facilities affect women more. Care of the sick and elderly also falls squarely on women. When rural health centres close down as is the situation in Zambia today, for lack of drugs a personnel women bear the blunt.

Due to economic crisis women can no longer afford to pay for some services they would have otherwise done so, i.e employing a housekeeper. They prefer to do the work themselves, thus lengthening their already overburdened workloads.

(The Zambian Economic Reality by Edna Maluma/Edith Mutale, AACC Women & Economic Justice Resource Material)

In all these struggles for survival for the majority of people, the Church also struggles with what should be its mission to the people. Some churches (few) have engaged in a mission for justice, peace and integrity of creation.

There are also some Churches that are pursuing a mission exactly opposite of the above. The religious right wing the fundamentalist stream of the Church. They have many names but you may recognise them by the content of their message which emphasis personal salvation, dispensationalism i.e don't worry about the worldly life of today - good life awaits for you in heaven, theology of prosperity i.e if you give you'll receive more in heaven message of evil spirit when people fight for justice, governments are put by God, politics are for politicians not for Church etc, etc, etc.

They do not see that the christian mission is the struggle for justice here on earth and that this earth is in fact the Kingdom of heaven. Jeremiah 6:13 says "They dress the wounds of my people, as though it were not serious. Peace, peace they say when there is no peace". Jeremiah complained of greedy and unscrupulous officials who abuse their offices to advance or protect their own narrow interests at the expense of their fellow citizens and future generations. The posture religious and other leaders of "Peace peace" when there is no peace was bad and is bad today because its adoption impedes any serious efforts to remedy the underlying causes of the ills in our societies.

The context demands that the Church in Africa engages into a critical analysis of what is happening today, a critical analysis of the signs of the times. How can the Church make a difference ?

Due to the nature of our work, as described herein, we are able to promote FLC at the various gatherings and as we visit and work with our member churches. The promotional work is mainly in the form of speaking about it and distributing promotional materials.

The praying for peace and reconciliation among our people is therefore not a necessary concept to promote. This is what the church does more

than being engaged in fighting the injustices killing our people. The aspect of putting away a coin each time they pray, we find it even more difficult 1) to understand why, 2) to discipline themselves. We think it has very much to do with our economic crisis and the preoccupation to struggle for survival everyday, as well as an attitude issue. However groups pick very quickly on the application of grants i.e. what can benefit them, in this case money to do their work. We find that we are flooded with requests - many of them directed to Mary Cline Detrick in the USA. We don't know how this happened.

Despite the context given above, we continue to promote the movement in Africa. We are positive that an articulation of a theological basis will further enhance the work.

We want to thank the Fellowship of the Least Coin for the continuing support and solidarity with our work in Africa, and especially to Mrs. Shirin Samuel who never tires in her communication, explanations with us. We share with you a report from the Food Security Workshop in Southern Africa which took place in August 1989 and was funded by Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Omega Bula.  
Program Officer,  
ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.

CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES.

REPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST  
COIN.

Introduction

Much work was done this year in both Church and Society to raise issues and concerns related to the impact on women of the rapid fluctuations in the economies of the Caribbean Countries. Inter Monetary Fund conditionalities, escalation of consumer items, and the deregulation of foreign exchange have all contributed to making it hard for the poor to eke out an existence.

1. Networking The women's desk has worked through national Christian Councils, ecumenical and denominational women's groups along with government women's bureaus and with non-government organizations in trying to channel the efforts of women toward understanding socio economic reality of the region. The desk has helped in prioritizing needs and presenting them to relevant bodies such as in the case of Jamaica, "survival needs" of women and their families to the government.

2. Work at Caribbean and Regional Level took the following forms:

i. Decade offensives for intensive work in 5 areas of concern summarized below:

WOMEN IN CHURCH.

- The structure in the Church.
- Seeking to realize the Biblical mandate for men and women in partnership in the church.
- What are women doing in ministry?
- Define Roles that women play in ministry.
- Education and Training.
- Support System for women in ministry.
- Pioneer women in the Church.
- Awareness.
- Regional, National & Local levels.

3. HEALTH - REPRODUCTION - NUTRITION

- Sexuality - identity (Psychological)
- Maternal Role
- Counselling
- Partnership
- Education

REPRODUCTION.

- |                           |                                     |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| - Rights                  | - Diabetes                          |
| - Choice                  | - Obesity                           |
| - Control                 | - Self-Awareness                    |
| - Abortion                |                                     |
| - Partnership             | - Drugs                             |
| - Ethical Issues          |                                     |
| - Diseases - Hypertension | - REGREATION: Healthy life Exercise |
| - Gervical                |                                     |
| - Aids                    | The Role of Church Clinics          |

4. FAMILY LIFE.

- Definition of the family in contextual terms.
- Support system
- Values - Clarification
- Socialization about gender
  - e.g Roles
  - Traditional etc.

- Support System needed:
  - The result of migration and its impact on the extended family. The role of Government.
- Ongoing development of the individual members of the family
- Continuing Education
- Recreation
  - Exercise
  - Creativity
- Violence
- Time Management
- Identity

#### 4. VIOLENCE

- Rape
- Causes of Violence
- Forms of Violence
  - Murder
  - Battering
- Discipline at home
- Political Violence
- Military Invasion
- Violence by State

#### 5. ECONOMICS.

- Prostitution
- Dependency:
  - Church
  - Community
  - Male
  - Law
  - State
- Low status & Low paid jobs
  - Domestic workers E.P.Z
- Female headed housing: affordability  
Security  
use of welfare as dependency syndrome.

Publication of regional quarterly as follow to Women in Ministries in Thailand.

6. Work at National Levels involved the desk and the CCC programme officers across the region in sensitizing workshops involving biblical reflection techniques: in projects to help nutritional levels and in educational seminars on a variety of concerns.

National Programme Activities included:

- a) Barbados: Women's Forum on understanding issues relating to men.
- b) Jamaica: Backyard chicken rearing for 10 women in the rural areas, who are learning the techniques of rearing and selling together and who are involved in sensitizing sessions.
  - i. Consultation of women in ministries involving lay, clergy, deaconesses and sisters in Church orders.
  - ii. Pilot project planning for Daycare Centre for the aged, (FLC special grant at work;)
- c) Montserrat: Additional repair on and replacement of Hugo damaged houses.
- d) St. Kitts: Reflections on Post Hurricane Hugo Programmes and disaster preparedness.
- e) Guadeloupe: Animation and leadership training among women in Campeche (FLC special gift/grant at work).

Promotion:      NORTHWESTERN CARIBBEAN JAMAICA.

Promotion took the following forms:

1. Display and talks at CWU and denominational women's gathering.
2. Preparation and distribution of labelled pins and cups for Least Coins.
3. Proposal to CWU (Jamaica) for an FLC Day to be discussed at AGM in December, 1990
4. Organization of a collection system for least coins.

Belize: CCC's programme officer, Fr. Herbert attended least coin, evocation place of Hezal Byfield whose schedule did not allow her to be there.

NORTHEASTERN SUBREGION.

Autigua.

- i. CCC's programme officer is now working with ecumenical groups towards getting them to carry the FLC movement
- ii. Is requesting material in French for Guadeloupe etc.

Srinidad, Barbados, Curacao.

- i. 'Seed work is being done by individuals in the above mentioned countries.

Other Emphasis

Material 'Circle of Prayer' in Spanish sent to women's Desk of the Aiba Ecumenical Council on several occasions. Additional copies were made available to World Day of Prayer delegates for taking back to the Latin America area.

REPORT OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN  
In The United States of America.  
1989-90

As I have reported for the past several years, the Fellowship of the Least Coin continue to growth in our country. It is very gratifying to see a renewed interest in long-time participants because we have had at least one mailing a year for the past several years, to each person or group who sends in their coins or asks for information about FLC. However it is always exciting when persons hear about the movement for the first time and begin to participate with enthusiasm. So FLC contines to grow in both ways, for which we are grateful.

We continue to use and update our computerized listing. Persons on this network will receive a report of this meeting and grants made as we have done for the past two years. We are getting a steady stream of letters asking for more information about FLC', so the network grows. Prayer cards and our brochures have each gone into their second printing, so we have evidence that publicity and interest continue.

Church women United is the collection point for least coins gathered in the US as well as other countries who send them to us. That accounting is attached to this report.

We have been forming people about the grants and therefore more grant applications cross my desk every year. There has been also an influx of applications from Africa and Latin America. I am not sure how they come to my address, and I have been forwarding them on the appropriate ICFLC representative. I trust that we can find a way to make more visible the representative in our areas, not only to assist grant applicants, but also to give more visibility to FLC as a movement.

The Circle of Prayer Vol:12 is in process. Betty Turcott and I have tried to get the writings completed. I have edited what we have and hopefully we can print this upon my return. I continue to be amazed at both the quality of the writing and the difficulty we have getting them! However I trust it will serve us well in the end.

The women of the US have a deep commitment and affection for the FLC movement. As we enter Church Women United's Jubilee year, on December 13, 1990 we will continue to promote FLC, and look forward to the Jubilee Assembly in November 1991 when we hope many of you will be able to join us. We are planning to also celebrate the FLC movement which has added so much to our history for the last 40 years. We appreciate your prayers and encouragement for us. Please know that many CWU women are also praying for peace and reconciliation in this critical time.

Mary Cline Detrick.  
CHURCH WOMEN UNITED USA.

FLC'S GIFT OF LOVE  
TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

Our area of the Middle East in General is passing through some of its greatest and most threatening periods of its modern history. This of course affected life in all its aspects and left a great mark on needy women and children in particular. However it has been possible for the women's programme just because of the FLC's gift of love to carry out some very significant projects and hold some national and regional seminars, retreats and work on raising women's awareness for using their potential and submitting themselves to training for a better performance in the service of church and society.

1990 brought with it some great tragedies for christian women and children in Lebanon with the sever fighting among christians in christian areas in a way that has never been so drastic before. Thus peace and reconciliation have been our great concern in Ecumenical Committee of the women's program. Meetings have been held weekly to find out best ways to approach the situation. We have held special retreats asking God's wisdom and in the spirit of the women of the FLC we have used our time talent and time for the sake of the peace. October 1990 was a month of prayers and action and teaching for and about peace. We have written to every church leader, priests and pastors asking them to help us and support us through church activities and women's groups in every local church. The month just has concluded with a national type of meeting to discuss the women's role in peace making. All religious groups christians and non-christians have attended the meeting and was broadcasted by all our national media. Had it not been for the gift of love of FLC community nothing would have been possible. May God continue to use our prayers and coins for this Glory.

One significant item of news is that now in Syria there is a group of Sunday schools girls and boys who consider themselves part of FLC movement. This beside the Ecumenical Women's Committee there.

A special thank you comes from women who are now sewing for living because of FLC gift of love.

For God is so good who provide all our Needs.  
And God happened to have used the women of  
FLC. May God continue to do so.

Ms. Dr. Mary Mikhael.  
Middle East Council of Churches.  
CYPRUS.

CANADIAN ANNUAL REPORT -Women's Inter-Church Council of  
CANADA.( WICC )

The WICC's Task Group consists of women from across Canada, who are interested in promoting FLC in Canada. In Canada an ingathering service is prepared each year to send out to individuals and groups participating in FLC to collect their least coins. The 1990 service was prepared by the FLC Task Group at its meeting in May, keeping in mind the vision of peace, justice and reconciliation. Included in the service are the FLC prayer and recommendation to use a reading from the "Circle of Prayer" booklet, as well as hymns, scripture etc.

The new WICC brochure which discusses FLC and the Canadian FLC brochure which discusses FLC in more detail are available to women throughout Canada. A copy of each will be handed out at the ICFLC meeting

A sub-group of the Task Group will meet in January 1991 to develop a slide presentation and script to promote FLC as a movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation. Interest in FLC continues to grow in Canada, but we have to keep re-interpreting the movement. The brochure has been widely distributed and is a big help in keeping the focus on prayer but there is a need for more. We hope the slide presentation will be the answer.

Canada has translated and printed 2,000 copies of a French version of "Circle of prayer" Vol 11 in December 1989. There are still 1900 copies at the WICC office. We have not succeeded in establishing a strong network for FLC in French-speaking parts of Canada, and Africa did not request any copy. We feel there is no need for a French translation of the next "Circle of Prayer" and recommend that no more be printed.

The WICC publishes a newsletter four times a year with a circulation of over 12,000 people. In each issue, three countries are highlighted with a brief history, the current situation and the status of women along with a prayer for that country. These articles act as a reminder of the FLC movement and as a focus for the prayers of individuals and groups. As Canada is such a large area with little density in population, communication is not always easy. The WICC newsletter is the only current way of spreading the news of FLC on a national level but locally, the women of Canada continue to get the message of peace and reconciliation to others one by one. We pray for God's continued blessing of FLC in Canada and Worldwide.

Personally as chairperson of this Task Group I talk about FLC at every opportunity, sharing the good news of this movement and encouraging others to become involved through speaking to individuals and group and writing letters and articles.

Nov. 1990

Donna Wenzel. Chairperson.  
FLC Task Group of WICC

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.

1. NAME OF ORGANIZATION:- International Committee for World Day of Prayer.
2. ADDRESS 475-Riverside Drive room 812, New York 10115 USA
3. TELEPHONE: 212 870-3049
4. LIST USES OF GRANT BY  $\%$ (a) FOR ADMINISTRATION 00%  
(b) FOR SPECIFIC PROGRAMS 100%
5. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING (a-h) FOR EACH PROGRAM FUNDED (ADD OTHER SHEET)
  - a) NAME OF PROGRAM FUNDED: TRAVEL ROOM AND BOARD EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO ICWDP MEETING KINGSTON JAMAICA JULY 28-AUGUST 6, 1990
  - b) NAME OF PERSON ADMINISTERING PROGRAM. EILEEN KING.  
ADDRESS 475 Riverside Drive room 812 New York NY 10115 USA
  - c) NUMBER OF WOMEN ON COMMITTEE ADMINISTERING PROGRAMME 12
  - d) APPROXIMATELY HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN BENEFITTED FROM THIS PROGRAM 40 DELEGATES FROM 40 COUNTRIES.  
PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN DIRECTLY BENEFITING 100%
  - e) STATE WAYS WOMEN AT THE LOCAL LEVEL HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THIS PROGRAM: Since the delegates were selected by their respective national WDP committees, they are in touch with the women at the local level who actually conduct the WDP service on the 1st, Day of March each year. The ICWDP meeting itself is a powerful encounter with the global dimensions of World Day of Prayer. Each delegate is challenged to bring home the experience and exposure afforded at the meeting. The meeting provides many occasions to learn from one another, from resource people, from ecumenical partners and to experience both the rewards and the difficulties of praying and working ecumenically.
  - f) BRIEF EVALUATION OF PROGRAM.  
An evaluation form for the Kingston, Quadrennial Meeting is being sent to each delegate. The responses will be collated and reviewed at the next Executive Committee Meeting which will be held in New-York, June 1990.
  - g) DOES THIS PROGRAM RECEIVE ANY OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?  
YES  NO  IF YES NAME THE SOURCE/S :/ Nine (9) National WDP Committees, The United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, China Program of Canada, WCC and Margaret Isherwood of Scotland contributed to a travel fund to assist with expenses of delegates.
  - h) WHAT HAS BEEN THE CONTRIBUTION OF LOCAL PEOPLE TO THE PROGRAM.  
FINANCIAL SUPPORT Assumed some of the local expenses.  
OTHER The WDP committee in Jamaica arranged a Sunday afternoon ecumenical service, Caribbean cultural evening, Church picnic in Ocho Rios, Prepared a conference kit and bag, Sunday Church visits,
6. PLEASE INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF ANY UNSPENT FUNDS FROM THE FLC GRANT 1990 US \$ None.
7. WHAT SPECIFIC THINGS HAVE YOU AND YOUR ORGANIZATION DONE TO PROMOTE OR PARTICIPATE IN FLC? Many national WDP committees also sponsor FLC. In the 1989 WDP Journal there was a feature article on the vision of FLC and a report on how FLC funds for the DRESS THEM/FEED THEM project assisted women in St. John Antigua. Alice Jean Finlay spoke on behalf of the Fellowship of the Least Coin at 2 or 3 public meetings a month. At the ICWDP meeting in Kingston, in an afternoon interest session titled, EYES OPEN TO REBUILD A BROKEN WORLD, reconciliation was explored under the leadership of members of ICFLC.

FLC is a movement of prayer and reconciliation in which women offer their prayers and their least coins each time they pray. It is the shared

offering of these least coins that allows us to contribute to your project.

1990 REPORT

TO: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

FROM: THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

The 1990 theme, "A better Tomorrow, Justice for All", which was prepared by the women of Czechoslovakia, was the beginning of an exciting year with many activities. As early as February 1989, National Committees were engaged in preparing for the Quadrennial ICWDP Meeting in Jamaica submitting nominations, recommendations and theme suggestions and preparing to send their delegate. By March of 1990 the ICWDP became every one's priority. The ICWDP office was busy with many arrangements, particularly with assisting countries with partial support for the travel expenses of their delegate. ICFLC participated in the ICWDP meeting at three levels: as an ecumenical partner, as a presenter during an interest session and through its contribution for the travel of delegates.

Ecumenical Partner:

An invitation was extended to world and regional women's ecumenical & denominational organizations to join us in Jamaica. World Day of Prayer is grateful to ICFLC that Shirin Samuel was able to be your representative. Ecumenical partners were able to participate in regional activities and to strengthen bonds with women of many countries and other world associations. ICWDP appreciates the whole hearted enthusiasm with which Shirin Samuel entered into the program and challenges of the Jamaica Meeting.

Interest Group:

On Tuesday afternoon, July 31, members of ICFLC presented an interest session titled "Eyes Open to A Broken World". The afternoon followed the design which had been developed at the ICFLC Meeting in November, of 1989 in Kingston, Jamaica. In a two hour session delegates were able to reflect on reconciliation in its personal biblical and social aspects and to learn how the Fellowship of the Least Coin exercises its commitment to personal and global reconciliation. Through this session, delegates had an opportunity to ask questions and to learn how they could become involved in the FLC Movement. Members of the FLC team were Shirin Samuel, Maya Michael, Mary Cline Detrick and Mary Mikhael.

FLC Contribution to Travel Fund:

The ICWDP constitutions stipulate that the travel expenses of a delegate are the responsibility of her national committee. For various and cogent reasons, several countries have great difficulty in raising the funds for their delegate's travel. Consequently, the executive committee when met in 1989 encouraged national committees to set aside money every year toward the travel of their delegate and to contribute to a travel fund to assist a delegate from another country who would otherwise not be able to attend. In selecting how funds would be disbursed the ICWDP Executive Committee established the following criteria for the Jamaica Meeting:

- : Delegate from countries of the Caribbean and Latin America.
- : Delegate from countries which have not attended or infrequently attended an ICWDP Meeting
- : Delegate from countries which are experiencing hardships and do not have resources.

: Delegate whose participation would contribute an important dimension to the meeting.

The criteria also noted that it was not possible to provide full assistance to those who asked. The delegate was informed as to the amount of support which could be given to her and asked to advise the ICWDP office immediately as to whether or not they could raise the remaining funds.

Support was given by World Day of Prayer National Committees of Austria Federal Republic of Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Norway, Scotland, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, and the United States and by our Ecumenical Partners: Fellowship of the Least Coin; the Ministry of women and Children GBGM of the United Methodist Church (USA); the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York; the Church of Master, New York; the China Program of Canada; the World Council of Churches; and by Margaret Isherwood of Scotland.

With these contribution more than forty women from forty countries received financial assistance which supplemented their own efforts sufficiently to enable them to participate in the Jamaica Meeting. This sponsorship meant that 132 women from 71 countries could pray and work together so that future of WDP for the next four years would grow because our eyes were open to new vision. A comprehensive report on the Jamaica Meeting is still in progress but when it is completed copies will be ICFLC.

Promotion:

Promotion of FLC was also effected by 2 or 3 speaking engagements a month by Alice Jean Finlay, by national committees for WDP that also are active in sponsoring FLC, and by an article on FLC published in the WDP Journal for 1989.

Respectfully Submitted by

Navamani Peter.  
Chairperson ICWDP.

Eileen King.  
Executive Director.