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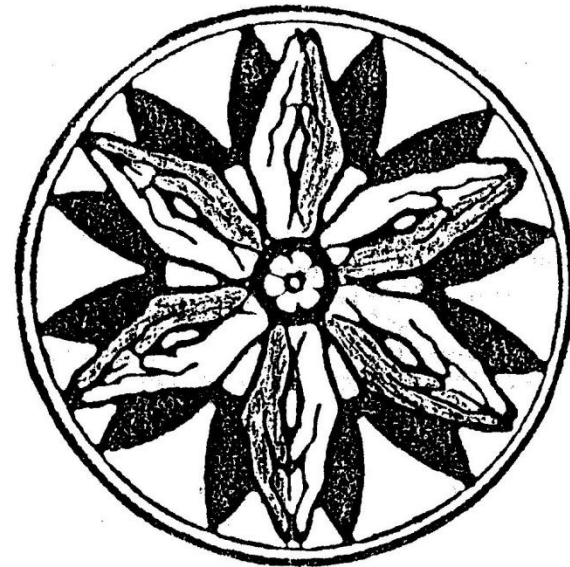
Notices

World Day of Prayer Friday 5 March, 1999



AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

World Community Day 1998



Unity In Diversity

John 17:21 "I pray that they may all be one."

Australian Church Women

ACW came into being in 1965 when Women's Inter-Church Councils from all States and Territories came together to form Australian Church Women, fostering ecumenism and undertaking action on behalf of Church women. Australian Church Women forms a network of committed Christian women, dedicated to encourage fellowship and service across denominational, national and international boundaries.

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Monies which have been collected with prayer for peace and reconciliation during the past year are brought to World Community Day services by groups and individuals and are dedicated. These funds are then sent to State/Territory Treasurers who forward them to the National Treasurer.

General Offertory from this service is to be divided equally between Asian Church Women's Conference, with which Australian Church Women is affiliated and supports annually; and the 1998 Special Community Day Project -

Korea Church Women United - Counselling Center for Migrant Women Workers is aimed at protecting human rights of foreign women working in Korea, especially the large community of Korean-Chinese women. We see this as a way to do the will of Jesus Christ and show love to our neighbor. All people are God's children regardless of nationalities and races and we should take care of the wanderers and the isolated.

Today's Order of Service was prepared by the Tasmanian Unit of Australian Church Women.

The Cover design is by Mrs Juanita Miller.

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Australian Church Women World Community Day 1998

Theme "Unity In Diversity."

Leader **WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER**

Leader to commit the whole Service to the Lord in Prayer.

Leader: Let us remind ourselves why we have come together today.

All *We are God's children and He has called us out of darkness into His glorious light. In a diverse world our unity is found in Christ and we meet to declare His wonderful deeds, to sing His praises, to hear His Word, to reaffirm our faith and to offer ourselves to Him for his service.*

Leader Let us pray.
O God our Father, grant that as we meet together for worship we may meet with You. Let your Holy Spirit make our lives ready for service, beautiful with love, strong in faith, fitted for service and filled with hope.

All *Amen.*

PRAISE.

HYMN: **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.**
A.H.B. 28

Bible Reading **Psalm 133**
(To be read from the New International Version)

THANKSGIVING.

Congregation please stand.

Leader We recognise the diversity of people within humanity.
All **We are many peoples, many cultures forming one family of God.**

Leader We recognise the many doctrines incorporating numerous worship styles.
All **We are many peoples, many cultures forming one family of God.**

Leader We recognise the diverse traditions and memories embracing various expressions of music, story and creativity.
All **We are many peoples, many cultures forming one family of God.**

Leader God's people spanning the generations.
All **Praise be to God.**

HYMN The Churches One Foundation
A.H.B. 385.

Bible Reading John 17 : 20-23

INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

Leader Loving heavenly Father, remind us that the world belongs to you and that your love reaches all people.
All **Praise be to God.**

Leader Lord, give us the grace to see the tasks which you have for us to do, and enable us to do them together.
All **Praise be to God.**

Leader Help us, in serving you, to come closer to one another so that, sharing one purpose, we may lovingly encourage each other to accept our diversities
All **Praise be to God.**

Leader Teach us to consider and respond to the needs of others before our own.
All **Praise be to God.**

Leader Lord, grant us tolerance and humility in our relationship with all your children, both near and far.
All **Praise be to God.**

Leader Lord make us children of unity connected through our diversities.
All **Praise be to God.**

Leader Lord, remind us that the Holy Spirit is with us at all times, our leader, our guide, the constant refresher of minds and compassion. We ask these things in the name of Him who loved us, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together -

All **Our Father who art in Heaven**
AMEN.

Item/Solo *Optional*

OFFERING.

Offering Prayer

All **Bless and multiply these gifts, O God, we pray, as**
they go out in blessing to others. Through Jesus
Christ our Lord
AMEN.

Hymn **Be Thou My Vision (Verses 1,2 & 5)**
 A.H.B. 455

ADDRESS:

Dedication of Fellowship of the Least Coin:

To be lead by F.L.C. Convenor.

Recognising that lack of harmony among Christians is bearing false witness against the Spirit of Christ, Paul in his letters offered some practical hints:

- Remember your chief goal is to pursue community, so let there be diversity on less important matters.
- Absorb the hurts of weaker persons rather than break fellowship.

- Carry out your own traditions in such a way that other people, for whom your heritage has no meaning, may approach God in their own manner.
- Let the warmth of your celebration together, of the Christian experience, be reflected in your relationships with others.

Those who have F.L.C. gifts, come forward and make their individual offering and then remain standing together for prayer of dedication.

PRAYER OF F.L.C.

All **O Loving Creator we present ourselves in your**
Divine Presence to thank you for all the bountiful
gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the
Fellowship of the Least Coin which binds us
together in love and forgiveness around the globe.
Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray.
Inspire us to live in solidarity with humankind that
we may know the joy of giving and receiving.
Dear God, accept this least coin 'Token of Love'.
Make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let
us honour your creation with love, as shown
through the life and resurrection of your Son, Jesus
the Christ.
AMEN

HYMN **Trust and Obey**
 A.H.B. 531

Benediction

The Fellowship of the Least Coin was founded in 1956 by an Indian woman; Shanti Solomon, during a goodwill mission to East Asian countries by an International team of women.

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a movement of prayer. Women around the world commit themselves to living a reconciled and forgiving life with others. They pray for reconciliation, justice and peace and as a symbol of their commitment set aside a least coin (5 cents) at the time of prayer. These least coins are collected once a year from over 80 countries of the world and are distributed in the form of grants, known as "Gifts of Love".

"Gifts of love" are sent all over the world including Australia.

You are invited to participate with
Christian women in every continent in the Fellowship of
the Least Coin.

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Korea Church Women United - "Counselling Centre for Migrant Women Workers" is as follows -

Korea Church women United along with Korean National Council of Churches proclaimed the year of 1995 as the Jubilee year and opened the place of repentance and reconciliation. We are determined to live with the spirit of the Jubilee, which lets the oppressed, the prisoners have the Jubilation of freedom and proclaims emancipation from every kind of discrimination against races, women and nations.

On the basis of this spirit of Jubilee, KCWU decided in 1995 to begin to do missionary work with foreign women workers who are isolated from the Korean society . Since 1988 there have been about 100,000 foreign workers with "dream of a better life in Korea" flowing into Korea's small and medium sized companies, service business, and crude working sites. They have been suffering a lot of hardship such as low wages, long-time work, abuses, diseases and lack of communication. Although over six years have passed Korea is not ready to accept these people both socially and systematically, which has caused a variety of social and human rights problems.

KCWU has tried to share these problems with great interest and affection and has started a "Counselling Center for Foreign Women Workers". We hope this can become a practical place where church women and foreign workers can work toward new heaven and new earth.

PURPOSE

KCWU is aimed at protecting human rights of foreign women working in Korea, especially the large community of Korean-Chinese women. We see this as a way to do the will of Jesus Christ and show love to our neighbor. All people are God's children regardless of nationalities and races and we should take care of the wanderers and the isolated.

BUSINESSES

1. Labour-counselling;

We talk about working problems of industrial disasters, wage delays, compulsory labor, unjust firing, abuses and death and help to solve these things.

2. Medical treatment: We connect foreign workers with the hospitals which offer services for them (Sadang Hospital, Jeeyoung Internal Medicine, Our Family Hospital, Sungdong people's Hospital, Kim Hyun Sik Obstetric Hospital, Sihung Family Hospital, Sinnae family Hospital, Sihung Family Hospital, Sinnae Family Hospital, Yoo Young Sang's nose, ear, and throat Hospital).

3. Educational and cultural activities: We teach the Korean language, culture and necessary skills that they need to live in Korea and do missionary service for them as needed.

4. Policy research: we do research on the problems of families, marriage, education children and sexual abuse and develop strategies to solve these problems.

5. Shelter: We are preparing to open a women's shelter for these workers.