

Fellowship of the Least Coin

Messages and Reports 2026

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Sisters and Friends –

This 2026 FLC Messages and Reports is both a gift and a challenge for us. A gift, as there is immense joy in how we have taken part in God's work of loving this world and have partnered with people in making their lives better. A challenge, for we will see more possibilities and opportunities on how to be an FLC partner or friend and to expand our reach as FLC.

This 2026 the FLC turns 70. We are into deeper ecological crisis, violence and wars, hunger and displacement, to name several of our troubles today. Like in praying, we take time to read this document to inspire and edify us as FLC friends and partners and, as an affirmation that we are not journeying alone. Along the way to attaining the FLC vision, we must 'hear and see' what is going on with each other. It is checking on each other and rejoicing together for our achievements as well as learning together how to make the journey even more exciting and happier.

Take time to enjoy the reading and do let us know your thoughts and feelings about this report. As we look forward to the next 70 years let us remember, honor and thank our FLC fore-parents for nurturing this global prayer movement. Most of all, we praise and thank God for the opportunity to be a partner and friend of the FLC.

God's faithful and bountiful blessings to us all!



CELEBRATING 70 YEARS OF SMALL COINS AND BIG MIRACLES

Dear sisters,

As I write this message to celebrate and honor the 70th milestone of our organization, I find myself facing a huge personal loss and hence feeling the power of prayer in my personal life. In this time of deep grief, I am uniquely reminded of why our fellowship matters so much. When our individual strength fails, it is the collective prayers of our global community that sustain us.

Seven decades ago, a visionary spark in 1956 united Christian women across boundaries through a simple, profound idea: to pray for peace and reconciliation, and set aside the "least coin" of their local currency. This year we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. For 70 years these tiny tokens of love and hope have pooled together to fund global justice, education, economic development, emergencies and empowerment for women and girls.

We honor the millions of whispered prayers that have spanned generations, reminding us that in God's economy, nothing and no one is ever too small.

May we continue to walk this path of justice, peace and reconciliation, supporting one another through every season of joy and sorrow - one prayer and one coin at a time!



Rev. Dr. Yamina Apolinaris
ICFLC Chairperson
July 2026

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

to the 45th ICFLC Annual Meeting (AM), October 13 to 18, 2025, via online

INTRODUCTION

The future is open and a leap of faith for the FLC, while witnessing the misery and the pains of our people and of creation.

I said that in my 2024 report. The now and the future indeed are open and the suffering of our people and of creation is getting worse/intense in 2025, which is so true in my Philippine context. How would the FLC respond to this context?

This AM is crucial as we turn 70 next year, with challenges before us and perhaps some changes to do. I am glad we have an annual meeting where we as a committee collectively reason together and decide how to be FLC these days.

THREE PARTS (Communicating the FLC, admin, and challenges)

I. COMMUNICATING THE FLC (liaison and promotion work, in cooperation with the ICFLC, Publications)

I keep on immersing myself in the activities of ICFLC members in the local and regional levels to help me do the work better and to see the gaps and good practices.

The planned visit to the Caribbean did not take place for some reasons. Executive Secretary visit/integration to regions is important to help strengthen FLC connection in the regions, to know how else I can be of help and to inspire ICFLC members further in their FLC promotion work. Despite financial challenges, visits are worthwhile by doing more than one FLC activity and connection-making.

Part of my work is attending the ACWC Executive and General Committee Meetings. These meetings and integration (with the ACWC leaders) afford me the opportunity to keep abreast on the ecumenical women's movement in

Asia, particularly with our two Asian members, ACWC and CCA. I need to pursue visits to regional members.

I continue to receive many inquiries about where and how we use the FLC Offerings, or about grants reports and transmission of offerings. Here in the Philippines, it was conveyed to me that a local church's FLC offerings increased because they were able to see the FLC grants report. This means conveying/sharing our yearly Messages and Reports and FLC Updates need levelling-up. From my end, I maximize the website, FB page, email to contacts. How do you do it in your regions?

Website, FB page and others
FLC networks are getting used to the FLC as more accessible online which is a good sign, still I receive queries which means those who ask do not know their regional and local links.

Publications
Electronic publications are indeed better, as it is now cheaper to print and to choose what to print.

The *Shanti Means Peace* e-Book (English, French and Spanish) heightened promotion needs more interested parties. Only three persons have so far asked me to share it to them. So how do you share our electronic publications in your region?

Annual Call to Prayer
There was only one Call to Prayer I was able to attend this year, the joint CWU USA and WICC in which there were 127 participants. I was so happy and overwhelmed! After May 21 I could not track the others, I am not sure how many Calls there were. What were your own joys and challenges about the Call to Prayer, and do you have imaginations how to do it next year?

I received invites as resource person or participant in the following:

1) Resource Speaker, (on Gender Justice Towards Peace Making), 2nd International Peace Forum and Interfaith Dialogue, April 7 to 8, 2025, Central Philippine University, Iloilo City

2) Main Resource speaker, Biblico-theological Reflection on Gender Justice, National Council of Churches in the Philippines, Regional Gender Justice Consultation (Luzon), June 24–25, 2025, Quezon City

3) Homilist (4 worship services for FLC Sunday), Crossroads UCCP (a big city church), Davao City, September 28, 2025

4) Participant (as WCC Ecumenical Partner), Asian Online Pre-Conference, in preparation for the Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order, which will take place in October 2025 in Egypt under the theme: *"Where Now for Visible Unity?",* September 25, 2025

Communicating the FLC globally is a big task, but when we do it together the FLC will be more visible and broader in reach and participation.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Every beginning of the year I come up with a detailed Work Plan prepared together with the Officers. I am glad about the plan as it guides me through the year in doing the work and it is open to include emergent actions when needed.

THE FLC Grants

Project Grants. All 2024 grants were reported except from Chile, which has a long trouble with their bank.

For 2025 we had four Emergency Grants given, namely to Indonesia, Nigeria and Pakistan for the floods, and to Myanmar for the earthquake.

The 2025 supported Scholarship Award for Young Women (SAYW) is still studying and will graduate in 2026. Her report/sharing is on file.

Starting with the 2025 FLC Messages and Reports, I included the Projects, Scholarships and Emergency Grants reports. That should help widen the sharing of reports that responds to the queries of where and how we administer the FLC Offerings.

Have you viewed the reports? This is important as we all need to be conversant with what we do on the ground as a sign of responsible stewardship of the FLC as a Fund and as an idea/concept. Most importantly, the reports are meant to inspire and to serve as witness how our least coin offerings help build the reign of God in amazing and miraculous ways with the least of God's people on the ground.

Office and finance matters

Home-based Office is still the best option we have finance- and convenience - wise.

Related to financial matters, I am noting that the Executive Secretary budget for travel needs increase so that visit to regional members could happen more. The planned visit to the Caribbean in May 2025 was cancelled as it was expensive (aside from the scary fact that there is no way not to transit in the USA!).

I am grieving over the fact that WICC is leaving the FLC to keep their charity status according to Canadian laws.

My heart aches to witness people suffering from calamities while holding a little amount of help in our hands but we are unable to extend help immediately. ICFLC Treasurer Mary Jorgenson and I share this struggle and pain in facilitating our FLC Emergency Grants to Myanmar and Pakistan, countries that do not sit well with USA politics. In a system that prioritizes profits over human and Earth care, it is increasingly getting more difficult to help people in emergency situations. This angers and saddens me deeply.

I am just glad we are all in this together. Please know that self-care is important to me, and it should be too, for you all. Self-care is God's care for you and me, and our way of resisting the evil system that commodifies everything and everyone. Be assured I am taking care of my Self well, particularly in these times that the Philippines is threatened by quakes, floods and massive plunder committed by government itself.

III. CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

We have a strategic plan in place that needs to be assessed by 2026. FLC will turn 70 in 2026. There are some critical changes happening globally that we need to consider as we move on.

Recommendations, *or reiterations*:

- Imagine and promote the FLC as a prayer movement beyond women's groups, in places where it is still exclusively as women's movement. This works, based on what I witnessed here in the Philippines!

- Being more proactive in asking me how to help members in their regional work of promoting the FLC. And to be more visible and involved in our annual Call to Prayer, in which we can be more locally creative.

- Re-imagine the Call to Prayer in terms of conducting joint regional ones, or in the national level. There are more ways of doing it creatively. There is a prayer partners group of ACWC that does a regular prayer meeting where they faithfully attend and do enjoy the sessions.

- Proactively share our reports, especially the FLC Grants reports. There are inspiring short stories from partners that should be shared widely and not kept in archives.

- Create a meaningful global celebration plan for the 70th anniversary of the FLC.

- Visit and work with Pacific, Caribbean and Middle East members in 2026 and 2027.

- Identify friendlier, alternative ways of sending funds to partners.

CONCLUSION

It is said that FLC is a unique and elegant way of building sisterhood and solidarity around the world through and by prayers, with our least coin offerings since 1956. We turn 70 next year. What uniqueness, wisdom, and grace have we accumulated today and how shall we cultivate this in the next 70 years?

How are we materially committed to uphold and live out the FLC ideals of justice, peace and reconciliation in our context today?

Sisters, we need to level-up our collective work in taking care of the FLC as a concept/idea and as a Fund. We pray for bold imagination and courage to go forward to the next 70 years of FLC. Since 1956, the FLC was graced with material and human sufficiency, and faithful prayers said and worked on.

No doubt, the next years will remain open, still scary, but exciting with the God of Surprises who accompanies us. May it be so!

Liza B Lamis
10 October 2025



REPORT OF THE ICFLC TREASURER

to the 45th ICFLC Annual Meeting, October 13 to 18, 2025, via Online

Dear Sisters,

It has been my joy to complete my first year as treasurer for ICFLC. Thank you for your patience and understanding as I have become more familiar with the tasks.

Financial transactions for the ICFLC are processed by Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church USA. Both Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Church (USA) which handle the accounts payable and legal review have experience considerable staffing reductions over the past decade.

Additionally, banking regulations and US Treasury restrictions must be navigated and banking processes in receiving institutions are often difficult to understand and comply with. In 2025, significantly more effort has been required to get project grants processed. This causes frustration for the recipients, the ICFLC staff and board members. I will continue to work to find ways to expedite our funding.

The Memorandum of Understanding between ICFLC and Presbyterian Women is due for renewal. It is important to emphasize that Presbyterian Women has been a supporter of ICFLC from its inception and has entered into the agreement in its continued effort to support the work of ICFLC. With an ever-shrinking staff, the time allotted for ICFLC accounts has become more limited.

Regarding the financial results for the 2025 fiscal year, offerings were considerably below the budgeted income. Fortunately, office expenses continue to be minimal and there was a reduction in bank fees this year as recipients were asked to provide confirmation of their bank account. However, it has become evident that additional regions will be restricted from receiving funds from the US. It may be necessary to find an alternative fiscal partner.

Since it is very hard to project income, it is prudent to budget receipts consistent with the previous year. We continue to prioritize project grants so that FLC funds are in the hands of organizations around the world meeting the deepest and most immediate needs. However, this approach must be balanced with the award of block grants which support partner organizations in their promotion of the ICFLC movement.

I am happy to answer questions or to provide details on any aspect of the ICFLC finances.

May God continue to bless the work of the ICFLC and all those impacted by the least coins and prayers offered by our sisters around the world.



Blessings and peace,

Mary Cook Jorgenson
Treasurer

REPORTS FROM ICFLC MEMBERS / REGIONAL ECUMENICAL ORGANIZATIONS

ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES(AACC) 2025

Ann Kioi
Director for Gender, Women, Youth and Sustainable Population

1. Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:

The year 2025 marked the beginning of the implementation of the AACC 2025-2028 Strategy as adopted at the AACC 12th General Assembly (GA) which was successfully held in November 2023 in Abuja, Nigeria. This Strategy has 11 programmatic pillars and gender and women is programmatic pillar number 3. This pillar has two thematic focus namely: -

(i) **Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment** whose programmatic goal is to address Gender Inequalities through the following programmatic interventions:

- Enhancing advocacy on the implementation, ratification and domestication of existing legal frameworks on gender justice and women's rights in the continent
- Mobilizing women for increased participation in public governance
- Promoting women's participation in church leadership
- Engaging in advocacy actions on the rights of widows

(ii) **Sexual and Gender Based Violence** whose Programmatic goal is ending Sexual and Gender Based Violence through the following Programmatic Interventions:

- Increasing awareness on the alarming incidence of SGBV in the continent
- Deepening collaboration with other relevant organisations addressing SGBV
- Increase men's participation in the fight against SGBV e.g. through the AACC's Male Champions for gender justice.
- Running a continental campaign on ending SGBV and engaging young people in the SGBV campaign.

2. Achievements in the last year relevant to practice of FLC (new organization/group or new country where FLC is started):

The activities implemented focused on increasing awareness on the alarming incidence of SGBV in the African continent, engaging the AACC Male Champions for gender justice and running, awareness raising on the rights of widows collaboration with other relevant organisations addressing SGBV was amplified through the various initiatives undertaken on ending femicide, men's participation in the fight against SGBV e.g. through the AACC's Male Champions for gender justice as well as during the 16 days of activism. Key achievements were on the following: -

a) Formation of an Interfaith taskforce on ending SGBV that led to the convening of the Interfaith **Roundtable Dialogue on Ending Femicide: -** on 5th Feb 2025, AACC, in collaboration with Christian Aid, gathered together about 58 participants comprising Religious Leaders, Faith Based Organizations, Civil Society organizations and Lawyers at the Desmond Tutu Conference Centre (DTCC), Nairobi, to foster a deeper discussion and understanding of the femicide cases in Kenya. Over the past months, the escalating cases of femicide in Kenya, which in January alone amounted to 14, sent shockwaves throughout the communities. Some of the cases included the stabbing to death of a 26-year old Starlet Wahu on 4th January, and the brutal murder and dismemberment of a 20-year-old Rita Waeni in Nairobi with her remains scattered by the killer and some stuffed in a plastic bag on 14th January. Besides, Femicide Count Kenya, which monitors killings, reported in local news that they had recorded 58 deaths labelled as femicides (the intentional killing of women because of their gender) between January and October 2022. In 2023, the organisation recorded at least 152 killings–the highest in the past five years. Thus, the main objectives of the Interfaith roundtable dialogue were: (a) To reflect on the state of Femicide and other forms of GBV in Kenya and their impact on the lives of women and men, boys and girls in the society; (b) To discuss the GBV legislative frameworks in place and their enforcement operationalization; (c) To issue a Statement on the state of femicide and other forms of GBV in Kenya, (d) To strengthen collaboration among religious leaders and other stakeholders in addressing femicide and other forms of GBV .



Group photo of participants at the Interfaith Roundtable Dialogue on Ending Femicide

b) **International Women's Day (IWD) on 8th March 2025**: AACC celebrated this day in collaboration with World Council of Churches (WCC), Christian Aid, Church Women United (CWU) and International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) whose focus was on combatting femicide. This was done inform a webinar that explore comprehensive approaches to combatting femicide across various domains including religious, cultural, socio-economic, and legal-political spheres. Moreover, the webinar aimed to shed light on systemic injustices fostering misogyny and femicide, particularly within faith communities. Key speakers tackled the issue of femicide from various perspectives on the theme: "Invest in Women: End Femicide". The event drew participation from 110 individuals across the globe. The IWD explored comprehensive approaches to combating femicide across various domains including religious, cultural, socio-economic and legal-

political spheres by shedding light on systemic injustices fostering misogyny and femicide, particularly within faith communities.

c) **Annual virtual round-table dialogue for AACC male champions for gender justice-23rd May 2025**. The AACC brought together 22 male champions for gender justice from Malawi, Uganda, Nigeria, the DRC, Togo and Cameroon aiming at engaging men in the fight against gender-based violence and promote gender equality and a shift from toxic masculinities to positive masculinities among men.

d) **Multi-stakeholders Consultation on Ending femicide and other forms of GBV in Kenya on 30th May, 2025**. The AACC in collaboration with the FECCLAHA, Christian Aid, ACT Alliance, F2A Network and CAPA with support from Church Women United, convened a Forum on ending Femicide and other forms of GBV. The consultation forged an Interfaith and Ecumenical obligation for sustained efforts towards ending femicide and other forms of GBV**.**



Group photo of the Multi-stakeholders Consultation on Ending femicide and other forms of GBV in Kenya

e) **International Association of Women Ministers (IAWM) General Assembly meeting in Puerto-Rico from 2-8 June 2025.** Rev. Dr. Lydia Mwaniki participated and fed into the International Association of Women Ministers (IAWM) bi-Annual General Assembly in Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, as a Board member of IAWM. The hybrid meeting brought together 15 women in-person and about 7 others virtually from different parts of the world. The General Assembly had several activities including presentations, business sessions, developing a strategic plan, sharing experiences of women in different contexts and especially women in leadership, and strengthening the fellowship through participating in the Lord's Supper, and other bonding activities such as show-casing uniqueness of our cultures through presentations and dress.

f) Celebration of International Widows' Day: - On 23rd June 2025, AACC in collaboration with the United Methodist Church Zimbabwe Episcopal Area, hosted an in-person vibrant and historic commemoration of International Widows' Day on the theme, "The Love of Christ compels us to accelerate advocacy for the Rights and Dignity of Widows in Zimbabwe." The event was held in Chisipiti United Methodist Church-Harare and was attended by over 350 participants. Awareness was raised about the international widows' Day given that this was the first physical Conference to mark the Day. Participants were educated on the legal instruments available in Zimbabwe for protection of widows, as well as the AACC tool kit for justice for widows. Beneficiaries of AACC grant for widows showcased their handmade items that they were selling and widows shared their experiences,

challenges and best practices in coping with widowhood. It was observed that economic and social lives of the beneficiaries of AACC's grants for widows had changed drastically whereby widows were able to meet their families' economic needs. Some of the widows were even participating in National shows.





Beneficiaries of AACC widows' grants- Elizabeth Madzivachando (right in a black hat) and Angeline Mawarire (in a red side-hat in the second photo) excited as they displayed their hand-made products to AACC Staff-Lydia and Anysie. Anysie (left) is wearing an exhibit hat from Elizabeth.

During the period under review, the AACC distributed funds to support widows' project in AACC constituency namely Africa Inland Church (AIC), Angolan Council of Christian Churches, National Council of Churches of Burundi (CNEB), Episcopal Church of Sudan and Baptist Community in Central Africa (CBCA) received grants targeting improving the livelihoods for widows in their respective churches.

g) ***Participation in the*** **Traditional and Religious Leaders Consultation on the African Union Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (AU CEVAWG): - T**his took place in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 3rd to 4th October 2025. This consultation brought together religious and traditional leaders from across Africa to discern on the scourge of violence against women and girls and to discuss the draft of the AU Convention on Ending Violence Against Women and Girls which is expected to be adopted at the February 2025 Heads of States Summit in Addis Ababa. The convention was a significant legal framework aimed at addressing and eliminating violence against women and girls across Africa. The outcomes of the AU CEVAWG initiative focused on creating a legally binding framework to address the root causes of violence, strengthen institutional mechanisms, and promote gender equality. AACC's involvement aligned with its mission to advocate for justice and human dignity, contributing to the broader goals of the convention for sustainable population. Key highlights of this convention were: -

- It **sought** to establish a legally binding framework to prevent and respond to all forms of violence against women and girls. It addresses root causes, strengthens institutional mechanisms, and promotes gender equality and human dignity.
- It cover**ed** various forms of violence, including physical, sexual, psychological, and economic violence, as well as harmful practices like Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) and early forced marriages.
- It was adopted in February 2025 during the AU's 38th Ordinary Session, marking a significant step toward a safer and more equitable future for women and girls.



The AACC delegation pictured above was comprised of: - From Left to right - Joshua Kimani, Mahlet Abreham, Rev. Dr. Fidon Mwombeki, Gorden Simango, Ann Kioi, Justice Oman and Rev. Comfort Ruth Quartey-Papafio; Director, Gender, Family and Social Intervention; The Methodist Church Ghana.

h) **Commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against GBV:** - This was marked from 25th November to 10th December, 2025 themed *"Towards Beijing +30: UNiTE to End Violence Against Women and Girls"*, emphasized the urgency of preventing gender-related killings and demands action to protect women and girls worldwide. The thematic focus aligned to the 2025 priority theme of the Commission on the Status of Women, focused on Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective. The emphasis was building sustainable partnerships and emphasizing the need for collaborative action in ending GBV. The 16 Days campaign activated and amplified the commitments of 76 (42 women, 34 men) faith actors and leaders to prevent violence against women. Several outcomes were harvested including;

- Increased awareness on femicide and GBV, its causes, and its consequences, and a shared commitment to ending it.
- Increased partnership and collaboration leading to collaboration on GBV prevention beyond the 16 Days of Activism.
- Increased resources for GBV prevention and survivor support.
- Enhanced political will and commitment to implementing policies that protect women and girls and address GBV at national, regional, and local levels.
- Increased men engagement as potential allies in addressing GBV.

i) On promoting **women's participation in church leadership**, the Rev. Dr. Lydia Mwaniki, AACC Director for Gender and Women engaged with and participated at the Conference for the Six (6) African Anglican Women Bishops at St Paul's University Limuru -Kenya on 11th January 2025 where is director for gender and women fed into the Conference for the current and only six (6) Anglican Women Bishops in Africa. The in-person event was hosted by St Paul's University Limuru Kenya. The Ecumenical gathering brought together over three hundred participants comprising of Church leaders, different Church institutions and Faith Based organizations, University lecturers and students. The "Africa 6", as they were titled were engaged into a panel discussion about their calling, challenges in their work and challenges in leadership

especially in the political arena in the continent. 'The Africa 6' serve as beacons of hope in the ongoing struggle for women's full participation in church leadership, especially in the Anglican Communion in Africa.



The Bishops are from left- Rt. Rev. Dr. Dalcy Badeli Dlamini (Eswatini, Swaziland), Rt. Rev. Dr. Vicentia Kgabe (Anglican Diocese of Lesotho), and Rt. Rev. Elizabeth Awut (Diocese of Rumbek-South Sudan). After Archbishop of Kenya-Most Rev. Dr. Jackson Ole-Sapit and Prof Esther Mombo (middle), the next Bishop is Rt. Rev. Filomena Teta (Angola), Rt. Rev. Dr. Emily Onyango (ACK Diocese of Bondo, Kenya), and Rt. Rev. Rose Okeno (ACK Diocese of Butere, Kenya),

3. Opportunities to promote or strengthen FLC:

- Through the AACC Member churches by sharing information and updates about FLC and encouraging women leaders in the AACC constituency to promote the movement
- At various AACC gatherings for women and youth, we intend to utilize the space to promote FLC
- Through AACC offices in Nairobi, Addis Ababa and Lome office share FLC newsletters, information and update.
- Through FLC Project grants recipients who receive grants will be requested to promote the movement and act as FLC ambassadors in the continent.
- At the upcoming AACC Youth Congress slate to take place in Nairobi from 31st October 2025 to 5th November 2025 in Nairobi, Kenya, we will also use the opportunity to popularize FLC.

4. Results of use of FLC Block Grant:

The AACC gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a core grant totaling $3,890 (Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety US Dollars) from the Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) in the year 2024. While this grant was undesignated, its flexible nature allowed the AACC to strategically channel these critical resources towards the foundational and programmatic work of its Gender and Women Department. The funds significantly supported ongoing initiatives aimed at promoting gender equality, empowering women, and combating Gender-Based Violence (GBV) across the African continent, creating awareness on the AACC Justice for widows' campaign and advocacy campaigns on women's rights and gender justice within member churches and at the African Union level as reported above under section 2. Thus it was strategically allocated to strengthen and sustain the programmatic operations of the AACC's Gender and Women Department complementing the department's work in

addressing the critical covered by project-specific funding in the activities reported under section 2.

The grant also enabled the AACC to do networking & partnership building facilitating engagements with partner organizations, women's groups, and ecumenical bodies to foster a united front for gender justice as reported above under section 2 where Rev. Dr. Lydia Mwaniki participated and fed into the International Association of Women Ministers (IAWM) bi-Annual General Assembly in Vieques Island, Puerto Rico.

5. Conclusion:

The AACC expresses its profound gratitude to the Fellowship of the Least Coin for the continuous support, partnership and accompaniment over the years. The contribution of FLC to the work of the AACC and the churches in Africa that has benefited from the FLC grants over the years has been impactful. Through this flourishing partnership, the AACC, Gender and Women Department is at the forefront of promoting gender equality, women empowerment, and the fight against Gender-Based Violence and has continued its advocacy, capacity strengthening, and awareness-raising activities, thereby contributing to the broader goal of fostering a more just, equitable, and violence-free society for women and men in Africa, in line with our African Union agenda 2063 the Africa We Want, as envisioned in the 20 goals of the Agenda 2063, which is the Africa We Pray For! Africa: My Home, My future!

This grant is not merely a financial contribution; it is an affirmation of trust and a partnership in our shared commitment to human dignity and justice. The AACC remains dedicated to transparent and accountable utilization of all resources entrusted to us and looks forward to our continued collaboration with the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

ASIAN CHURCH WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (ACWC) 2025

Major Donna Bryan
ACWC President

1. Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:
The current Executive and General Committees of the ACWC are addressing the problems created by no longer employing a full-time Executive Secretary due to financial considerations. This has greatly affected the administration and the constitution of the ACWC, and it has been very time consuming as well as diverting our attention and energy away from focusing on several important issues in the Asian region.

Fortunately, our 67-year-long partnership with the FLC is being re-emphasised, as we work through our ACWC priorities and implement changes that will prepare and strengthen our organisation for the years ahead. The National Representatives to the ACWC will continue to be charged with working for the promotion of the FLC programs and projects in their respective countries, in accordance with the revised ACWC Constitution and By-Laws.

2. Achievements in the last year relevant to practice of FLC (new organization/group or new country where FLC is started):
Firstly, thanks must be given to Japan, Myanmar, New Zealand, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand and Australia for their many years of consistently supporting and promoting the FLC prayer movement since they first joined the ACWC. These countries also look for new ways to increase the support and promotion of the FLC, even when several of them are experiencing challenging times in recruiting younger women to their organisations.

In the 2024 Report to the ICFLC Annual Meeting, several initiatives were mentioned that have been undertaken in the countries where our Executive Committee members reside. These initiatives are now bearing fruit from

the efforts of those members, and we praise God for the encouraging results.

3. Opportunities to promote or strengthen FLC:
The ACWC recognised the significance of 2026 as the 70th anniversary of the FLC, and began to prepare for this event by emphasising it in the Executive and General Committee meetings held in June this year, in Indonesia. The Executive Committee meeting was the second in-person gathering for the current quadrennium of 2024–2027, and the first for the General Committee.

These meetings were perfect opportunities to emphasise the approach of the 70th FLC anniversary, and for Dr Liza Lamis, Executive Secretary ICFLC, to present a very informative FLC session to an almost full complement of current members, which has not been the case for several years. The interest shown and the feedback received was most encouraging. Several members were new to the ACWC and, surprisingly, had scant information about the FLC.

Already, we are seeing the increased involvement in the FLC program. The National Representative for Pakistan has been particularly proactive in encouraging participation in the FLC. She conducted two FLC In-Gathering Services this year, where women from various denominations and organisations worshipped together. It was a wonderful opportunity for her to share about the FLC's mission and work, helped by a PowerPoint presentation provided by Dr Lamis. A report and photos were sent on these services. Here are two photos of the two groups:





For this year's ACWC Day Liturgy, attention was drawn to the upcoming 70th anniversary of the FLC and the enduring partnership with the ACWC since those first years. The ACWC liturgy also included a couple of items from the 2025 FLC In-Gathering Service.

The ACWC has already received enquiries about how the 70th anniversary will be celebrated and what resources will be available to participate in and support the celebrations. Those enquiring have been advised that more details will become available after this year's ICFLC Annual Meeting.

4. Results of use of FLC Block Grant:
The FLC Block Grant is vital to the ACWC, as there are limited opportunities for the majority of the global south members to contribute to the fund-raising efforts of the ACWC. These countries are not always able to raise their annual affiliation fees where Christianity is a minor religion in their country, and especially when they have financial restrictions placed upon them.

Without the FLC Block Grant, it would be difficult to support the ACWC program as well as promote the FLC to existing and new groups.

Conclusion:
The ACWC is very grateful for its relationship with the FLC and the opportunities it provides to make a difference in the lives of Asian women and children. We look forward to the 70th anniversary celebrations and being able to continue our partnership with the FLC.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA (CCA) 2025

Arceli Pepito-Bile
Programme Associate

1. Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:

The CCA's Ecumenical Women's Action Against Violence (EWAAV) is a platform for dialogue, solidarity, mutual learning, and collaboration. Through EWAAV, CCA seeks to harness the church's capacity toward advocacy for women's dignity and rights. By bringing together ecumenical partners, faith leaders, women theologians, and grassroots advocates, this initiative seeks to increase visibility, strengthen impact, and cultivate a shared commitment to gender justice.

2. Achievements in the last year relevant to practice of FLC (new organization/group or new country where FLC is started):

Ecumenical Women's Action Against Violence (EWAAV)

National Consultation on "Empowerment and Collective Action to Ending Violence Against Women"
27–29 May 2025 | Phnom Penh, Cambodia



The Ecumenical Women's Action Against Violence (EWAAV) National Consultation, themed *"Empowerment and Collective Action to Ending Violence Against Women,"* was held from 27 to 29 May 2025 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Jointly organized by the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) and the Kampuchea Christian Council (KCC), the Consultation brought together 40 women and men from KCC member churches to deepen awareness, build capacity, and strengthen faith-based advocacy to end violence against women (VAW).

Participants synthesized key insights from the various sessions during the concluding plenary session. They made individual and collective commitments to amplify the Church's role in gender justice advocacy, foster partnership in challenging violence and supporting survivors, and strengthen partnerships with community organizations and NGOs for future collaboration.

Promotion of Thursdays in Black Campaign



Asian Ecumenical Institute 2025 Participants



Young Ambassadors of Peace in Asia 2025 Participants

CCA continues to promote the Thursdays in Black Campaign. During the CCA Asian Ecumenical Institute (AEI) and Young Ambassadors of Peace in Asia (YAPA) programmes, participants observed Thursdays in Black and led morning devotion related to Gender Justice.

Various sessions in the above-mentioned leadership formation programmes for young people include discussions on gender inequality, the challenges of patriarchy, and deeply rooted cultural norms that must be addressed within the church. Through these conversations, we actively engage young people in promoting inclusion and advancing gender justice.

3. Opportunities to promote or strengthen FLC:

The call for writers and contributors to the Circle of Prayer has served as a valuable opportunity to promote and strengthen the visibility of the FLC initiative. For Volume 28, four young women from Asia have been invited to contribute prayers. This initiative not only amplifies young women's voices but also helps raise awareness of the FLC among a new generation of potential members and leaders.

4. Results of use of FLC Block Grant:

The Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) will organize the Asian Ecumenical Women's Conference (AEWC) from 12–14 November 2025 under the theme, "For Such a Time as This: Towards Upholding the Dignity and Rights of Women in Asia."

AEWC-2025 seeks to strengthen advocacy efforts, deepen collective impact, and foster a shared commitment to ending violence against women and promoting gender justice across the region.

The ICFLC 2025 Block Grant will be allocated to partially support the financial requirements of this conference.

Conclusion: The reported programmes above highlight the ongoing commitment of the CCA to promote gender justice through education, advocacy and collaboration. By engaging churches, communities, and ecumenical partners, these efforts continue to build awareness, strengthen partnerships, and inspire collective action toward ending violence and upholding the dignity and rights of women across Asia.

Church Women United, Inc. (CWU USA) 2025

Margaret B. Rushing
CWU President

1. Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:

Church Women United, Inc USA strives to focus on significant issues that impact the spiritual, physical and social wellness of women. The CWU States/Local Units continue to pray, advocate, and support women around the world.

Our ecumenical movement continues to fight against gender based violence, justice reform, voting rights, food insecurities, homelessness, public education, women's health and human trafficking. Our systems can not change unless we work and advocate for change. We must build a sustainable future that elevates women in leadership positions of authority, tends to resolve global crises without resorting to violence, advocates for inclusion of all, and creates a sustainable peace process.

Our national partners Ecumenical Women, National Farm Worker Ministry, Shared Hope International, Church World Services and Bread for the World align with our mission and our values to ensure that all women and girls are enabled to be fully a part of society. This mandates that we become attentive and intentional to the cry of the poor and be relentless in fighting for change across the globe.

Church Women United is having to deal with considerations of not having full time staff and trying to build our programs that support our mission. CWU will continue to promote the ICFLC programs and projects in accordance with our governance.

2. **Achievements in the last year relevant to practice of FLC (new organization/group or new country where FLC is started):**

We had a successful Call to Prayer in May 2025 with women participating from Canada, the Philippines, and the USA. We continue to reach out and build relationships in support of ICFLC. We follow up with the ICFLC grant recipients and maintain a relationship with grantees and invite them to join ICFLC. CWU continues to financially support FLC through generous donations.

3. **Opportunities to promote or strengthen FLC:**

Church Women United continues to promote ICFLC during CWU Celebrations and programs. We share posts and materials of ICFLC in social media and on the CWU website. We have articles in our CWU newsletter about what is happening in ICFLC. We share the "Shanti Means Peace" story and are making plans to share the Spanish version within the first quarter of 2026.
We are sharing the future "coinless" environment and trying to determine how to keep traditional ways while changing to meet the times.

4. **Results of use of FLC Block Grant:**
The Active Parenting Skills workshop that was funded at the October 2024 ICFLC Annual Meeting (2025 ICFLC grants) has been a great success — classes are currently ongoing (October 2025). There are 19 women who are members of the class. The women are mothers and grandmothers and have shared that they are excited about all that they have learned in order to meet the challenges of today and to help them build better relationships with their children. A part of the program is also learning about self care; modeling behavior for our children. Rosemary Miller, the behavioral specialist and instructor, has been working with these women during the 2025 fall semester. Delta Mission Ministries is the nonprofit recipient of the grant.

Conclusion:

Church Women United, Inc. is very grateful for its relationship with the ICFLC and the opportunities it provides in making a difference for women and families so that they can better their lives by learning and working with experts in a loving, Christian environment. We are appreciative of the support that ICFLC has given CWU and the continued partnership that we share. We look forward to the future together.




Blessed
MOM


I will praise
thee with my
whole heart
Do not fear
I am with you

Online meetings

The Coordinating Committee (CC) ensured regular meetings (12/1, 24/2, 21/4, 19/6, 29/9, 20/10) to mutual updates and necessary decision making on the various project lead by different members of the CC

National Coordinators' meeting, online, 15th May 2024

Around 30 women from different Forums and countries met online to, listen, vote, talk, and pray together, for almost three hours. This was a new way of having a business meeting for the Forum. One of the outcomes from the General Assembly in 2022 is to work for inclusion and renewal. The narrative and financial reports for 2022 and 2023 were approved. Future plans were presented concerning the young women's activities, a workshop on encouraging female leadership, a working group on EFECW commitments for environmental issues as well as ordinary activities such as the online National Coordinators' (business) meeting 2025, Online National Coordinators' (business) meeting / Pre-GA 2026, General Assembly 2026, Podcasts and Newsletter 2-3 times a year. Changes in the constitution were presented for further reflection, discussion (to be adopted at the next GA) to include individual membership together with National Forums. These changes will be sent to the National Forums to be discussed further in the online National Coordinators business meeting in 2025 and 2026.

Women and Poverty, 25 November 2024, EFECW morning prayer

In the context of the international campaign "16 Days of Activism to end violence against women", Hannah Wehner and Carin Gardbring, prepared the World Council of Churches (WCC) morning prayer of Day 1 on behalf of EFECW and shared the following reflection on the theme of "Women and Poverty" after the Bible reading from Mark 5:24-34.

Consultation on the revision of "Charta Oecumenica"

The EFECW CC initiated a consultation process to better coordinate the revision work of the EFECW national members and reach out to EFECW individual members with expertise seeking their contribution. After an online consultation process, the CC compiled all revision work and submitted their recommendations to the Joint CEC-CCEE

Working Group (Conference of European Churches and Council of Bishops' Conferences of Europe)

News from national forums

"Damaris the Athenian", Ecumenical Forum of Christian Women in Greece

The Greek forum "Damaris the Athenian" decided to work on **gender violence and child abuse**, about three years ago. In 2024, two international conferences have been organised, in the first of which

Hannah Wehner (EFECW CC member) and Eleonora Papaleontiou-Louca (member of EFECW of Cyprus) took part as guest speakers and/or workshop facilitators on the topic.

Armenian Forum of Ecumenical Christian Women

Women's power is in unity, 10th anniversary of the Armenian Ecumenical Forum of Christian Women, 23rd March 2024 "Improve yourself - improve the world": Women's Empowerment Project. The Armenian Forum implements a women's empowerment project dedicated to the empowerment of young women living in the border provinces of Armenia. Previous work experience with different social and aged groups of women in different regions of Armenia revealed that the majority of women are not well-informed and lack the education and basic skills.

ÖFCFE, General Assembly, Erfurt, Germany

In October 2024, the General Assembly of the German Forum (ÖFCFE) took place. Individual members as well as association members came together in Erfurt to hold their annual meeting that was prepared already one day in advance by the German Coordinating Committee. Hannah Wehner and Gabriele Kienesberger represented the Coordinating Committee. They presented the European level by providing an insight into the Forum's history, the organisational structures, the link to International Ecumenical and/or Women's Organisations, the EFECW Young Women's Strategy with the Open Space discussions and the podcast #femalevoices, and the European newsletters and website.

Young women strategy

Open Space Discussions

The Open Space discussions became an important online safe space for the younger women of the organisation to regularly meet, reflect, raise awereness, discuss, etc., after the General Assembly of EFECW in 2022. The following meetings were organised:

"A moment for reflection", 28 January 2024

"Listen to your heart, trust your gut, and use your head", 25 February 2024

"Self-esteem, emotional intelligence, and assertive communication", 24 March 2024

"Attachment styles", 20 April 2024

"Self-talk and positive affirmations", 26 May 2024

"Love & care for children – raising children", 23 June 2024

"Finding the right job", 21 July 2024

"Responsible tourism: Take only memories - Leave only footprints", 18 August 2024

"Animal ethics", 22 September 2024

"Contraception and STDs", 13 October 2024

"Menstruation", 24 November 2024

Podcast @femalevoices

Podcast project #femalevoices - a podcast by EFECW was launched on 9th of December 2023, the final evening of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence (UN Women). The launch was of course preceded by a number of meetings and discussions, and a fruitful international cooperation, as the members of the podcast team (Agnes Kienesberger, Austria, Zsófia Vincze, Romania, Mariam Agladze, Georgia, Jelena Ljubenovic, Serbia, Hannah Wehner, Ireland) live in different countries. The idea was to provide a platform through which we can reach more women in order to raise attention to important issues, such as gender-based violence and peaceful cohabitation in ecumenism. The short, 10-15 minutes long recordings are long enough to provide a relevant amount of information, but short enough to keep the audience entertained. YouTube @EFECW-Podcast

Episode 1: Sabiha Husic, psychotherapist, interreligious peacebuilder and director of Medica Zenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Episode 2: Martina Heinrichs, German feminist theologian living in the Netherlands. Retired as director of studies at Dominican monastery in Huissen.

Episode 3: Stella El-Buoyadi-Van de Wetering, professor of Arabic language and Islamic culture, originally from the Netherlands. Advocate of interreligious initiatives and ecumenism.

Episode 4: Emel Topçu, professor of social and political sciences from Turkey. Having taught and lived in many different countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and India) is a professional in migration and interculturality. Currently supporting Syrian refugees in Turkey, encouraging intercultural and interreligious dialogue and peace making.

Episode 5-6: Nicqi Ashwood, reverend of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands, a teacher, mission partner and gender equity advocate. Currently working for the World Council of Churches.

Representation

Global Youth and Adolescents Recommendations

The young women, lead by Hannah Wehner, prepared and submitted concrete recommendations and political agendas to UN Women Youth Engagement at Beijing +30.

Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisation – Council of Europe

The National Coordinator of the Forum in France and ex-member of the EFECW CC, Anne Marie Schott, represents the EFECW at the CINGO, and participates actively in committee work, such as interreligious dialogue and gender issues.

Publications

Newsletters https://www.efecw.net/publications/newsletters.html

PACIFIC CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES (PCC) 2025

Anareta Apole
Safe Church Animator, Pacific Conference of Churches

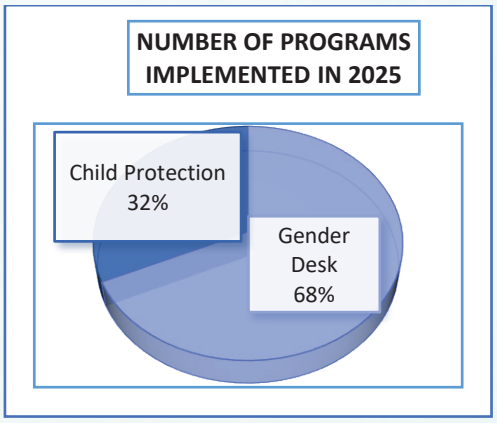
1. **Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:**
   I was introduced to this program by Rev Nicole of WCC and Dr Liza, the Executive General Secretary in July last year, 2025. It came as a surprise as I have no idea with what FLC is all about. It was also an opportunity to utilize my expertise to contribute for the empowerment of our women in the region. I work full time as the Ecumenical Animator for the Safe Church Ministry of the Pacific Conference of Churches. Thank you, Rev Nicole and Dr Liza, for the opportunity to serve when I can.

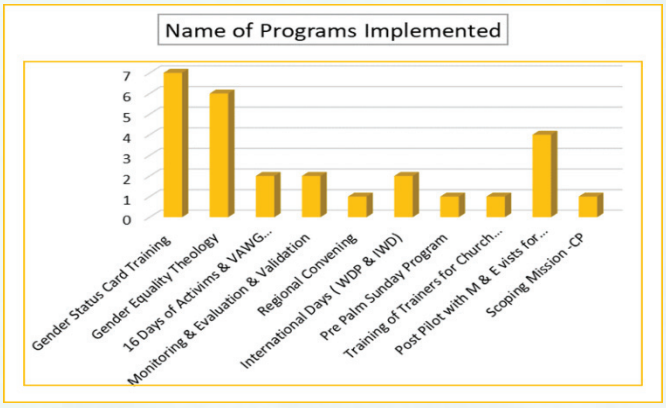
   PCC managed to submit three FLC project grant applications, out of which only two were approved. The two applications approved were from (1) Leitana Nehan Women's Development Agency (LNDWA), Buka Bougainville, PNG and (2) Anglican Church of Melanesia-Vanuatu (ACOMV) Luganville, Santo, Vanuatu.

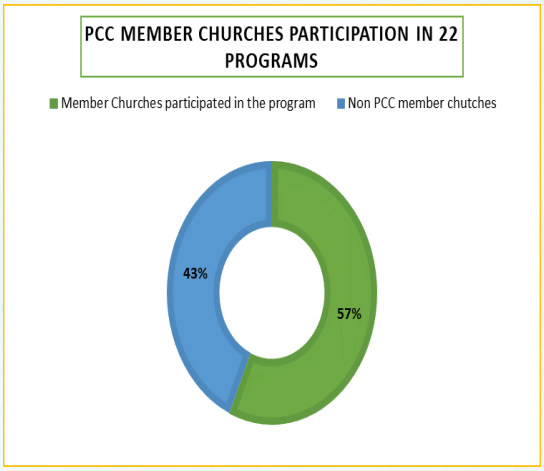
   We will be able to send in more stories on the progress of the project implementation after the disbursement of funds by September 2026.

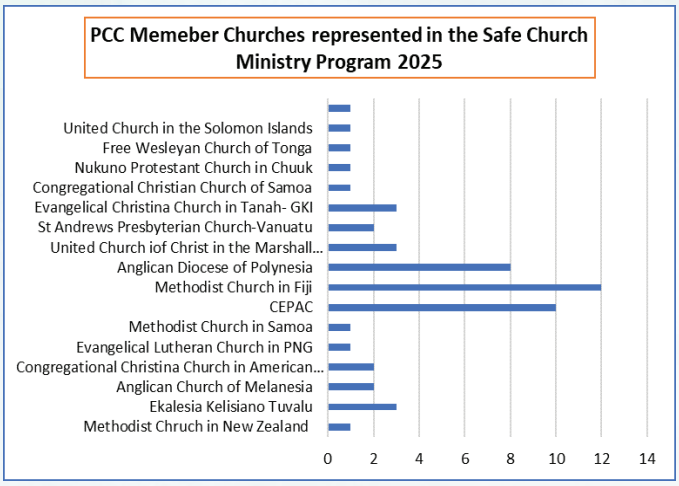
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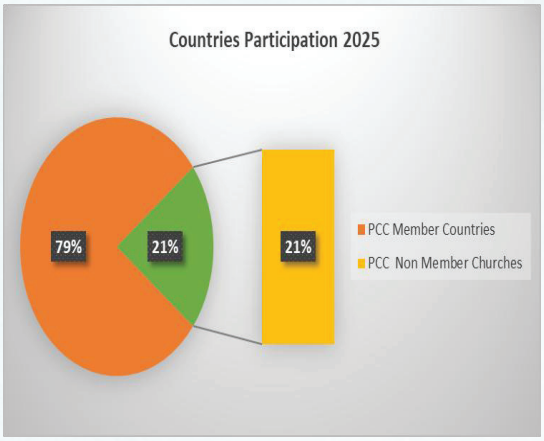
   2025 – Implementation at a Glance for PCC Gender Desk

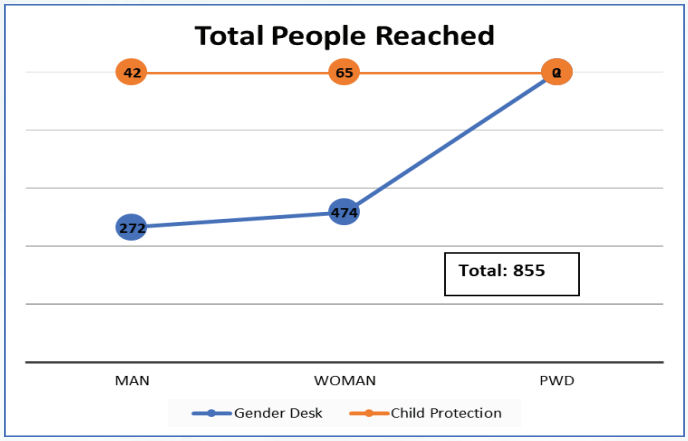

NUMBER OF PROGRAMS IMPLEMENTED IN 2025
Child Protection 32%
Gender Desk 68%

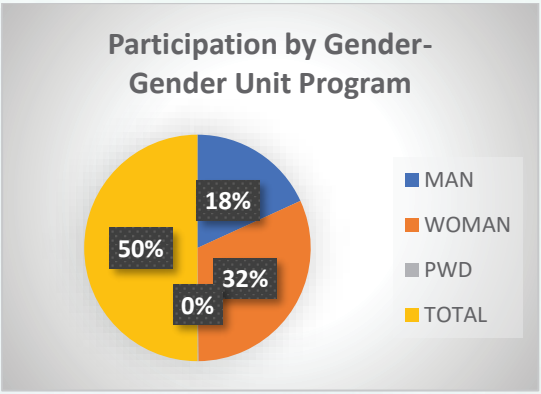

Name of Programs Implemented
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1
2
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6
7
Gender Status Card Training
Gender Equality Theology
16 Days of Activims & VAWG...
Monitoring & Evaluation & Validation
Regional Convening
International Days (WDP & IWD)
Pre Palm Sunday Program
Training of Trainers for Church...
Post Pilot with M & E vists for ...
Scoping Mission -CP


PCC MEMBER CHURCHES PARTICIPATION IN 22 PROGRAMS
Member Churches participated in the program
Non PCC member chutches
43%
57%


PCC Memeber Churches represented in the Safe Church Ministry Program 2025
United Church in the Solomon Islands
Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga
Nukuno Protestant Church in Chuuk
Congregational Christian Church of Samoa
Evangelical Christina Church in Tanah- GKI
St Andrews Presbyterian Church-Vanuatu
United Church iof Christ in the Marshall...
Anglican Diocese of Polynesia
Methodist Church in Fiji
CEPAC
Methodist Church in Samoa
Evangelical Lutheran Church in PNG
Congregational Christina Church in American...
Anglican Church of Melanesia
Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu
Methodist Chruch in New Zealand
0
2
4
6
8
10
12
14


Countries Participation 2025
79%
21%
21%
PCC Member Countries
PCC Non Member Churches


Total People Reached
42
65
272
474
Total: 855
MAN
WOMAN
PWD
Gender Desk
Child Protection



Longest time away from home

This year reminded us of both our resilience and our commitment — even when the longest time away from office and home was one month, we stayed grounded in purpose, connected in spirit, and faithful to the work

What kept us going

Was hearing men affirm that it is neither right nor biblical to hit or mistreat women. Participants also emphasized that protecting children is the responsibility of every parent, guardian and church—this was their heartfelt

Voices from the Field

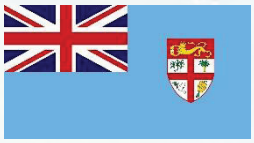
"We have been reading Genesis 1:26 & Psalm 127:3, we never give it a thought on the real meaning and how important and how serious was these verses"

Male participant: GSC & Child Protection Training, FSM

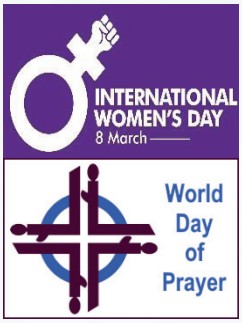
February 2025



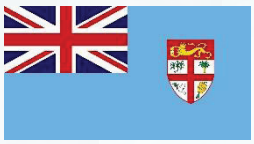
Regional Women's Meeting on The Commission on The Status of Women and the 2023 Pre-Assembly Resolutions In The Pacific Churches



March 2025

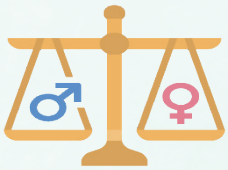
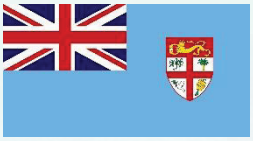


International Women's Day and World Day of Prayer

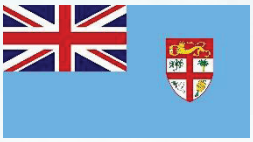


	Gender Status Card Training 

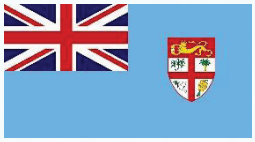
April 2025

	Gender Equality Theology Training 

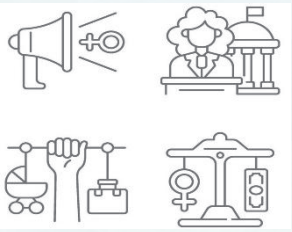
May 2025

	Refresher- Gender Status Card Training 

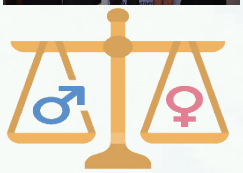
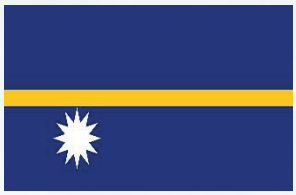
June 2025

	Gender Equality Theology Training – Monitoring & Evaluation Meeting 

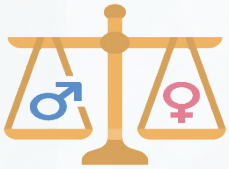
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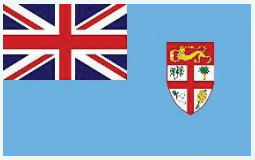
 	Refresher- Gender Status Card Training  Safe Church Awareness Program 

August 2025

 	Gender Status Card and Gender Equality Theology Training 

September 2025

 	Gender Status Card and Gender Equality Theology Training 

	Gender Equality Theology Training – Monitoring, Evaluation and Validation Meeting 

RED CONSEJO LATINOAMERICANO DE IGLESIAS (Red CLAI) 2025

Rev. Dr. Yamina Apolinaris
Regional Representative

1. Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:
This has been a very important period in the life of Red CLAI. After an intense process for the implementation of the re-imagination process, that began prior to the pandemic, this year began with the reorganizing of the regional desks according to the lines of work and organization that took place at the last Assembly. Out of this, the new organization developed a new leadership structure, non-hierarchical, lead by a Mobilizing Committee and the spokesperson of this group is Gabriela Mulder. Other outstanding women leaders are part of this body that continue to support the work of the FLC.

This year, each regional desk was asked to meet to identify, discuss and strategize based on the theme: Desafios diaconales para la vida buena y la justicia (Diaconal challenges for the good life and justice). Several themes arose out of this, and dialogues continue in the areas of: Climate Justice and Economy of Life; Human Rights and Access to Justice; Peacebuilding and Reconciliation; and Holistic Health.

2. Achievements in the last year relevant to practice of FLC (new organization/group or new country where FLC is started):

- One of the great experiences for this year, made possible by the Red CLAI block grant was the opportunity to attend two very significant events in Chile.

Encuentro Mujeres Evangélicas Construyendo Caminos (Protestant Women Building Roads) was the gathering of Christian women from all over Chile as part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the voting rights for women in Chile as well as the practices and implications for the community of faith and the civil society. This event had a great attendance by women of all protestant denominations as well as the Pentecostal church. It took place at the Comunidad Teológica Evangélica de Chile (CTE) and was coordinated by Cecilia Castillo Nanjarí, a professor at the Seminary and long-standing friend and collaborator of FLC. There were visitors and participants from other countries from Latin America and Europe.



Among them Claudia Bandixen from the Reform Church of Switzerland, that co-coordinated the event.
The other event was the Theological Week, with the participation of prominent theologians from Latin America as well as Europe, that have made a contribution to the theological education and reflection in Chile.

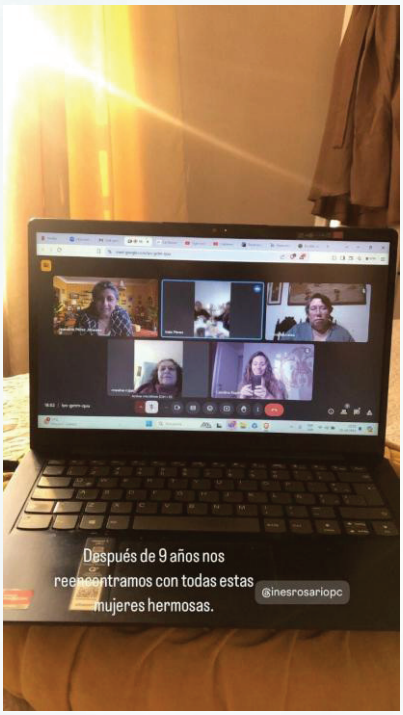


It was a wonderful experience for the quality of the presentations, but also because it allowed us to reflect on the contribution and significance of women theologians and leaders, not only in biblical and theological studies but also and foremost to the life of the protestant Church in Chile.

3. Opportunities to promote or strengthen FLC:

In spite of the difficulties and challenges due to the changes in the CLAI structure, the women are the most dynamic and consistent component of the whole ecumenical movement. It is clear that we have been effective in generating enthusiasm and promoting our practice of prayer and commitment to peace and reconciliation. As part of our moving into this new phase, we continue to identify areas of connections and collaboration as well as ways to help our sisters not only practice setting aside their least coins but also channeling the coins so that hey may participate fully with sisters beyond their particular situations.





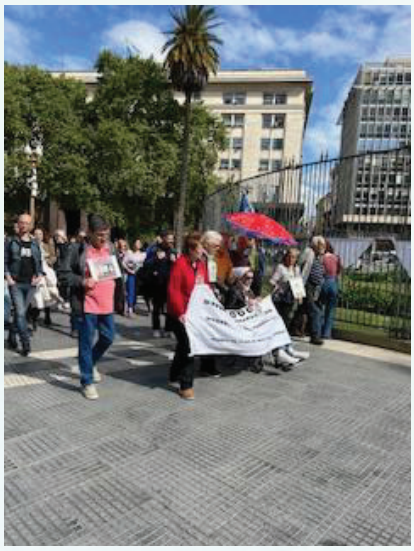
One of the great joys was to meet with the leadership of Conspirando, a project that was funded by FLC in 2016 and that still continues to this day, through the connection, support and work of the women in Santiago s well as Temuco.

Those that were not able to attend in person because of the long distances between these two cities, were able to do so by Zoom. If was an inspiring and joyful time of testimonies about the experience nine years back, and the impact on their lives to this day. It was a very moving and significant moment for me, to listen to their stories and then, connect that to the story of Shanti and the FLC. They asked me to send the Power Pont presentation on FLC which I had translated into Spanish, to share with the other women in their communities.



4. Results of use of FLC Block Grant

Block Grant for 2024 was utilized to cover part of my expenses for the Chile events and visits. But it has also being utilized to give the opportunities to the regional tables to do their training, promote and inform the members on the FLC movement and the contribution to justice, peace and reconciliation through women's commitment to prayer and action.



This year, as part of this trip to Chile, I was also able to make a quick stop in Argentina, on the other side of the Andes, and meet with Gabriela Mulder, the Chairwoman of the Coordinating Committee of Red CLAI. This was the first time we have met face to face. We had a great time talking about the plans and projects of Red CLAI and FLC. We had a long conversation while drinking coffee and eating some delicious Argentinian pastries in one of their historical café.

One special gift I received was the opportunity to walk with the Madres de la Plaza de Mayo, and their supporters, that walk around the Plaza to call on the names of their daughters and sons as well as grandchildren who were murdered or disappear during the dictatorships in Argentina. It was a very moving and significant experience and a demonstration of women standing for peace, justice and reconciliation.

My dear sisters, I continue to give thanks to God for FLC and for all my sisters around this ecumenical table. I am grateful and honored that the Red CLAI leadership have asked me to continue until a determination is made regarding my successor. Still, as I finish these terms as chair, I want to thank you all for the opportunity one again and for the wonderful support from Liza and all the officers.

You are all wonderful sisters and for your love and support I will forever be grateful. I thank the CLAI team, my Latin American sisters, with a special recognition to the Women and gender justice group from Puerto Rico and all of you also, for your support and companionship in this journey.

World Council of Churches

World Council of Churches Just Community of Women and Men (WCC JCWM) 2025

Rev. Nicqi Ashwood
Programme Executive Just Community of Women and Men

1. Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:
The work of the JCWM has been focused primarily on training and awareness-raising. We were represented at the UN Commission on the Status of Women, addressing issues of Climate Justice, Women in Tech, and Women in Power and Decision-making, as the pre-cursor to 2025 Beijing 30 commemorations. As usual, we were engaged in raising awareness on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence globally, through our flagship programme Thursdays in Black campaign. Wcc co-facilitated the Women's Human Rights Advocacy Training in October, as well as shared in the Sexual Violence Research Initiative with our LWF partners. Our 16Days of Advocacy campaign was punctuated by a special advocacy training for Church leaders. The Gender Justice Reference Group was also convened for a Face-to-Face meeting in Harare Zimbabwe

2. Achievements in the last year relevant to practice of FLC (new organization/group or new country where FLC is started):
WCC's policy prohibits establishing chapters of other organizations, nevertheless, we continue to hold FLC dear to our work and witness.

3. Opportunities to promote or strengthen FLC:
a. We have included information about the FLC in our monthly updates.
b. We submitted two persons to participate in the Call to Prayer.

4. Results of use of FLC Block Grant:
The FLC Block Grant provided much-needed support for the Reference Group Meeting, which comprised members from the WCC regions, including the Caribbean and Latin America. This offset some of the costs for accommodation.

Conclusion:
The FLC Block Grant provides much needed-support for the work of the Just Community of Women and Men. It is a valuable aspect of our work, ad we look forward to collaborations with the FLC in all spaces.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE (WDPIC) 2025

Katie Reimer
Executive Director

1. Present Context/Thrust and new work of EO/Women's Desk:

The World Day of Prayer 2025 liturgy, written by our sisters from WDP Cook Islands, explored the theme "I Made You Wonderful" based on Psalm 139:1-18. This program invited us to recognize that God created each one of us with great attention and loving care, encouraging us to open our hearts to this truth and begin treating others as beloved children of God.

Building on the excitement around our new 2024 Virtual Global Choir initiative, we again united voices from around the world to sing the songs from the Cook Islands liturgy, creating beautiful renditions shared on YouTube that provided meaningful resources for local communities and highlighted the power of music to connect us across borders.

This year marked a significant milestone with the successful completion of our first Young Women's Pilgrimage to Cook Islands (Jan 19-26, 2025). After the postponement of our planned pilgrimage to the Holy Land due to ongoing violence, we were able to bring together young women from all 7 regions of our movement for a cultural immersion in the Cook Islands.

We also launched an archival initiative in 2025. Following avisit to the World Council of Churches library in Geneva, Switzerland, we began scanning, cataloguing, and digitizing our historical archives. We currently have several Archives Consultants working on this project, with plans to have a searchable database available to the movement by March 2026.

2. Achievements in the last year relevant to practice of FLC (new organization/group or new country where FLC is started):

In 2025, WDPIC made significant progress in strengthening our partnership with ICFLC and promoting the Fellowship of the Least Coin throughout our network:

Enhanced Leadership Education: Our Executive Committee gathering in Stony Point, New York (July 28-August 2, 2025) included a dedicated session to educate our Regional Representatives about the relationship between WDP and FLC.

Regional Outreach Expansion: Building on our presentation at the WDP Africa Regional Gathering in Zambia (September 2024), we presented on our ecumenical partnership with FLC at the European Regional Meeting in Edinburgh, Scotland in June 2025.

Archival Discoveries: Our ongoing archival research has revealed additional historical connections between WDP and FLC, providing rich material for future educational efforts about our shared heritage.

3. Opportunities to promote or strengthen FLC:

As we approach the WDP Centennial in 2027, we have exciting opportunities to highlight our partnership with FLC. Our centennial preparations include a historical "Telling the Story" where the FLC partnership will be highlighted.

The upcoming International Meeting in summer 2027 in Accra, Ghana presents another significant opportunity. Once the dates are finalized, we hope to have a representative from ICFLC attend and bring greetings to this gathering of delegates from around the world.

Our new digital archives project will create accessible resources about our shared history that can be used for educational purposes throughout both movements.

4. Results of use of FLC Block Grant:

The FLC Block Grant was instrumental in making our July 2025 Executive Committee meeting in Stony Point, New York a success. This crucial gathering brought together our 16-member Executive Committee for essential planning regarding our upcoming International Meeting and strategic visioning for the movement's future.

The grant helped cover travel expenses for Regional Representatives from around the world, enabling face-to-face collaboration that is impossible to replicate virtually. During this meeting, we dedicated significant time to educating our leadership about the FLC partnership, ensuring they can effectively promote this connection in their regions.

Conclusion:

As we move toward our centennial celebration, we are deeply grateful for the partnership with ICFLC that has enriched our movement for decades. We give thanks to God for our relationship with ICFLC, knowing that the World Day of Prayer movement is stronger because of this partnership. When we pray and act together as a global sisterhood of ecumenical Christian women, we join with the expansive heart of God and move into a future filled with hope.



WDPIC Executive Committee (July 2025)



WDPIC Young Women's Pilgrimage to Cook Islands (January 2025)



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FLC PROJECT GRANTS

WAKE WA NEEMA, ACK Diocese of Machakos, Kenya (AFRICA)

Empowerment of widows for psycho-social, spiritual, economic and physical wellness



The Widows received training on financial literacy, including how to utilize local financial institutions such as Savings and Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs) for saving and accessing affordable loans without needing collateral. They were also encouraged to embrace table banking—forming internal savings groups where they could pool funds and borrow among themselves to support small businesses and family needs.

They learned the proper legal channels to follow to claim and protect the property of their deceased husbands, helping to prevent exploitation and property loss due to cultural or legal ignorance, to identify and use locally available resources to start income-generating, self-sustaining projects, and guided on how to create peer support systems among themselves, fostering emotional healing, resilience, and a sense of community.

WOMEN AND GIRLS, WAKE UP WOMEN, OPEN THE DOOR OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, United Methodist Church, Burundi (AFRICA)







Participants were women leaders and pastors from the 7 congregations. Some testified that they have influenced the nomination of women in key and strategic positions in the church. They are challenging church leaders by speaking out the need of equity in the church.
Church leaders saw that "mental health" is needed in the church to help believers and leaders know their psychological status which can affect the way of preaching, and of leading the church. This will reduce violence in the churches and in families. A strong "women ecumenical movement " was put in place.

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN PASTORS' WIDOWS OF KUMBA, MEME NORTH AND SOUTH PRESBYTERIES THROUGH LIFE SKILL DEVELOPMENT, International Centre for Research, ICRIDEV, Presbyterian Theological Seminary Kumba, Cameroon (Africa)



This project helped some of the widows raise revenue to support themselves and their families. It serves as a source of employment especially to hose of them who were IDPs. They have gained skills in improved agricultural techniques. They have been empowered and informed, hence they are coaching other community members to carry out the same activities. Additionally, their diet has improved.

"How I wish FLC were a person!"

Mrs Woyu Linda

How I wish FLC were a person! You cannot know what you people have done to me. Our workshop came at a time when I have been so bitter with the PCC (Presbyterian Church in Cameroon) because I feel that I have been abandoned to myself since the death of my husband. If FLC were a person, I would have wished that you invite her to Cameroon to see what we have done with the assistance that they sent. When I returned from the workshop, I went to visit my daughter who was pregnant. Ha is where I executed part of my project. I organised the women there are trained them on plantain multiplication and snail rearing. When I came back to my house, I did same to my quarter women. Everybody is happy with me in this village. I have taught both the men and the women. Almost every household can multiply plantains for planting and some for sale. This year, I paid part of my grandson's school fees from my vegetable farm. I have money of my own again. I wish to use this opportunity to thank the authorities for bringing this good initiative to us. Giod bless you. Please, ask FLC to come again next year and teach us cookery and how to bake cakes.





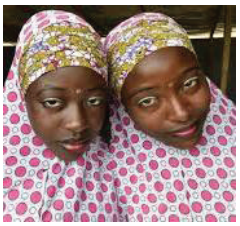
RESCUE OUR GIRLS AND STOP GENITAL MUTILATION, Leadership Improvement and Social Advocacy Centre (LISAC), Cameroon (AFRICA)





75 women as community volunteers understand the danger girls are exposed to during cutting of the female genitals and are trained to be change agents in their community directly benefited.

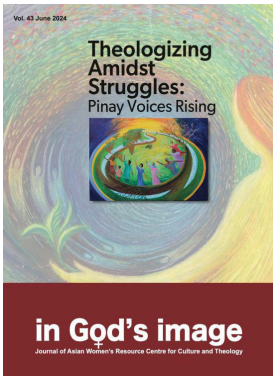
Approximately 2000 community members are estimated to have acquired knowledge about the harmful effects of FGM and its negative impact on girls, as well as on women and their partners' sexuality.

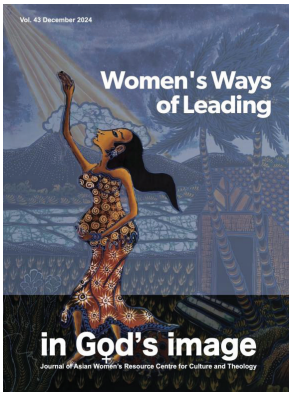


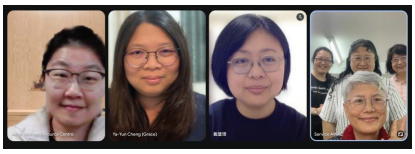
I am 34 years old and grateful for the training that I have received on women's rights. This training has opened my eyes to see that what we have been doing to our young girls as tradition demands were very bad and harmful to their life and future. I want to express my thanks to Women of Interchurch Canada and LISAC for the smooth running of this program.

The counseling these girls are receiving is going to help them stand back to life again and be skilled in their own work. My daughters (2) of them have gone through this same female circumcision in the name of cleansing. I equally had it done when I was a child. My mother told me was a duty for every mother to prepare her daughter for marriage. I regret this as life has not meant much to me. I am able to recover through your help! Please keep coming again and again. Thank you all.









PUBLICATION OF in God's image (iGi, a feminist theological journal), Asian Women's Resource Centre for Culture and Theology, Taiwan-based **(ASIA)**

To continue encouraging Asian Women to share their experiences of struggle, achievement, reflections, dreams and aspirations, and in doing so, Asian women can learn, grow and be enriched by each other's culture, faith, theology, and to support one another in our living contexts.

To promote iGi, we conduct both physical and online book club meetings at the same time. We have established book clubs in both English and the local language-Chinese and Taiwanese. Obviously, English is the international language in Asia, but it is not the native/ common language for many people. Through translating articles, we can reach out to more grassroots women, raise gender awareness, understand what women in other Asian countries are worried about, protesting against, and fighting for. We empathize with each other and unite altogether.

PROJECT MANGAI - ENSURING FULNESS OF LIFE AMONG GIRLS AND WOMEN IN TAMIL NADU, FORWORD, India (ASIA)

To nurture women and girl children about their human rights and human dignity, help them economically independent, educate adolescent girls ab out functioning of human body and personal hygiene, scholarship helps the girl students to become first generation graduate, to show the love of Jesus in living actions among the vulnerable members of our society- women and girl children.



Coming together to acquire new skills have empowered the women physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and economically. • Created awareness about FLC to the students and their mothers. • Elderly women in the working community are provided with dry ration and fruits. • Training and livelihood support has empowered 240 women to become successful contributors to the society. • Prayer and God's word has become integral part of their life. • Counselling has been given to the needed women to cope with life. Especially to single women to overcome loneliness and peace in their life. • Awareness was created on Laws related to women safety (My body My right) and safety helpline numbers. • Women leaders in the community are actively involved in all our program (women and children)

Training and livelihood support through income generation activity for 250 women

240 women were trained in wire-bag making, artificial jewelry, sewing, basic computer skills and jute bag making • The women are now self-employed and independent because they have learnt new skills • Socio-economic living conditions are improved. • Habit of small savings has been developed. • Development of group spirit and unity amongst the beneficiaries. • Packing, marketing and financial training are be provided to all the women. • We also have small groups of women who are planning to start their business shops such as fancy stores, tailoring unit, DTP and photocopy shop, soap and detergent unit, wire and jute bag unit. • During the training, there are few non-Christian women who have accepted Jesus Christ and in the process of being baptized. • Through our regular prayer session, they have found peace and healing. This has helped them physically, mentally and emotionally.



STUDENT AND TEACHER @Study Centers

"I am studying in 7th std. My father is a drunkard and my mother works as cook in a college. My parents don't have time to teach us at home after school. The study center provides snacks and refreshments. This gives us energy. Teacher and educational coordinator also talk to us and understand our need. Notebooks and stationary items are provided to all the students. If we take long leave, they visit our homes and counsel us to join the class. They show lot of love and care for all the students in the study center. I am able pass 7th std with the help of teacher and friends in the study center"

(***Sridhar from Periyar Nagar***)

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"I am happy to take class for students in this study center. Most of the students study in government or aided schools. They cannot afford to go to private tuition as the fees are high. I never miss taking classes. I am truly blessed to educate and help these students get pass marks. We start and end the with prayer. Snacks or refreshments are provided to the students. Local people from the community also support us. Our students are not good in only academics they also excel in extracurricular activities in their regular schools. We motivate the students to be kind and helpful. We also educate them on good and bad touch. We inform students to be careful and never get influenced by drugs, alcohol or any bad practices. Thanks to our Shiamala mam for her training and motivation to be committed and to raise these children to be good citizens and contribute back to their society".

(***Abisha, teacher in Somangalam***)





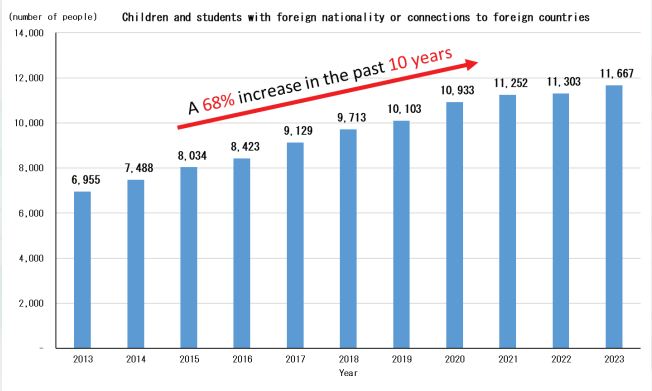
Conducted 5 evening study centres to 260 students in the most deprived communities of Chennai, Chengalpet, Kanchipuram and Thiruvallur districts of Tamil Nadu, India

Priya, 12th Std says:

"My father used to sell vegetables and fruits. He felt sick and could not continue his work. It came to a point when our family was going through tough phase. Thanks to ICFLC and FORWORD volunteers for providing ration kit to our family. I was forced to go to work. My dream of completing my education was scattered. After much counselling and support from FORWORD my parents agreed to send me back to school. My father has resumed back to work. I am working hard towards achieving my dreams. Priya now has completed her 12th Standard and scored 83% and hoping for a better future".

LIFE AND EDUCATIONAL CONSULTATION FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF FOREIGN HERITAGE, Life and Educational Consultation Center for Foreign Residents in Japan, Japan (ASIA)

To enhance the coping and consultation capabilities of women and children of foreign heritage in facing issues including domestic violence, human trafficking, labor exploitation, precarious legal and visa status, and lack of cultural and linguistic knowledge.



This graph highlights the number of children and students with foreign nationality or connections to other countries in Yokohama City, where Shin-ai-Juku is based. Over the ten years from 2013 to 2023, that number has grown by about 68%. Shin-ai-Juku has become a welcoming and supportive place where these children can feel at home and grow together.












The mother of children supported by Shin-ai-Juku and Graduates of Shin-ai-Juku.

NOTE: Project to be completed Oct. 2025

CHURCH WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS: AFFIRMATION OF OUR CALLING, SENT OUT TO BE WITNESSES, Kapatirang Simbahan Para sa Bayan (KASIMBAYAN)/KASIMBAYAN Women's Collective, the Philippines (ASIA)

- Rise Up women gained confidence in pursuing justice for their loved ones killed or violated by the War on Drugs (see accompanying report). The project has enabled them to affirm that COURAGE is contagious, that overshadows fear.
- Nurtured the gift of compassion and solidarity with the visit to political prisoners.
- Made the prisoners feel that they are not alone, they are supported and loved.
- Strengthened the resolve of church women for Public engagement, public witness for justice, peace, human rights, and assertion of women as HR defenders
- Strengthened ecumenical women's witness and actions for justice, peace, and human rights.



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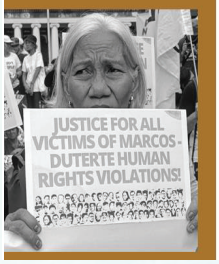
RISE UP
FOR LIFE AND FOR RIGHTS!

THANK YOU International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin









This is indeed a breakthrough. Thanks to the courage of our families , particularly , especially and mainly women (spouses , siblings, and mothers) who never gave up the hope and who dared speak on the killings of their loved ones. Their testimonies have exposed the " alleged" crimes of then-President Rodrigo Duterte.

We look forward to continued solidarity support of ICFLC especially when hope of the families is rekindled.

We cannot underestimate the work of prayers, and support you shared with us . The COURAGE of families was strengthened.

You have journeyed with us through your solidarity and we believe you will keep us in your ministry of peace, compassion and love.

The long fight for accountability and justice is long and arduous, yet we keep our flame of HOPE burning. We fully TRUST the guidance and inspiration of the SPIRIT of Emmanuel.

Maraming Salamat.



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See, Listen, Cry out and Push back! Church Women Human Rights Defenders: Affirmation of Our Calling, Sent Out To BE Witnesses

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HUMANITARIAN AID FOR DISPLACED UKRAINIANS IN SOROCA CITY, Community Association SOARTA (FATE), Moldova (Europe) To address the immediate needs such as shelter, NFI, hygiene, and education of the refugee population in Soroca district, Moldova

Stitching Lives Together 2024-2025

Women-Sew Global Foundation, Gresham, Oregon, USA

We provided free sewing classes for the following:

Ukrainian Women Sewing Collective

Kurdish Women Sewing Collective

Beginners Women Sewing Collective – Mixed

Afghan Women Sewing Collective

Somali, Afghan, Burmese Sewing Collective (Beaverton)

WOMEN-SEW
GLOBAL FOUNDATION



Dr. LaVerne Lewis – Founder/President

































AFTER THE SCHOOL BELL FOOD PROGRAM, Cumberland County Food Program, Canada

- Mothers who experience financial insecurity often go to great lengths to ensure their children are fed, even when resources are limited.
- 8,106 children per school year. = 193 children per week.





EMPOWERING WOMEN BY MANUFACTURING ENVIRONMENTAL CLOTH BAGS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO THE NEEDY WOMEN TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF PLASTIC BAG, Papal Office for Projects (Coptic Orthodox church), Egypt (MIDDLE EAST)

- **Approximately 2,620 women** have benefited from this project. This includes:
- **120 women** who received sewing training: **60 of those women** wh were further supported with sewing machines for income generation.
- **Approximately 2,500 women** who participated in environmental awareness sessions and received reusable eco-friendly cloth bags.
- Acquired sewing skills and training.
- Received sewing machines to start small businesses.
- Gained income-generating opportunities through bag production.
- Increased awareness of sustainable environmental practices.
- Took leadership roles in promoting eco-friendly habits in their communities.





Printed on the bag:

I will start with myself

No to plastic bags

Yes to human health.

Participant Feedback and Reflections

1) "The awareness session opened my eyes to the damage plastic bags cause. I now use cloth bags everywhere I go, and I teach my children to do the same."
— *Hanaa, awareness session attendee*

2) "Thank you for the orders you gave us, they helped us get more sewing work and increased our income. Your support didn't just train us, it gave us real opportunities to earn and grow."
— *Mervat, sewing trainee and a small project owner*

3) "I appreciated that the project didn't just give us bags—it gave us knowledge. I feel like I am contributing to protecting the environment."
— *Nadia, awareness session attendee*

4) "When we were told that the bags were funded by a group that supports women around the world, I felt honored to be part of something bigger."
— *Mariam, awareness session participant*

5) "Thanks to the sewing training, I discovered a skill I never knew I had. I feel proud and more confident."
— Maha, *sewing trainee and a small project owner*

Impact Summary from Participants' Perspective

- **Increased confidence and self-worth** through learning new skills.
- **Improved financial stability** for many women who started small-scale sewing projects.
- **Greater awareness of environmental issues** and a shift in daily habits.
- **Sense of solidarity** with international efforts like FLC's mission to support women and sustainability.

FLC SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTS

REV. ASMA FAIZ RISWAN, Pakistan
2025 FLC Bursary for Older Women (BOW) recipient

✨ **Empowering Women & Girls through Stitching Centre** ✨

We thank our Lord Jesus Christ for His grace that made it possible to run a **Stitching Centre** for young girls and women in our community. We purchased stitching machines and materials for the class, and this initiative has been a great blessing.

My husband **Rev. Rizwan Mall** and I, **Asma Rizwan**, regularly visit the centre, spend time with the girls, and share **devotional biblical thoughts** to encourage them in faith.

This vision has truly worked in building women and girls for a better future, helping them gain skills to work from home and support their families.

Even during the difficult days of **16 August 2023 Jaranwala incident**, when there were many hurdles and fears, the Lord kept this work alive. We were worried for our women and girls, but God gave us courage, and today we see them regaining dignity and strength.

📖 ***"She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands… She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple."*** **(Proverbs 31:13,22)**
📖 ***"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; establish the work of our hands for us— yes, establish the work of our hands."*** **(Psalm 90:17)**

We are deeply thankful to all who prayed and supported this ministry. Your ideas and encouragement helped restore dignity and power within families. We always remember you in our prayers, both personally and in the church.





GM THABEETHA SHENALI, Sri Lanka
2025 FLC Scholarship Award for Young Women (SAYW) recipient

Dear Ms Liza and all,

I am writing this email in response to your kind request for an update on my studies. I sincerely appreciate your prayers, as well as the encouragement I have received through the SAYW award. This support has truly been a blessing in my journey, and I am deeply grateful for it.

I am currently in my **third year of the BSc Honours in Statistics program at the University of Colombo**. This honours program is considered quite challenging to enter because of the high demand, and the selection was based on results from the first two years of study. Thanks to God's guidance, I was able to be selected, and I am truly enjoying the program. I am also pleased to share that I was recently placed on the **Dean's List** for the academic year 2023/2024, which has been a great encouragement for me to continue working hard.

This scholarship has been especially meaningful to me and my family, as it greatly helps us given our financial situation. I am very thankful for the support and recognition, which encourage me to move forward with hope and determination.

I have attached my results from last year, as well as a picture of myself. Please let me know if there is anything else you would like me to share.

Thank you.

With warm regards,
G. M. Thabeetha Shenali



FLC EMERGENCY GRANTS

2025 JAKARTA (Indonesia) FLOODS

FLOOD RELIEF ASSISTANCE HANDOVER REPORT

Introduction

Significant humanitarian aid has been delivered by the International Committee of the Small Currency Fellowship in collaboration with the Women's Bureau and the Disaster Risk Reduction Office of the Indonesian Christian Church (PGI). This assistance was provided to support communities affected by flooding in Bekasi several weeks ago.

Details of Assistance

- Number of Mattresses : 100 units
- Number of Pillows : 100 units
- Number of Blankets : 150 units

Following an assessment and coordination with the disaster response team at the emergency shelter, it was found that the most urgent need among the displaced individuals at the time was bedding supplies. Many were sleeping directly on the floor, using only mats, and suffering from cold during nighttime. Therefore, the aid was distributed based on urgent needs and the required quantities.

This assistance is expected to provide comfort and ease the burden on the recipients during a difficult period.

Beneficiaries

The aid recipients are members of the GPIB Sinar Kasih Church and surrounding communities affected by the floods in Bekasi, totalling approximately 150 individuals, including adults and children, who are temporarily staying at the GPIB Sinar Kasih Emergency Shelter in Bekasi.

No photographs of the disaster victims were taken at the shelter, as most were resting or sleeping upon the arrival of the aid team. Out of respect for their privacy, we refrained from taking any photos.

Funding

a. Source of Aid

The assistance was funded by the International Committee of the Small Currency Fellowship with a contribution of USD 2,000, used specifically to purchase bedding items, following coordination with the Disaster Response Team regarding the urgent needs of the victims.

b. Financial Accountability

A grant of **USD 2000** was received and spent amounting to **USD 1323**. The remaining balance of **USD 677** was subsequently transferred to the Disaster Mitigation Fund managed by the Disaster Risk

Reduction Bureau and will be used to support future disaster relief efforts across Indonesia. Disbursement of Funds for the Bekasi Flood Victims:

Report of Emergency Fund For Flood Victims in Bekasi 2025
Jakarta, March 7, 2025

No	Activity	Qty			Unit Price (USD)		Amount (USD)	Grand Total (USD)
	Income							
1	Grant						2000	2000
	Expenditures							1323
1	Blankets (150 pieces)	150	pcs	x	Rp.	2,03	300	
2	Pillows	100	pcs	x	Rp.	1,7	170	
3	Palembang Mattresses (100 units)	100	unit	x	Rp.	8	800	
4	Transport and Distribution Package	1	Pack	x	Rp.	51	51	
								677

The Disaster Risk Reduction Bureau reports that the **USD 677** fund has been used in conjunction with the disaster relief fund to support flood victims in Kalimantan in August 2025 (the floods occurred on August 19–20, 2025). Affected beneficiaries include 294 families from the Evangelical Christian Church, members of the Indonesian Christian Church (PGI). Based on a needs assessment, the assistance provided consisted of food, clean water, and medicines.

Conclusion

This report has been prepared as a form of accountability for the flood relief assistance delivered, and as a reminder of the importance of solidarity and sustained support for those affected by disasters.

Jakarta, March 7, 2025
Head of the Women's Bureau

Rev. Sonnya M. Uniplaita



The disaster response team at the shelter is currently counting the number of relief

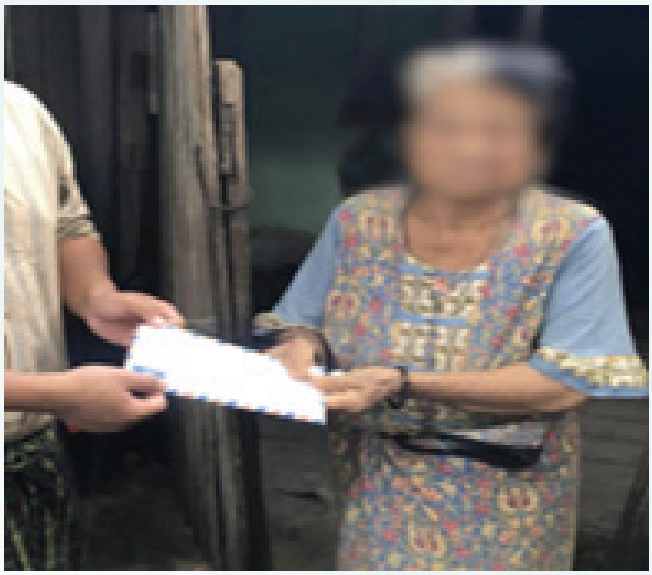


Women's Bureau and the Disaster Risk Reduction Office of PGI is handing over the relief assistance provided by IC-FLC.



Flood in Kalimantan

2025 FLC EMERGENCY GRANT TO FLOOD VICTIMS, MYANMAR











The 2025 Pakistan floods have been devastating, with widespread damage and displacement reported across the country. Here are some key details.

- **Death Toll:** The total death toll in Pakistan due to floods varies across different reports, but here are some recent numbers. October 2 report: 1,006 people died in floods across Pakistan, with 504 deaths in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, 304 in Punjab, 80 in Sindh, 41 in Gilgit-Baltistan, and 38 in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir.
- **Displacement:** Over 1.8 million people have been displaced, with many forced to seek shelter in relief camps.
- **Infrastructure Damage:** More than 437 kilometers of roads and 52 bridges have been swept away, isolating several districts.
- **Economic Impact:** The floods are estimated to have caused $2.9 billion in damages, which could reduce Pakistan's GDP growth by 0.3 to 0.7 percentage points in the current fiscal year.
- **Agricultural Losses:** Over 2.2 million hectares of agricultural land have been submerged, wiping out harvests and increasing food prices across the country.

- **Affected Areas:** The floods have primarily affected Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Sindh, Balochistan, and Azad Kashmir, with the Swat Valley and large parts of Punjab being among the worst-hit areas.

NCCP Relief Response

- Despite limited resources, the National Council of Churches in Pakistan (NCCP) responded promptly to the crisis. Through our flood relief initiative in Narowal, Shakargarh, Zafarwal and surroundings. We provided vital food assistance to 350 affected families, offering hope and support to those in desperate need.
- Though the scale of need remains vast, we are grateful for the impact achieved and for the solidarity shown by our partners.
- We extend our heartfelt thanks to the FLC for their compassionate support, prayers, and financial contributions. Their partnership has been invaluable in making this humanitarian response possible.






Flood Response 2025
Food Items


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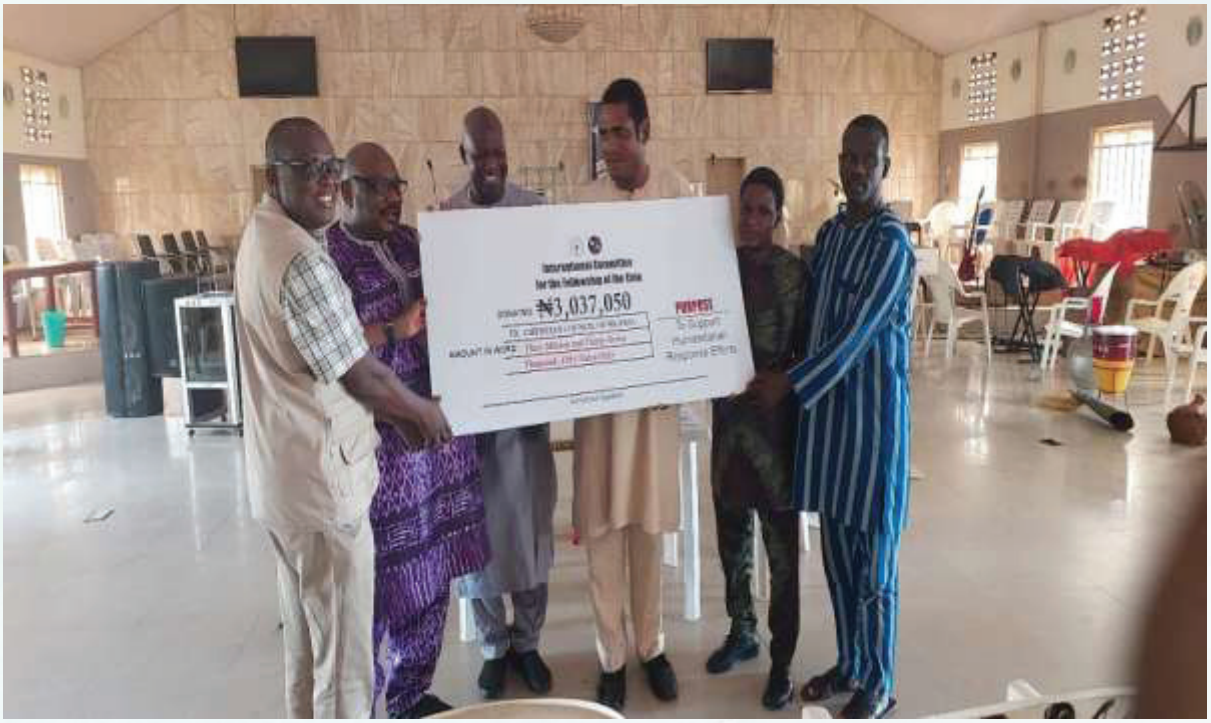



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NARRATIVE REPORT

Distribution of Cash to 48 Individuals



Intervention:

Humanitarian Response to Vulnerable Population
And survivors of flood in Yola South LGA, Adamawa State, Nigeria.

Implemented
By
CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

Funded by
International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC)

Introduction

This report provides a comprehensive narrative on the implementation of the distribution activity conducted under the Rapid Response Funds (RRF) mechanism, supported by International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) implemented by the Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN). The intervention was to address the urgent humanitarian needs of flood-affected households in Yola South Local Government Area (LGA) of Adamawa State Nigeria, following a devastating flood that displaced many families, destroyed livelihoods, and disrupted access to basic life services in the area.

Yola South LGA, located along the River Benue basin; the town is highly prone to flooding during rainy seasons. In 2025, the area experienced unprecedented rainfall and river overflow, resulting in extensive damage to shelters, food supplies, household assets, and community infrastructure. Vulnerable groups, particularly women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities bore the brunt of the humanitarian crises. In response to the growing humanitarian needs and based on rapid community-level assessments, CCN through a donation of $1985 from the International Committee for the Fellowship of the Least Coin (ICFLC) provided emergency relief to some of the affected individuals which would not only alleviate immediate suffering but also support household recovery and resilience.

Stakeholder Representation:
The distribution event was graced by the Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN) leadership at both State and Local Government levels, Pastors and Church Leaders from the affected communities**.**

Opening Ceremony and Official Flag-Off:
The event opened with a welcome address by the Rev. Dean Harimas Othniel the CCN Chairman of Adamawa State, who expressed gratitude to all Partners and Stakeholders for their roles in facilitating a seamless response. Representatives of the Christian Council of Nigeria CCN Yola South Local Government expressed gratitude to the National office for remembering them at this critical moment. The Project lead, Rev. Ephraim Yakubu expressed the Council heartfelt condolences over the hardship and loss of lives recorded as the result of the flooding. He conveyed the prayers of the CCN President The Most Rev. Dr. David Onuoha and the Executives to everyone that is affected or impacted by the flood.

The General Secretary of the Christian Council of Nigeria (CCN) Bishop Evans Onyemara spoke to the beneficiaries through phone conversation. He expressed CCN sadness over the reoccurrence of the flood disaster. He informed them that last year November and December CCN team were in Demsa and Numan LGAs of the same State to support flood survivors. He prays that God will comfort the people of Adamawa and grant them protection in the future. The General Secretary detailed how this support came about and why the focus was shifted to Adamawa State. He finally wished the beneficiary's success and God's blessings.

Symbolic Presentation and Full Rollout

The ceremonial presentation featured the presentation of Placard Cheques (representing the Unconditional Cash Transfer component). These were handed to symbolic beneficiaries to signal the commencement of the exercise.

ACTIVITY GALLERY









CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF NIGERIA

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEASTCOIN (ICEFLC)

FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR
CASH TRANSFER TO FLOOD FLOOD AFFECTED PERSONS IN ADAMAWA STATE, NIGERIA

Date	Description	Reference No.	Amount (NGN)	Exchange Rate	Amount (SUD)
28/08/2025	Staff Accommodation	0021	140,000	1530	92
28/08/2025	Staff Perdiem	0021	120,000	1530	78
28/08/2025	Vhicle fueling	0021	250,000	1530	163
28/08/2025	Refreshment	0021	96,000	1530	63
04/09/2025	Cash transfer	0022	2,400,000	1530	1,569
04/09/2025	Bank Charges	0022	31,050	1530	20
Total			3,037,050		1,985

Prepared By: Patrick M. Molshakat Date: 15/09/2025 Signature.....

Reviewed By: Ephraim Y. Simon Date: 15/09/2025 Signature.....

Aproved By: Evans Onyemara Date: 15/09/2025 Signature.....

SUMMARY
2026 FLC PROJECT GRANTS

AACC - AFRICA

1) Building Awareness and Skills to tackle technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) against women, girls, and female Journalists in Uganda, Uganda, USD 4,000.

To reduce the vulnerability of Ugandan women, girls and female journalists to online attacks during the 2026 general elections.

ACWC - ASIA

2) Leadership, Advocacy and Mental Health, Mongolia, USD 4,000.

To challenge the negative narratives on Mental Health, help transform young women, women and girls in leadership and advocacy for positive change, and to build awareness regarding their own rights and privileges.

3) The Door of Hope School, Pakistan USD 4,000.

To help our Christian community students by providing them Better Education, Grooming skills, Biblical Education to enhance their personalities through Christ towards helping others as we are helping them.

EFECW - EUROPE

4) Let Your Heart Speak Out, Armenia, USD 4,000.

To encourage women victims and survivors of violence to speak out and open their hearts, improve the community's response to domestic and sexual violence and stalking by providing multi-disciplinary training and technical assistance, and to increase implementation of best practices, enhance offender accountability, and empower victims.

5) Young Women Leaders to Attend Mothers' Union (MU) Global Gathering 2026 in South Africa, Scotland, USD 4,000.

To enable two young women experience a global gathering, representing 83 countries, international dialogue, participation in cross-cultural worship, workshops, presentations and visits to local projects.

PCC – PACIFIC

6) Empowering Women for Peace and Community in Wellbeing in Bougainville, PNG, USD 4,000.

To educate and empower women leaders and youth influencers in conflict-prone communities of Bougainville to become agents of reconciliation, peacebuilding, and social cohesion through intensive awareness-raising and capacity-building workshops on gender-based violence, leadership, and environmental stewardship.

7) Safe, Resilient Communities, Vanuatu, USD 4,000.

To support women focused programs through the Mothers Union ministry to re-build healthy family relationships through the House of Mary Centre's services and extend the teachings into other communities as well as integrating the Safe, Resilient Communities gender equity activities into ministry activities, including youth ministries.

RED CLAI – LATIN AMERICA

8) Bien Fundamentadas II/ WELLFOUNDED II, Argentina, USD 4,000.

To support the Well-Founded project which is based on training Christian women on the basic and fundamental topics when confronting the religious fundamentalisms present in our communities.

9) Sowing Seeds of Hope, Costa Rica, USD 4,000.

To help indigenous women chief of homes through a comprehensive empowerment by providing them with the skills and tools towards consolidation of their emotional and social stability and economic autonomy promoting their personal autonomy.

10) Training Women: Inspiring Dreams, Nicaragua, USD 4,000.

To train women through biblical-theological and social studies (a Diploma in Theology from Women's Perspective, and a Series of 3 Workshops on self-care, sisterhood/alliance among women; and entrepreneurship from a biblical-theological perspective) to foster their empowerment.

11) Living Theology: Women Who Teach, Care, and Transform, Puerto Rico, USD 4,000.

To offer an intensive two-day theological training - gathering for women engaged in ministry (pastors, seminary students, biblical educators, and community theologians) at the

Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, for collective learning, critical reflection, and pastoral empowerment.

WCC – JCWM

12) Kareri Widows Economic Empowerment Project, Kenya, USD 4,000.

To empower vulnerable widows with life skills for economic empowerment and wealth creation.

13) ELCIN-ED SGBV Awareness and Support Program, Namibia, USD 4,000.

To offer support to victims and survivors of sexual and gender based violence, and to raise awareness on the issue.

WDPIC

14) GABAYE (*A Bagobo -Tagabawa Term for WOMEN*) **G**uiding **a**nd **B**uilding **A**dvocates for Women and **Y**outh **E**mpowerment, the Philippines, USD 4,000.

To help enable Bagobo-Tagabawa and B'laan women through livelihood initiatives and peace advocacy programs which will result in self-sustainability and self-expression as women of culture in the society.

ICFLC APPROVED BUDGET
January to December 2026

FLC Grants		
Block Grants	USD	44,000.
Project Grants		49,000.
Scholarships (SAYW)		4,000.
(BOW)		1,000.
Emergency Grants		8,000.
Administrative Expenses		
Annual Meeting		5,000.
Bank Fees		1,000.
Treasurer's Honorarium		0
Salary, Executive Secretary		28,645.
Pension, Executive Secretary		2,387.
PH Office Administration		3,000.
Staff Travel		2,000.
Circle of Prayer v. 28		500.
TOTAL	**USD**	**148,532.**

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN (FLC)

WHAT IS THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN?

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global ecumenical women's movement of prayer for justice, peace and reconciliation. Through this movement women around the world seek fellowship with each other and are reminded to live a reconciled and forgiving life with others.

HOW AND WHEN IT BEGAN

The idea for the Fellowship of the Least Coin emerged as a vision from God to **Mrs. Shanti Solomon** of India. She was part of the Pacific Mission Team of seven women from different countries that traveled in Asian countries after World War II, in September 1956. The Pacific Mission Team was organized by Dr. Margaret Shannon on behalf of the women of the Presbyterian Church of the USA. Shanti Solomon, who was refused a visa to Korea, went to Manila in the Philippines while other members of the team proceeded to Korea. She reflected on the experiences of their travel in the war-torn countries of Asia and was inspired to promote justice, peace and reconciliation.

On the return of the team, Shanti suggested that prayer could transcend every national boundary. She challenged the Christian women of Asia and the women from the Presbyterian Church USA to combine their efforts and resources and launch a project of justice, peace and reconciliation on an international level. It was to be a project of Christian prayer and positive action in which every Christian woman could participate, no matter what her economic position was. Every time a woman prayed she was to set aside a "least coin" of her currency. It was an encouragement to the women of the team to demonstrate their unity in Christian faith, regardless of their country or economic circumstances. They all accepted it as their sincere desire to express their solidarity with suffering humanity and with women of every nation.

In 1958, at the first Assembly of the Asian Church Women's Conference (ACWC) held in Hong Kong, the ACWC agreed to launch the Fellowship of the Least Coin. The second ACWC Assembly in Thailand in 1962 voted to make the promotion of the FLC a basic outreach programme of the ACWC. *Regarding funds*

allocation, it was decided that the World Council of Churches (WCC) would be better placed to disburse the monies that had to be credited around the world. The East Asia Christian Conference (EACC), now known as the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) administered the FLC fund from 1958 to 1970. In 1970 Mrs. Shanti Solomon, the founder, was named the Executive Secretary of the FLC and of the ACWC. From then on ACWC took the responsibility to administer the FLC Fund.

THE FLC LOGO



The idea for the FLC logo came from the late Mrs. Rayann Ma from Hong Kong, the first Chairperson of the first Assembly of the ACWC. The actual design was the gift of her brother-in-law, James Ma, a commercial artist. It is folded hands in prayer, encircling a small plum flower, and which form a lotus flower. Lotus plant grows in the muddy pond but its flower rises above the murky water and opens beautifully and without blemish, fit as offering to God. As the movement has grown global, the praying hands are now in different colors of the races.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Feeling the need to reaffirm prayer as the vital element of the FLC, the ACWC asked the women of Hong Kong to prepare a booklet of prayer: "Circle of Prayer" to be used as prayer is offered and the least coin is set aside. Since then, the "Circle of Prayer" has become an important part of the FLC. Twenty to twenty-four meditations and prayers are written by women around the world and published by the International Committee for the FLC every two years.

IT'S GROWTH

The idea of the FLC quickly gained acceptance not only among the women of Asia to whom it was first presented, but among women of all the continents in the world. In 1966 when the FLC celebrated its 10th anniversary, women from 24 countries participated in the movement. By 1980, at the time of its Silver Jubilee, women from 75 countries had already joined the FLC. In 1986, women

from over 80 countries around the world celebrated the 40th anniversary of the FLC; and in 2006, its Jubilee Anniversary.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE FLC (ICFLC)

Because the FLC prayer movement became truly worldwide and the grants were made to the programmes and projects all over the world, an International Committee for the FLC (ICFLC) was formed in 1979 to administer the promotion, the interpretation of the movement and the allocation of the FLC grants. The International Committee comprises representatives of worldwide ecumenical women's organization and of regional ecumenical Conferences/Councils of the Churches. The ICFLC decides what programmes and projects are to be funded each year. Year after year the ICFLC learns to trust God more and more and to work in faith. The Committee meets every year to share the miraculous work of the FLC around the world and to decide on FLC grants for the following year. Application forms for project grants are received four months prior to the meeting. The members of the Committee study the application forms, pray about them, and discuss and decide on each project without knowing how much FLC funding will be available for the grants they wish to allocate for each year. The least coin offerings from around the world come in with prayers, quietly and gradually, to meet the needs for each year. Our gentle, loving and compassionate God never fails us. God does great work through the humble, the least, the marginalized and the poor. That's the strength, the promise, the beauty, and the surprise upholding the FLC prayer movement.

Every year ICFLC is invited by different regions to hold its meeting in their country. An exposure and a visitation programme is added to the regular business meeting in order for the representatives to know more about the region and to be aware of the issues and the concerns of the people there. The ICFLC considers linking its meeting every 4th year with the Quadrennial Assembly of the ACWC.

FLC GRANTS

Each year about 20 to 25 projects are supported from around the world through the **Project Grants**. Regional ecumenical organizations women's programme, the World Council of Churches Just Community of Women and Men, and the World Day of Prayer International Committee (WDPIC) are given

Block Grants to enhance their work and to strengthen ecumenical solidarity. **Emergency Grants** for disaster relief and rehabilitation are given to show loving concern to disaster-stricken countries. Two scholarship grants are given to women**:** the **Scholarship Award for Young Women (SAYW),** and the **Bursary for Older Women (BOW)**.

THE UNIQUENESS OF THE FLC

The FLC Prayer Movement is simple, yet significant and unique.

1) It brings Christian women together in a fellowship of prayer without any discrimination of race, nationality, culture or denomination. The Christian women of the world are in solidarity with each other through their common concern and love for humankind and creation. Women throughout the world are bound together in both giving and receiving.
2) The offering is unique because all, whether rich or poor, educated or illiterate, urban or rural women, give only the smallest coin of their currency. All are within the same discipline and share the common concerns of women around the world.
3) It is stewardship, both of the idea as well as of the Fund. These least coins, when put together, become a large amount in the same way individual prayers offered by many members throughout the world become a strong force in bringing about reconciliation, peace and justice.

The uniqueness of the Fellowship in prayer, which binds us together in both giving and receiving, teaches us to appreciate differences; to understand and forgive one another; and to live and work together inter-dependently as equal partners. The Least Coin teaches us to be humble, to value the least and to trust that nothing is impossible for God who can do great things from out of the least and the unexpected.

Our concern and yearning for peace in a wounded and broken world, which moves us to spontaneously pray and give, becomes a powerful healing source for our own pain as well as for the pain of those whose lives have been touched by our prayers and gifts.

The inclusiveness of the Fellowship, which embraces us in a simple, yet profound act of prayer accompanied by a gift of love – the "least coin" - encourages wider participation and provides resources for making justice and peace and restoring broken relationships.

The God who promises to be with us always provides for our needs and never fails to love, to guide and protect us.

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

with Christian Women, Men, Youth and Children
of every continent in the

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

THE BASES OF BELONGING
are concern for justice, peace and reconciliation; and intercession for those in special need of God's grace.

THE TOKEN OF PARTICIPATION
is a ***"Least Coin"*** offering set aside whenever prayer is offered and contributed annually to a common Fund which is given in the name of Christian women without identification of its original source. This fund is used as ***"gifts of love"*** for ministries of mercy on every continent; for experiences which creates Christian community among those of different national, racial, cultural, economic and denominational backgrounds.

The least coins are tangible token of our prayers offered individually and collectively. Those contributions - Gifts of Love - however small or large, may be sent in the name of the **FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN.** For details in sending your FLC Offerings, kindly email: **icflcph@gmail.com**

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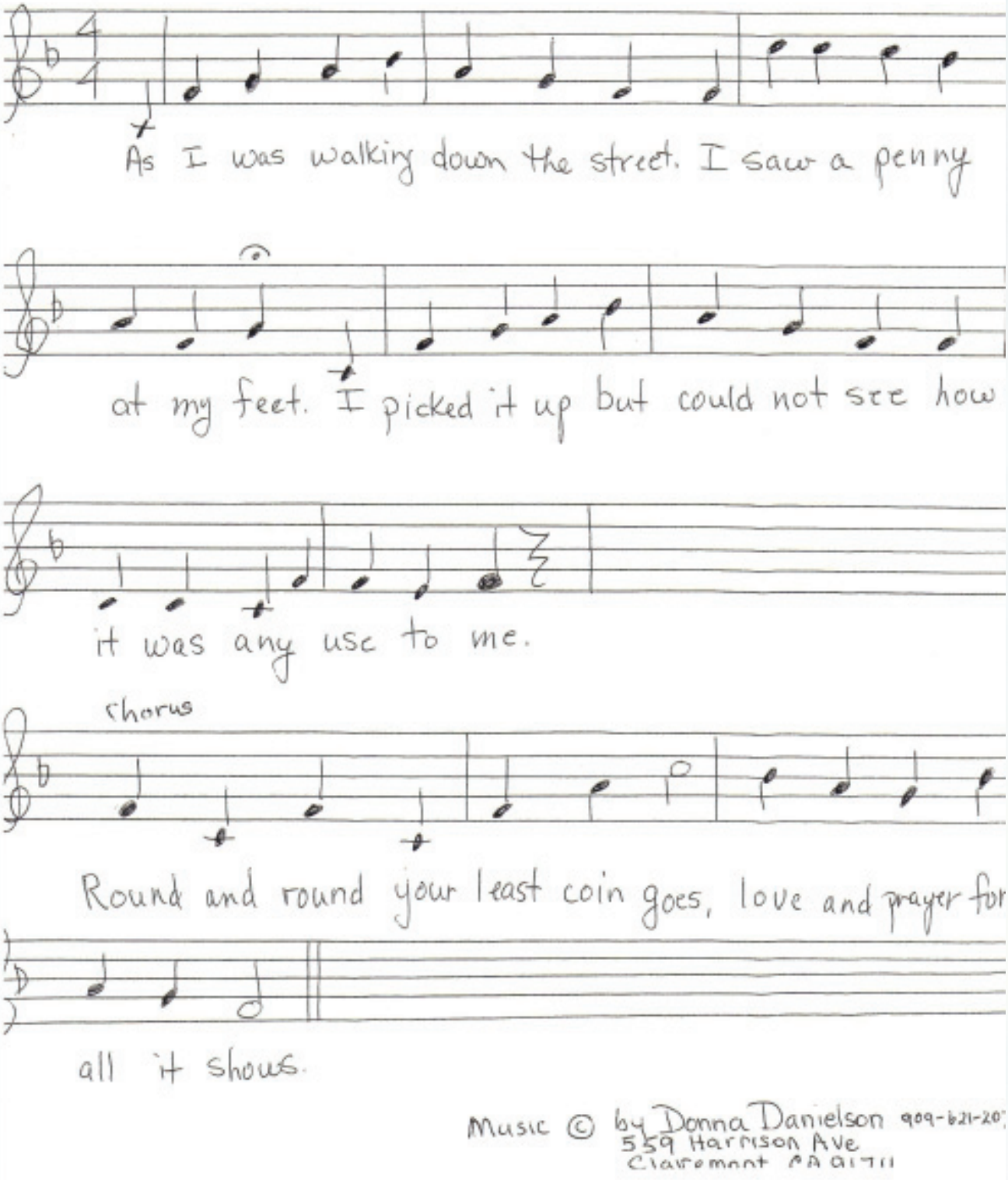
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A Little Bird Told Me



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THE FLC PRAYER

Loving Creator,
We come into your presence with deep gratitude for the longing and discontent that we feel. Thank you for giving us ears to hear cries for justice, hearts to feel with those who are oppressed, and hands and feet to do something about it.
Be with us on this journey to justice, peace, and reconciliation. When we're afraid, teach us how to face our prejudices. When we're weary, remind us of the miracles of whispered prayers and least coins.
Loving Creator, help us to love like you and create anew the world you so love.
Amen.

