

FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

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The fellowship of the least coin is about praying earnestly, sharing generously and receiving graciously for justice peace and reconciliation. It is about women praying all over the world for justice, peace and reconciliation. It originated in the Philippines back in 1956 and is today a global ecumenical movement of prayer for justice, peace and reconciliation.

Forging sisterhood, strengthening solidarity and building alliance for peace, justice and reconciliation

Genesis

The pioneers were Shanti Solomon (India) and Margaret Shannon (PCUSA). In addition to the two the mission team then comprised of Marian Wiltsie, Amy Carl, Ellen Lang, and TerukoOhashi.

Shanti's Vision: Women of different nations belonging to a fellowship in prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation.

The idea was to have women put the money in a metal box whenever they prayed for peace and reconciliation as a pledge to make their prayers concrete and that their prayers would be followed by action and would literary cot them something. This would be repeated as often as they felt the need for it. This was for every woman despite of their social or economic background. That is how the fellowship ended up being called the fellowship of the least coin. This idea was accepted by the mission team and the women leaders in the Philippine church and from the Asian countries it spread to all over the world.

The organization

The FLC logo which comprises of folded hands in prayers encircling a small plum flower is significant to the mandate of the organization.

After its inception, the organization held its first Asian Church Women's Conference two years later in 1958. The organization has participated in Global Ecumenical Organizations, Women's Programs of Regional Ecumenical Organizations and Regional Ecumenical Women's Organizations. The international Committee of the FLC (ICFLC) whose task is to Administer the promotion of FLC, interpret the movement, and, allocate the FLC grants meets annually.

The organization gives blockgrants for participating global and regional ecumenical organizations, project grants in response to justice issues affecting women and children, ,

emergency grants for calamity stricken countries, and, scholarships to young women. The organization also has published books, coin boxes, prayer bookmarks and worship liturgy which are available on their website.

FLC believes in solidarity in prayer without discrimination, simplicity in sharing of the least coin, and, stewardship of idea and funds.

Partners

The organization has various partners in Africa most of whom have benefited from the project grant including: Empowering Women through Leadership Training, 2011, Kenya, Project “Dieuest Amour,” 2016, Togo and Angaza Women Centre, Moshi, Tanzania, 2015, 2018 among others.