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Sarah F. Ward

Dear White Ribbon Sister,

We praise God for controlling the volcanic ash and granting travel mercies so that we were able to hold the World Convention! We express our appreciation to Organization Secretary Margaret Ostenstad for many hours spent in contacting embassies to obtain visas for members. We offer heartfelt thanks to Margaret Ostenstad, Norway President, and her White Ribbon members for hosting a beautiful World Convention and sponsoring the Convention Luncheon. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful experience. I pray that from this Convention the temperance light will spread throughout the world.

The Convention received excellent publicity. These were the newspaper headlines relating to our Convention: "Temperance Women Gather from Around the World; Believe in God and Temperance; Women in Charge on Temperance."

Approximately 240 registered for the Convention. Thirty-eight countries were represented, including young women from seven new countries who were excited and eager to return home and begin temperance work. More details about them will be shared in the next Bulletin.

Our thanks to Joy Butler, Bunny Galladora, Brita Nilssen, and Korean members for furnishing the photos. More pictures will appear in the next issues.

Pictured below are the four Norwegian members who also attended the 1974 World Convention in Trondheim, Norway.



Bergny Birkenes, Maja Borgen Bredalslien, Eldbjørg Holiløkk and Maria Molvik.



2nd Vice President

Brita Nilssen

I live on a small island, Stord, located on the western coast of Norway. My husband, Svein Louis, and I have been married for 39 years. We have five children and three beautiful grandchildren.

For 15 years we worked as missionaries in Ethiopia, employed by the Norwegian Lutheran Mission. We lived in several places in the country where my husband served as pastor, accountant, and for the last two years represented our mission society. I am now involved in local church activities in Norway.

I work part-time for the Stord County home services as a night duty nurse, caring for the sick and elderly in their homes.

My parents were good Christian people who taught their four children the necessity of Bible reading, daily prayer, mission work, and being good examples. My mother was a member of the White Ribbon in Stord where I now serve as President. In 2009 I was elected to the Norwegian White Ribbon National Board as Youth and Children Leader. This year I took over the responsibility of the White Ribbon Magazine together with Margaret Ostenstad. My involvement in the White Ribbon gives me great joy and its values are something I see as important to our society.



3rd Vice President

Dr. Dora Judith Coloma de Barrientos

I have served God from childhood, supporting the ministry of my parents who were pastors. I have been a Sunday School teacher and youth leader. I became a member of the White Ribbon in 1988.

My husband is a dentist and holds the rank of Colonel in the Guatemala Army. We have 3 daughters: Madelein Iveth, Emy Bridget and Marjorie Anelisse.

I am a medical Doctor and have worked in Public Health at the national level as a program coordinator and have published two books. I am a member of the Guatemalan Association of Women Medical Doctors, and serve as a member of a health network which promotes health without drugs and prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

Through financial support of the White Ribbon sisters from Guatemala and Norway, and the Norwegian government, in 1997 we established the Deborah Foundation to help women and their families who suffer violence while living in a high risk area. They are limited by extreme poverty. In order to raise their standard of living, we give them instruction in health, nutrition, and education, as well as work training.

I am grateful to God for this opportunity to serve Him for the temperance cause.



4rd Vice President

Joy Butler

My birth place and childhood home is New Zealand but I have spent my adulthood in Australia, various Pacific Islands and Africa. My immediate family, which consists of my husband, myself and 3 adult children, consider ourselves to be international people and we belong to God's great family.

To be a member of the WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION is an honor and privilege for me. God has called me to this place of service and I wish to participate and help the cause as much as possible, by God's grace. Therefore I am speaking, preaching, writing and advocating for an alcohol and drug-free society. I will continue to do this work wherever I can and for however long I am in Africa and indeed, beyond the shores of this great continent.

I believe in the dignity of people, made in God's image.

I believe in the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

I believe in the work and ministry of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

I believe in doing what I can to make the world a better place, by God's grace



We want to express our thanks to the following Officers and Directors:

*Dawn Giddings (Australia), three terms
as Vice President who is now assuming the
directorship of the Education Department;*

*Dr. Mrs. Sheila Lall (India), Vice
President for two terms and for directing the
Youth Department for the past two years;*

*Rita K. Wert (USA), Vice President for
two years; and*

*Margaret Ostenstad (Norway), consultant
for the Home Protection Department for two
years.*



Home Protection Dept.

Desiree Lanigan

I live in Ayr, Ontario, Canada. I have been involved in the WCTU for 22 years, holding offices on the local, provincial, and national levels. I am currently 1st Vice President for Canada.

I have had the privilege of being a homemaker and mother of seven children. My husband and I have been in church ministry for over 25 years.

Home Protection was the area of interest that drew me to the WCTU and continues to be an area of challenge today. I thank the Lord for His saving grace in my life and for this opportunity of serving Him in the work of the WCTU.



Youth

Dr. Yetunde A. Odeyemi

I was born in Nigeria and now live in Kenya with my husband. I received my education in the field of geography and became a high school teacher. Children and youth have always been important to me.

Culture, society, and home socialization have played their part in moulding me but none of them gave me the newness of life that I experienced as a born-again Christian.

I have been involved in hospital and prison ministry, women's ministries, and youth and children's study time in church including VBS. I have also been involved in mission work outside Nigeria. In 2007 the Lord opened the way for me to work with a development and relief agency.

Most recently He opened the way for me to learn about the WCTU. The word "Temperance" took on a new meaning and became more alive for me. I have begun to see how much temperance is tied to healthful living in all its ramifications. Therefore to me it is a vital anchor in the Christian walk. I thank God for the new challenge and opportunity He has brought my way to serve in a sphere where I will have the opportunity to influence the lives of youth.



*"It is always noontime somewhere.
And across the awakening continents
From shore to shore, somewhere,
Our prayers are rising evermore."*



We are indebted to Kevin and Glenda Amos for facilitating the power point presentations throughout the Convention. They were efficient and creative, and we appreciated having a smoothly-run program.

Each day the puppets Arpee and Smukey presented a truth about light during the morning devotion time. The scripts were written by Glenda Amos and presented by Kevin and her. Here is a synopsis of the presentations.

GO! LIGHT YOUR WORLD!

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. John 3:19-21 (NIV)

Walking in darkness can be dangerous!

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear? Psalm 27:1a (NIV)
The Lord guides and protects those who trust Him.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, . . . who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV) You are the light of the world. Matthew 5:14a

We are to be lights to the world and it does not matter how big or small the light, as long as we stay connected to the source and shine and bring glory to God.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

God's word sheds light on our path and shows us what to do.

God is light, in him there is no darkness at all. . . . If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. 1 John 1:5b,7a (NIV)

God's light helps us to enjoy fellowship with other Christians.





Installation of World Officers and Directors conducted by Aaslaug Mjoes



Candle lighting service

Sunday afternoon service at the Stavanger Cathedral (Domkirke)



17th of May
Norway's National Day



USA Representatives



Finland Representatives



German Representatives
(Third person from the right - Joy Butler, Kenya)



Norwegian Treat



Three generations
of Norwegian White
Ribboners



Convention Luncheon



Australia Representatives

Australia will host the 2013 World Convention



Norwegian Representatives