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World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union

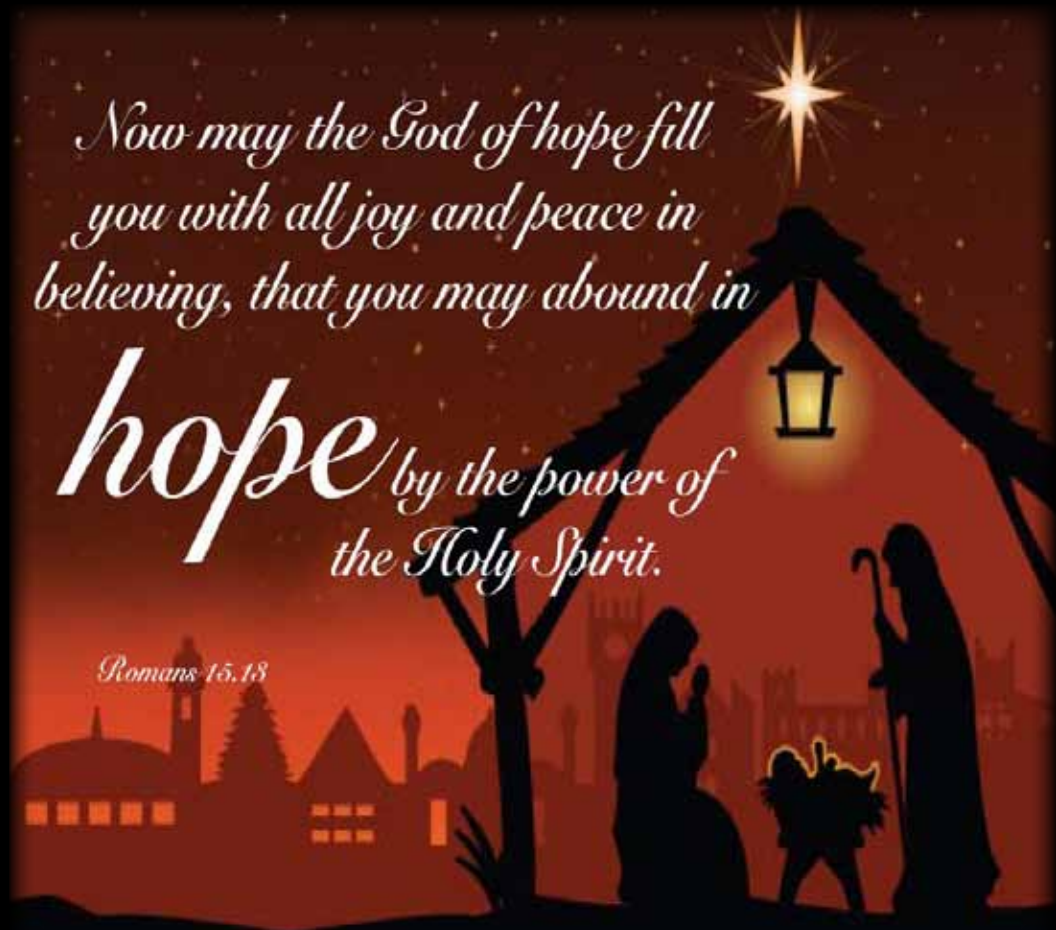
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*Now may the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace in
believing, that you may abound in*

hope by the power of
the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13





Sarah F. Ward

Dear WCTU Member,

As we approach a new year, this is a good time to consider how we can make our local meetings more productive and enjoyable. A time of fellowship is important but there should be a program with information and a time to consider projects the group can do. Here are suggestions to consider that may improve your meetings.

- Attend WCTU meetings faithfully. Your attendance is an encouragement to your leaders.
- Be positive and enthusiastic. We are working for a great cause. We care and we make a difference. Embrace this opportunity to serve God.
- Volunteer for jobs that need to be done. Do not hesitate to offer to do things you can do. Enjoy serving.
- Be creative - offer helpful suggestions. Each one has talents and experiences which are useful and needed.
- Commit and follow through. You can do it. This is when total commitment is called for to be successful!
- Ask for help when needed. It is not a weakness to ask for assistance. Someone is waiting for the opportunity to work with you.
- Finish on time - or even better, ahead of the deadline. Plan in advance and allow extra time for the unexpected.

As leaders, self-appraisal is important and example matters.

- Be sure to have meaningful meetings. Our members look forward to a time of fellowship which is wonderful but they also need to believe that their time has been well spent.
- Almost every meeting should contain a program or lesson. Many ideas are included in the yearly Program Kit posted on our website. The new one will be on soon. (www.wwctu.org) Click on Department at the top and scroll down to the bottom.
- Don't be afraid to delegate. Sometimes the temptation is to just do it yourself because that seems easier but involving and training others is a mark of good leadership.
- Ask for help and then let them help. Support your helpers and give them freedom to try new ideas and new ways of doing things.

Yours for a drug-free world,
Sarah



Dear all!

In this Christmas edition of the WRB, you will find much useful information about our upcoming World Convention! Read it carefully. Plans for a wonderful World Convention in Ottawa, Canada are coming together nicely and the program will be in the New Year edition.



Margaret Ostenstad

It is also very appropriate that, as we go towards Advent, today's theme is HOPE - Hope is the door that leads to Faith and Faith by God's Grace leads to Salvation. We cannot help but notice that many people in this day and age, surrounded by wars, tragedies, poverty, violence, and families forced to wander to other countries because it is not safe to stay in their homes... say: **"Why should we be optimistic about the future when everything seems so bleak?"** A wise quote worth remembering: **"Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope."** Paul wrote in Roman 12:12, "Rejoice in **hope**, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." What would we do without Jesus? If we are to move forward to accomplish that which the Lord expects of us, we must walk by faith.

No one wants young people to drink and harm themselves; no one wants people to drink and then drive and no one starts drinking to become an alcoholic! We need to express PRIDE in our organization and it is far easier to do this by showing ways that we CARE. Many times the way we behave reflects our organization.

A little reflection: It's a surprising thing that people can show so much of God's light to us – sometimes things are dark and shadowed and we become accustomed to it, accustomed to coping, being 'strong', 'managing' – like getting used to seeing in the dark - and then we meet someone, or someone says something, and it's like a light is switched on. We suddenly see in colour again. It reminds me of the two who met Jesus on the Emmaus road - they'd given up hope, absorbed in discussions around their grief, and didn't realize Jesus was with them... then suddenly...

I pray today I'll recognize when Christ meets with me in other people... and if I realize in time, I'll thank them for being people who 'light up my life'... who bring me, expected or unexpected, the light of Christ. You can be that person for someone just by being who you are! Mother Teresa said: Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you.

May YOU have the gladness of Christmas which is HOPE, the Spirit of Christmas which is PEACE and the heart of Christmas which is LOVE.

Margaret



June Ballard
US National Christian
Outreach Director

HOPE of ALL the EARTH

" . . . While we wait for the blessed hope - the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us."
Titus 2:13-14b

Advent - the Season of Hope. We anticipate once again the coming of a Child who has changed our lives. Again, we read of an angel's visit to a teen-age girl with an announcement that shook her world, but she surrendered to the will of God. God had prepared the way by betrothing her to a man as devout as she was. He guarded her and the precious Child. We sing, **"Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"** and know **"Hope of all the earth Thou art - Dear desire of ev'ry nation, Joy of ev'ry longing heart."**

Yes, our hearts are longing for Him. We know that the Babe of Bethlehem will grow up as Jesus the Redeemer, the One who gave Himself that we might know the hope of salvation. He came as a lowly man to be "despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows," as Isaiah had prophesied, and "bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

But He will come again in all His glory. Paul wrote to Titus that our Hope will be fulfilled at the "glorious appearing" of Jesus Christ. The King is coming!

Prayer: ***Dear Heavenly Father, prepare us to share with others the hope which fills our hearts each Christmas - the knowledge that out of your great love You sent Your Son to be our Savior, Lord, and King. Amen.***



*May the Love,
the Joy,
the Peace,
the light of Christmas shine
through you each day of the year.*

June



Noontide prayer

Around the world, someone is always praying





Prayer Calendar for 2016

Cut out this page and follow the suggestions to pray daily.

1. World President, Margaret Ostenstad
2. World political leaders – courage, wisdom, good alcohol policies
3. WCTU National Presidents, especially yours – direction, vision
4. Your country's Government – concern and action on alcohol/illegal drug issues
5. WWCTU Christian Outreach Department Director, Irja Eskelinen
6. Planning for the WWCTU Convention in Ottawa in August
7. Field Worker – Eugenia Coloma de Calderon (Central and S. America)
8. The special needs of WCTU in your region
9. WWCTU Organization Secretary, Desiree Lanigan
10. Fundacion Debora in Guatemala – provision of funds, effective work
11. WWCTU Children's Director, Glenda Amos
12. Persecuted Christians in many countries – faithfulness and courage
13. World Convention - inspiration and lasting impetus after Convention
14. WCTUs in Africa
15. WWCTU Education Director, Reena Kumar
16. Our Field Workers – Joy Butler (Africa), Dr. Kyung Il Park (Asia)
17. WWCTU Recording Secretary, Susanne Curry
18. WWCTU Home Protection Director, Florence Einwechter
19. WWCTU Youth Director, Elsa Masuku
20. WCTUs in Asia
21. WCTUs in Oceania
22. World WCTU Treasurer, Dorothy Russell
23. WCTUs in Europe
24. World WCTU Social Service Director, Hyun Sook Lee
25. WCTUs in North and Central America
26. WWCTU Vice Presidents – Anne, Dora, Young Joo, Joy
27. World Field Worker for Europe, Brita Nilssen
28. Pray for more young women to join WCTU around the world
29. World Field Worker for Korean Missionaries, Dr. Jung Joo Kim
30. Inspiration for "Care Projects" for WCTU to do world-wide
31. Thanksgiving for the Lord's provision and guidance



*Anne Bergen
1st Vice President*

Anne



Desiree Lanigan

Desiree Lanigan, Organization Secretary

As World Organization Secretary I receive newsletters from Woman's Christian Temperance Unions and field workers in different parts of the world. It's always exciting to hear what is happening in each of these countries.

I recently enjoyed reading the Japan Woman's Christian Temperance Union's newsletter with reports of their National Convention. The theme for the convention was "Christ is Our Peace" and one of their three great aims is world peace along with purity and total abstinence. JWCTU conducted a children's poster contest and colouring contest in several churches. Taking part in the National Convention was reported as an overflowing blessing. One new member said her first experience of the National convention was a blessing from beginning to end. The LWR ceremony (Little White Ribboner) was said to be very impressive, showing the importance of the beginning of childhood. These reports of the temperance work in Japan show how the white ribbon continues to be woven around the world. Let's remember to join with them in noontide prayer for world peace.

I also want to share with you some of the highlights from a newsletter I received from World field worker, Joy Butler: "On Sunday morning, September 27, a new Union was inaugurated in Lae Town, Papua New Guinea. Seventeen women met together to form this group who are committed to making a difference in this community. Many of them have children or know of young people who are now smoking or drinking alcohol. They have been dismayed and disappointed about this and want to be able to share correct and good information with those children. They believe that if only WCTU had been more active before, this might not have happened. After hearing a message of encouragement and instructions about how to form a Union, the women prayed in small groups asking God to lead them. They then signed the pledge and committed themselves to the temperance cause. A president, secretary, and treasurer were chosen from among the group and those three met to discuss the next step they would take."

Joy also shared this prayer request for the new union. "Please pray for the few dedicated leaders of the WCTU in PNG that they will be strong, will work together, and help to curb the growing emphasis on alcohol and its so-called benefits. Pray that the leaders will be able to speak strongly against beetle-nut chewing which damages and destroys mouths and throats with terrible cancers as well as dulls the brain."



New Union—Papua New Guinea

In efforts to expand the message of temperance in Latin America, Eugenia de Calderon, field worker, made personal contact in five countries; El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and the Republic of Panama. The history and objectives of the WCTU were shared along with testimonies of rehabilitation. The work of the World WCTU around the globe was also shared. She was very pleased with the welcome received as she traveled with the temperance message throughout Central America.

Here are encouraging notes from the Korean newsletter. The Nepal WCTU is now active and some contacts have been made in Paraguay and Kazakhstan.

I rejoice and praise the Lord for all these and many more activities happening in our WWCTU. Each one of you White Ribbon Sisters is an amazing person and God can use you right where you are. Let me encourage you to seek the Lord and ask Him to show you what you can do today to share the temperance message and offer hope to someone who is in need. I know the Lord is faithful and hears our prayers. He has a plan and we are His hands. Let us serve.

In Canada we celebrate Thanksgiving in October so Happy Thanksgiving! God is so good and I am thankful!

Blessings,
Desiree



World Convention 2016

Greetings from Canada

What a great privilege and honour it is to host the 40th World WCTU Convention 2016 in Canada's capital, Ottawa, Ontario. The 1989 World Convention was held in the western part of Canada at Edmonton, Alberta. Now the convention will be held in the eastern part of the country.

Canada is a large country surrounded by the Pacific, Arctic, and Atlantic Oceans and bordering the Northern United States. The original peoples were First Nations (Indians), Inuit (Eskimos), and Metis. Then along came the explorers - the Norse in 1000, the English and French in 1500 to find a northwest water passage to the east but Canada was in their pathway. Settlers began to arrive and a prosperous economy was born. In 1867 a confederation of provinces became the nation of Canada. Our history is considerably shorter than many of your countries.

We are a multicultural country where many peoples of the world have chosen to live. Many cultures are honoured and celebrated here. We have two official languages - English and French.

One source describes us as peaceful, orderly, and polite. I trust you will find that to be true when you visit. You will find that we are not snow-bound twelve months of the year. We are much more than hockey. Medals have been awarded to many of our athletes in both summer and winter sports. Our learned men have received Nobel Peace prizes.

It would be great if you could extend your trip and visit the world renowned Niagara Falls, the Rocky Mountains, the Prairies, the many National Parks, and our metropolitan cities.

On Canada's Day, August 23, we plan to attend the changing of the guard on Parliament Hill, see the statues of "The Famous Five," and visit the Museum of History where many WCTU banners will be displayed. It will be exciting to hold the Sunday service in the century old First Baptist Church (see back cover).

We are eagerly waiting to *welcome* you to the 40th World W.C.T.U. convention.

Sincerely, serving Him,
E. Jean Freeman
Canadian W.C.T.U. President

National song: O Canada!

*O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land, glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee;
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.*



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To visit Canada, you will need to meet some basic requirements, such as: have a valid travel document, a passport; be in good health; have no criminal or immigration-related convictions; convince an immigration officer that you have ties—such as a job, home, financial assets or family—that will take you back to your home country; convince an immigration officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your visit; and have enough money for your stay. You may also need a medical exam and a letter of invitation. Canada is introducing a new entry requirement, known as an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA), for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air. Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid visa. On March 15, 2016, this new requirement will become mandatory and travellers will need an eTA before they can board their flight to Canada. To apply, visit Canada.ca/eTA. The eTA is electronically linked to your passport and is valid for five years or until your passport expires, whichever comes first.

To apply you must have a **valid passport, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or a pre-paid Visa, MasterCard or American Express)**, and an **email address** to complete the online form. It **costs \$7 CAD** to get an **eTA**.

When you arrive in Canada, a border services officer will greet you. The officer works for the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA). The CBSA protects Canada's borders and points of entry. The World Woman's Christian Temperance Union Convention August 18-24, 2016 has been registered with the CBSA. Once your registration form is sent to the registrar, Ruth Esdelle, you will be sent a copy of the letter from CBSA to present at your point of entry. Make sure that you have it with you and that it is not packed in your luggage. This will speed up your entry into Canada.

You will not be allowed into Canada if you give false or incomplete information. You must convince the officer that you are eligible for entry into Canada. You will also have to convince the officer that you will leave Canada at the end of your approved stay.

Transport companies, such as airlines, must make sure you have proper, valid travel documents. If you do not have the proper documents, you may be delayed or unable to board the plane.

To find out what else you may need to know before you come to Canada, see Arriving in Canada at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/arriving.asp>

I hope this information is a help towards your preparation for the WWCTU convention. Please make plans now and don't leave application until the last minute.

Desiree Lanigan
World Corresponding Secretary
Canadian WCTU 1st Vice President



World Convention 2016

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Fairmont Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, Canada

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Please PRINT/TYPE your name, complete mailing address (Street/Suburb/City/Country/postcode), email address and phone number (country code/area code).

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CONVENTION COSTS: (Canadian Dollars = CAD) See Conversion rate: www.xe.com

Package prices for International visitors (includes registration fee (CAD \$50), for a shared room (2 people) with **two beds for 6 nights and all meals during Convention for CAD \$1410 per person.** **Single rooms are available for CAD \$2056**, both amounts inclusive of taxes and service charges.

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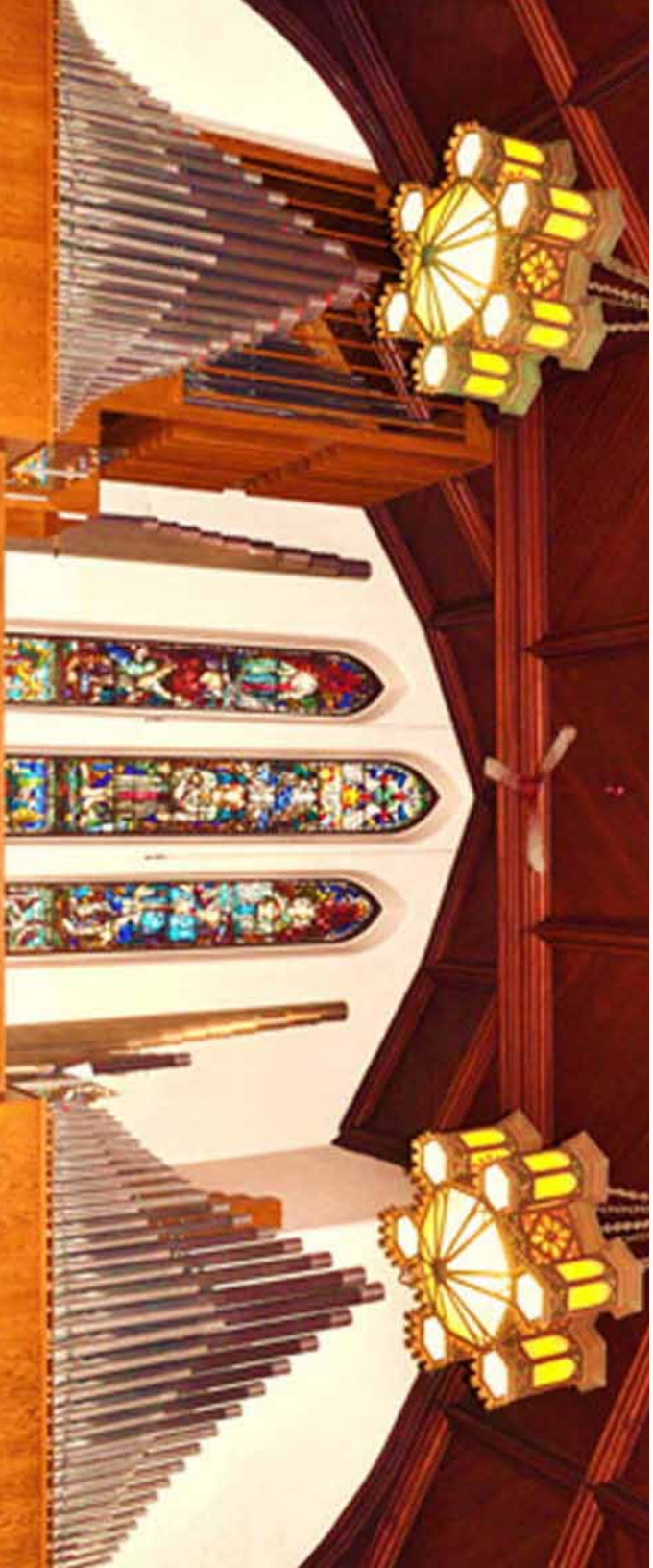
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