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Welcome to Ottawa
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Sarah F. Ward

Dear Friend,

PAST - PRESENT - FUTURE

The theme for our upcoming World Convention takes into account these three time concepts.

Focus on the **past** reminds us of the rich heritage which is ours in the WCTU. It may serve as a reminder that it is important for you to research and gain information on the founding and early temperance work in your country. Interview your older members who have held membership for a long time and write about the things they remember. In countries who are much newer in the work, it is important for you to begin now to write about your founding.

The **present** is what each of us has available now. We need to take advantage of every opportunity to proclaim our message of total abstinence. Develop the projects suggested under each department to involve your members.

Christian Outreach – Members should observe Noontide prayer, develop a personal devotional time and actively participate in church. They may form groups who pray regularly for specific things.

Education – At each WCTU meeting a lesson should be presented on alcohol, tobacco or other drugs. Use visual aids to make it clearer. Quizzes and fact sheets are helpful. Set up displays or exhibits.

Home Protection – Recruit Little White Ribboners (birth to 6years of age). Distribute non-alcohol drink recipes. Conduct cooking seminars showing ways to cook without alcohol. Warn about dangers of gambling and pornography.

Social Service – Visit the sick, shut-ins, and nursing home residents. Volunteer where needed. Help in emergency situations. Supply needs for women's shelters,. Visit prisoners and their families.

Children's Department – Encourage children to sign a total abstinence pledge. Enlist members for the Drug-free Kids Club (www.drug-freekids.com). Sponsor drug-free children's clubs and spend time with individual children.

Youth Department – Look for opportunities to present educational programs to youth in schools and churches. Advertise the website (www.drug-freeyouth.com). Sponsor a fun night for youth. Mentor a youth.

The **future** is unknown to us but we know who holds tomorrow. May our work today make it possible for the work to continue tomorrow.

Yours for a drug-free world,
Sarah

President's Message



Dear All,

"Prayer changes not only circumstances but also those who pray." (Vera C. Shaw, World Convention, Seoul, Korea, 1998.) It is now less than four months to the 40th Triennial World WCTU Convention in Canada. Prayer has been an integral part of my personal preparation and Psalm 42 has been a guiding light for me. I ask you to continue to pray with me for God's outpouring of his Holy Spirit over the whole Convention.



Margaret Ostenstad

As many of you may know, Canada is a federal parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy, with Queen Elizabeth II being the head of state. On her recent 90th birthday, the Queen, in a strong statement of her Christian faith, said that she is "very grateful" to the nation for its prayers for her. She stated that she has felt God's "faithfulness" during her 64 years on the throne. What a difference it would make if all heads of state made a similar statement!

On Sunday, 21st August, 2016, our World Convention church service in Ottawa will be held at the First Baptist Church (see back cover) at 2:00 p.m. The sermon "Great is thy Faithfulness" will be given by Reverend Gena Torres of Toronto. By faith, our work in the Lord will not be in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58)

"We have always shown that we care and we now build on this with academic justification for the importance of our work!" This is my statement in the face of those who think that "moderation" is the answer to get people to listen to the message of dangers involved with alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. Promoting and practicing total abstinence is our standpoint. We believe the best approach to alcohol is abstinence based on the fact that even small amounts of alcohol can and do cause harm to the body and to society. We realize that many people do drink which makes our message even more important.

Speakers at this World Convention are all highly qualified academics with vast experience in their fields. Make notes! Bring a note book with you. Make the most of this time. Each day there will be a time of Reflection when we will share what we have learned. In this way, each one of us can go home with up-to-date information to use wherever we go.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions. margaret.ostenstad45@gmail.com

Love and prayers,
Margaret



Brita Nilssen
Field Worker - Europe

“For God and Home and Every Land”

This was the motto chosen by the women who started our organization. It is a very ambitious motto which no doubt indicated the seriousness of their fight against the use of alcohol. These pioneer women succeeded by using the weapons they had; **God’s word, prayer, and hymns**. We have to admire and respect them for the boldness with which they stood up against those who insulted and threatened them - saloon owners and authorities.

In Hebrews 13:7 Paul reminds us to **“Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”** Paul spoke to Timothy in II Timothy 1:5 **“I am reminded of your sincere faith which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.”**

As we look back on WCTU leaders and their members, how they lived and did God’s work through sincere faith, we can be encouraged to continue and to ask for God’s guidance and help. Also, we must use the gifts of the Spirit given to each one of us.

We see that the incidence of abuse of alcohol, illegal drugs, prescription medicine, and violence, as a result of addiction, has exploded since the women started. We need to be reminded that **“The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses His people with peace.”** (Psalm 29:11)

Children are our greatest resource. One of the most important things we can do for the White Ribbon cause is to give love and attention to each child. Also, we should not be afraid to give advice to youth. If we do not tell them, who will? In Ephesians 5:18 we are told: **“Do not get drunk on wine,Instead, be filled by the Spirit.”**

God’s love must permeate our words and work or we will be **resounding gongs or clanging cymbals** as we are reminded in I Corinthians 13. Let us give thanks to God for all that we are able to do to His glory.

Continue to work for “God and home and every land!”



The World Convention is fast approaching so I am focusing our prayers in this Bulletin on needs related to the Convention.

Prayer suggestions:

- Pray for wisdom, vision, energy, and good health for the WWCTU Officers, especially our President, Margaret Ostenstad, as she prepares for the Convention.
- Give thanks for the interesting program that has been arranged with highly qualified speakers.
- Pray that delegates who need to obtain visas to enter Canada will get them without problems.
- Pray that there will be a good representation at Convention from WCTUs around the world.
- Pray for safe travel for those attending the Convention.
- Pray that there will be lasting inspiration and impetus for our work around the world as a result of the Convention.
- Pray for the Canadian WCTU Officers as they deal with Convention details.



*Anne Bergen
1st Vice President*

We have courage in God's presence because we are sure that He hears us if we ask him for anything that is according to his will. (1 John 5: 14)

Heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great love and power. We thank you that we can bring these needs of WCTU before you and that you hear and answer according to your will. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Anne



Noontide prayer

Around the world, someone is always praying



Desiree Lanigan

As world organization secretary for this term, one of my greatest inspirations for the temperance movement has been to receive all the communication about WCTU events around the world. The newsletters from countries, magazine publications, bulletins, and tidings all bring a sense of excitement. To hear about the different activities and ideas from sister unions and news stories about individual members' involvement in community events have encouraged and challenged me to do more and to take every opportunity to promote the

message of total abstinence. These publications have been part of the history of the WCTU for a long time and represent the work and commitment of individuals. I want to say a big thank you to all the editors.

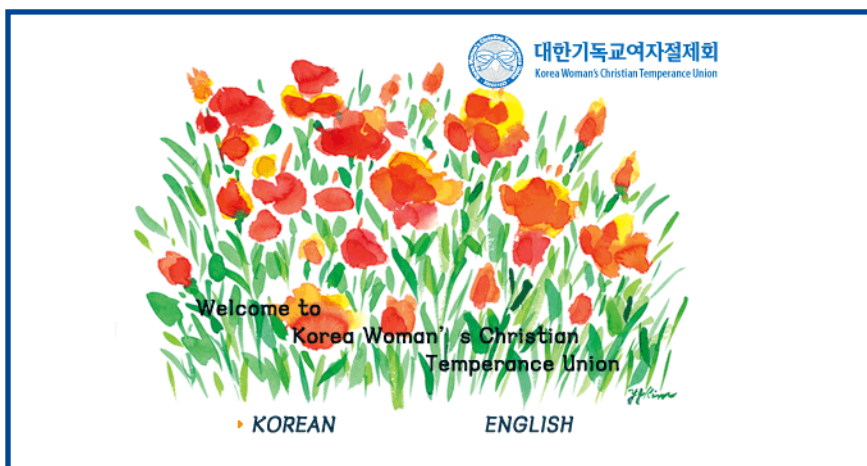
In today's advanced communication, it is also an encouragement to know the WCTU is hard at work to stay with this generation's communication formats. The World WCTU website (www.wwctu.org) shares a bit of our temperance history along with scientific information, inspirational devotions, news updates, and links to the websites for drug-free kids and drug-free youth.



Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Japan, Korea, Norway, and the USA also each have a website which can be accessed from the World website.



The Korean WCTU's website has just released a new homepage for kwctu.org. Their hope is to better serve the temperance movement worldwide. That's the key here! Internet does serve worldwide. The Korean WCTU website is available in two languages, has vivid photos of KWCTU work, videos of past World Conventions, and states their mission and vision: "For God, for Home and for Every Land." KWCTU has set an example for all WCTUs to keep their websites up-to-date, interesting, and inviting.



As I was on the Korean site, I scrolled down and clicked on the YTC Facebook page link. Facebook is a popular, free, social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and videos, send messages and keep in touch with friends, family, and colleagues. The Korean Youth Temperance Council Facebook is very active! It was great to see photos of the young people participating in the temperance movement. Another Facebook page is the District of Toronto WCTU. I viewed photos of some of their activities and saw promotion of the 40th World Convention, August 2016 in Ottawa, Canada. Now that is exciting! I want to say another big thank you to all the webmasters!

You don't have to be the world organization secretary to receive these updates. They are literally at your fingertips! Check out the WCTU websites. See what's new and happening today. Say hello and encourage one another.

Blessings,
Desiree



Joy Butler

Alcohol has long been a part of the African culture. It has been made from local plants - bananas, cassava, and other root vegetables. Women have played a major part in brewing these drinks. The African beer market is exploding and is predicted to be the fastest growing in the world by 2017. Excessive drinking in Africa reinforces a range of issues - social and health problems, domestic violence, HIV /AIDS and FASD. It is obvious that there is a huge opportunity for the WCTU. In 2008 WCTU began to make its influence.

Women from Benin, Burundi, Cameroon, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe (nearly half of Africa) were exposed to the WCTU message and encouraged to be part of it. Seven countries are now actively involved with spreading the WCTU temperance message. Another 10 countries receive a monthly WCTU newsletter.

Democratic Republic of Congo (East Africa), French speaking, where Laurentine Mbe Ndala heads an outreach to children and youth. She is spreading the message by way of radio and TV broadcasts and street marches.

Kenya (East Africa) is where Florence Onsando is purposefully and energetically speaking and organising other to evangelise schools, clubs, and churches with the temperance message. She has been the leader in Nairobi for less than a year but has spoken to hundreds of children and adults, held a display, set up workshops, works with a rehabilitation house for addicts, and seeks all opportunities to minister to people hurt by alcohol. Hundreds of children and youth have signed the pledge. Knollyne Gai plans to start a new work in a remote area. Stanford Bett, a nurse with a passion for WCTU and with encouragement from Loreta Jent (USA) speaks in schools, hospitals, and youth groups. He meets with street children who are exposed to drugs.

Malawi (Southern Africa). There is an active children's home funded and supported by a WCTU group in the USA. They teach the temperance message.

Rwanda (Central Africa). Germaine Musoni has recently returned to Kenya and is actively growing WCTU amongst her colleagues in the university where she works. The response to her message has been successful and many now want to sign the pledge and join. She has a women's group that meets twice a month. She has found that the children respond to music.

Sierra Leone (West Africa). For many years the WCTU has been working in this country. Cynthia Clarkson and Gloria Williams continue to speak and influence people in important places. They observe all the special days on the temperance calendar and promote WCTU and temperance.

South Africa (Southern Africa). WCTU has been playing an important role in South Africa for many years. Leaders have come and gone. There is still a core of people dedicated to the WCTU and we sometimes hear of their work.

Zimbabwe (Southern Africa) has a dynamic leader in Elsie Masuku. She started the WCTU work after she visited Papua New Guinea and Australia in 2002. At her university she began with the children and then the students. Now retired, she lives near Bulawayo City where she is expanding the work. Pastors and others are asking her for information and direction.

The work is slowly spreading throughout Africa. All these people work with very limited means. Please pray more women will rise up and be counted .



Since 2013, as the field worker to Korean missionaries overseas, I have seen great opportunities for temperance work among missionaries. In this report I will briefly share first how the Cambodia WCTU has come into being during the last 3 years.

During their sabbatical year in New Zealand, Rev. Ji Chul Jung and his wife, Mi Ja Hahn, visited NZKWCTU monthly meetings. I highlighted how important it would be to share the Gospel and educate new believers to live drug-free lives, informing them of the harm of alcohol, nicotine, and other addictive drugs. At the same time, during the visit to Korea of Mrs. Mi Hae Lee, wife of the Korean ambassador to Cambodia, the Lord led her to hear about the temperance work from Mrs. Young Joo Kim, the president of KWCTU.



Dr. Jung Joo Kim

After returning to Cambodia, Mrs. Lee invited the newly formed Cambodia WCTU members to her home, and became a member of CWCTU herself. Being well acquainted with the Korean and Cambodian government officers, she kept expanding the CWCTU work, soon, registering CWCTU as a formal NGO of the government in Cambodia. She asked a Korean Christian doctor in pharmacy to give special lectures on the harms of alcohol and nicotine every month. He visited different high schools, universities, and Christian mission schools. Sometimes the Korean Embassy supported the meetings with food and donated gifts. Now CWCTU enjoys a strong membership among the native Cambodian university students and Korean missionaries. The growth of CWCTU is a strong testimony that our Lord Jesus Christ Himself is eager to save lost humankind and to help them live drug-free lives.

In other countries, the Lord is doing unique works. Since she attended the world convention in Norway, missionary Michelle Koh has founded a middle and high school, a college, and a seminary in Nepal. She shares the Gospel diligently and educates with the temperance message of total abstinence.

In Senegal, missionary Mrs. Yang Jin Kim is in charge of a kindergarten through high school, which the Korean church founded. Having served as director of KWCTU Child Care Center for seven years, she knows the importance of temperance work among young people. She also attended the World Conventions in the USA and in Norway. She is having a KWCTU English pamphlet translated into French. She hopes that she may be able to attend the World Convention in Canada.

In Vanuatu, missionary Mrs. Nanjoo Kim, a nurse, started a temperance union with a native, Mrs. Elizabeth Molidorodoro. They plan to attend the World Convention in Canada. Mrs. Nanjoo Kim has found out that people in Vanuatu drink Cava, an alcoholic beverage from the palm tree. With her husband actively planting churches in the deep jungles, she sees the need to train the native leaders and people about temperance work very serious.

As a field worker, I cannot but confess that our Lord Himself is saving the lost ones, reaching out to them to live a life free from addiction. Glory be to God.

Jung Joo

IMPORTANT INFORMATION **ABOUT WCTU WORLD CONVENTION**

The convention package begins with lunch on Thursday 18th August - concludes with breakfast on Tuesday 24th August. If we have booked an extra night for you (17th or 25th) you've already paid another \$189 per night (room).

Registration commences from 1 pm on the 18th August. Any outstanding money is to be paid at the Registration desk.

The Official Board meets at 3 pm in the Ballroom.

All meals are in a designated area. Dinner on the 18th August at 5.p.m.

The Convention opens officially with the flag procession at 7 p.m.

THESE MEMBER COUNTRIES NEED A VISA TO ENTER CANADA

Cambodia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, South Africa, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Zimbabwe

DO NOT DELAY! DO NOT RELY ON TRAVEL AGENTS TO GET YOUR VISA!

Canada does not have a visa office in every country so it is important that delegates visit the website of the visa office responsible for processing their visa applications. Information is available on the website on how to submit a visa application and the documentation required.

Delegates are encouraged to submit their visa applications well in advance of the date of the event at a Visa Application Centre or on-line E-applications (e-Apps).

Delegates from countries which DO NOT need A VISA must have an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA). This can be purchased on line ((CAD\$ 7) - www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp.

Exception: USA Residents (born in USA) do NOT require an eTA. CITIZENS (born in another country) DO require an eTA if travelling by air. ALL TRAVELLING FROM OVERSEAS who have a TRANSIT STOP in USA need an ESTA -

<https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> \$US 14 - Do not go to any other website as it will charge a \$73 extra.

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