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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

<p>1 NO POVERTY</p>	<p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p>	<p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p>	<p>4 QUALITY EDUCATION</p>	<p>5 GENDER EQUALITY</p>
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World Woman's Christian Temperance Union (*W.W.C.T.U.*)

CODE OF ETHICS

The code of ethics gives guidelines which serve as a foundation for action and cooperation within the World Woman's Christian Temperance Union (**WWCTU**) as an organization, as well as with external partners.

The WWCTU wishes to focus on the integrity of its members to strengthen the organization's reputation. The code of ethics has its roots in Christian values that create good relations in any community. Examples include:

- Respect,
- Fairness/Justice,
- Loyalty,
- Reliability,
- Democracy,
- Equality and solidarity.

One must treat others as one would like to be treated themselves. Adhering to such core values within the organization will have positive ripple effects and give a solid boost to our goal achievement.

The WWCTU aims are:

- To strengthen preventative work regarding all kinds of addictive substances
- To protect the family
- To encourage women to join in temperance work
- To promote equality in civil rights
- To promote international peace and understanding
- To protect the home and community;
- To build public sentiment for sobriety;
- To promote good citizenship;
- To instill Christian principles into the character of our children;
- To inform society about the values of total abstinence by providing scientific facts concerning the nature and effects of alcohol tobacco and other drugs;
- To promote just and fair laws

To reach these objectives, the WWCTU continues to:

- Teach the scientific facts about the effects of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs on the body and in the society;
- Promote laws for such teaching throughout society;
- Produce teaching aids for use in the classroom and the church;
- Distribute films and videotapes;
- Conduct alcohol and drug workshops

The WWCTU Board is to ensure that the organization is run in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The WWCTU is run on Christian foundation with the Bible as a guideline for its activities. The WWCTU is a non-partisan, non-denominational, non-profit organization.

Dear all,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that our organization is finally back in compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws, as well as receiving the following notification: «Dear NGO Representative,

We have the pleasure to announce that your written statement for the 2021 ECOSOC High-level Segment has been published.»

A lot of work has already been done on with WWCTU's Plan of Action for 2022-2026. (See the UN Sustainability Development Goals on the cover. 13 of the 17 goals are affected by alcohol, and other drugs can even cause environmental harm.)

We need to strategically develop plans for membership, finances, and building stewardship. One thing we must never forget is that challenges we are in have been an incredible catalyst for new and wonderful things ahead!

Please pray with us for victory ahead and a God-honoring resolution to the lawsuit with the Center in the United States which I informed you about in 2019. I look forward expectantly to what God will do in and through us, not only as this litigation continues but also as the WWCTU around the world reenergized and gets ready for continued work for «God, Home and Every Land.»

Congratulations to US National Board and delegates on their wonderful National Convention held recently in Michigan. (See page 8)

The WWCTU has always been proud of their heritage.

My favorite **definition** of a **nation** comes from **St. Augustine** and can also be applied to a non-profit organization. He said, a **nation** is a **multitude of rational beings united by the common objects** of their **love**. So what we have to ask ourselves at every critical point is, what do we **love** in **common**? Right now, we don't **love** enough in **common**.

We must let our common object be the example Jesus set for us.

He gave His all to those He loved, and called out to ALL to hear those words which had the power to save. He raised the dead, and He healed the sick. He walked for miles, and He carried the cross up to the destiny of you and me. On the day He knew He would be betrayed, He gave the most powerful message ever known to men. He knew He was faced with death, and yet His glory was ready to shine. Though He knew of the pain and suffering that was in store, for you and me, He walked that road with us in His heart.

The Crusade Psalm says it so clearly! Prayer has always been our walk and the Lord has always heard our prayers.

On page 2 you can read the WWCTU Code of Ethics. We stand by them and walk by faith.

Blessings, love and prayers,

Margaret Ostenstad

World President



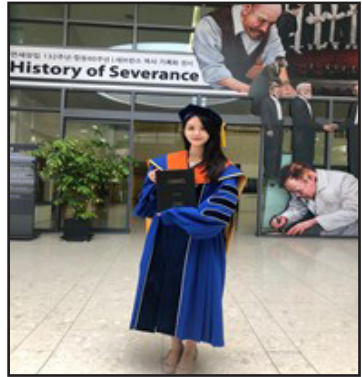
Where God Guides, He Provides

Sarah Soyeon Oh, World Education Officer

Recently, I finished my PhD in Public Health from Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea. My PhD dissertation was on 'Hospitalizations and Mortality among Patients with **Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.**'

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs) are the range of physical and mental conditions that can occur in a person whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy.

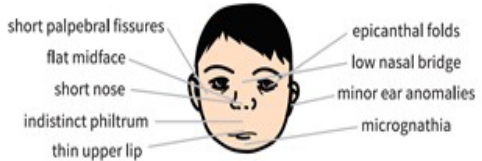
Not only will it lead to various physical defects including brain malformations, but mental issues, and neurological problems.



Some quick facts on FASDs are as follows:

1. The fetus can be affected **regardless of the amount/frequency of alcohol** consumed by the mother.
2. Each year, around **630,000 babies** are born with this disease globally.
3. **1 in 13 women who consume alcohol during pregnancy will give birth to a baby with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)**, the most severe form of FASDs.
4. The **average life expectancy of people with FAS is 34 years of age**, with 'external causes' including suicides and accidents, accounting for nearly half (44%) of all deaths.

Facial Characteristics of a Child With FAS



In Ephesians 5:18, Paul highlights the importance of abstaining from alcohol. He says, 'Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.'

Like Paul, the World Woman's Christian Temperance Union encourages those around us to be filled with the Holy Spirit, instead of wine and worldly things. But many people around us are yet to know about the addictive qualities of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs.



Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

(Ephesians 5:18)

Even fewer people realize how dangerous it is to consume alcohol during pregnancy. The saddest thing is that **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is 100% preventable!** However, it is common for a woman to be unaware of her pregnancy, and accidentally consume some alcohol in the early stages. In this case, we must share the

love of God with her and make sure that **she does not blame herself or feel shame**. We must also make sure that **for the rest of her pregnancy, she does not continue to drink any alcohol**. Continuing to drink throughout her entire pregnancy will increase her odds of giving birth to a baby with physical and/or mental defects by up to 500% compared to if she stops during her first trimester.

My goal is to make the prevalence of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders 0% i.e. I wish to completely eradicate the chances of a baby being affected by prenatal alcohol exposure. Although this may seem like an impossible dream, I know that **Where God guides, He provides**.

The Korean Woman's Christian Temperance Union is currently collaborating with Ewha Womans University Mokdong Hospital in Seoul, South Korea to create Asia's first-ever Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center.

The Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center will have three teams: **Diagnosis, Research, and Education**.

The **Diagnosis** Team will be responsible for creating a monitoring system that helps with prevention and early diagnosis of FASDs. A team of doctors at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, led by Professor Young Ju Kim, will be executing this.



The **Research** Team will be responsible for researching and publishing the latest, scientific articles on FAS and FASDs. Research will range from surveys, to animal tests and big data analyses.

The **Education** Team will be responsible for creating and disseminating educational material regarding FAS and FASDs to people in the community.

While we are in the very early stages of planning the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center, we have already had a meeting with the President of Ewha Womans University and Medical Director of the Ewha Womans University Mokdong Hospital, and received approval to use the space (in the photo above) for our initiative.

Ultimately, I hope that Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Centers will be started throughout countries all over the world – I know that there are already research laboratories in the United States that focus specifically on the harms of prenatal alcohol and drug exposure on the fetus.

The first project of the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention Center will be to publish and distribute the translated version of Ann Streissguth's book, *Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: A Guide for Families and Communities*. We have already finished translating the book, and it is currently being edited into a publishable format.

Please pray for us as we take simple steps to help those in our community become aware about the harms of alcohol consumption during pregnancy. Also, feel free to share the English brochure of our institute that my sister, Hannah Oh (World Youth Director) and I made to raise awareness in the households around us about the harms of FAS, and the love of our Lord Jesus.

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household." (Acts 16:31)

Q5. How Can FAS Be Prevented?

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
is 100% preventable

If you are planning to conceive, you must stop drinking. However, it is common for a woman to be unaware of her pregnancy and accidentally consume some alcohol. In this case, do not blame yourself or feel shame. **Just make sure that for the rest of your pregnancy, you do not drink any alcohol.**

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(ACTS 16:31)



**Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Prevention Institute**

Alcoholism Screening Test of Seoul National Mental Hospital (NAST)

Item	Score
1. I try to relieve feelings of self-pity or depression by drinking.	1.5
2. I like drinking alcohol alone.	2.4
3. I drink alcohol to recover from hangovers.	3.3
4. When I start to get drunk, I can't stop drinking more alcohol.	3.6
5. If I have alcohol cravings, I can't resist the temptation to drink.	3.3
6. I have had more than 2 alcohol-related blackouts in the last 6 months.	2.4
7. My drinking has been affecting my relationships/social life.	1.0
8. My drinking has been affecting my job performance.	2.8
9. My spouse/caregiver has left me or threatened to leave me because of my drinking.	2.8
10. When I stop drinking, I sweat, tremble, feel anxious/depressed, or have trouble sleeping.	5.0
11. I have experienced hallucinations/shakes after reducing my alcohol intake.	5.0
12. I have received treatment for alcohol-related problems.	2.1

Scoring:

Add all scores that have been weighted from 1-5 by mental health professionals and recovering alcoholics.

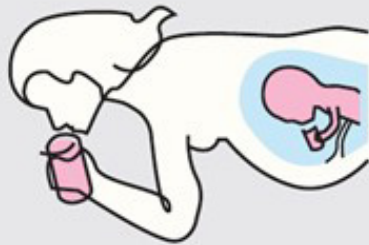
Answering "Yes" to more than 3 items or having a total score of more than 11 points: requires hospitalization for alcohol-related problems, High likelihood of alcoholism.

Questions 10,11: Symptoms of alcohol withdrawal/dependence and should be diagnosed with alcoholism.

FAS

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Q&A



EUMC EUNHA WOMAN UNIVERSITY
MEDICINE HOSPITAL

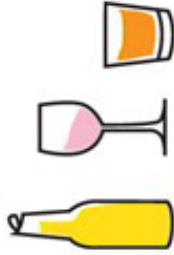
Funded by the Korea Woman's Christian Temperance Union

Q1. What is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome(FAS)?

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) is a condition of physical and mental birth defects that can occur in a person whose mother drank alcohol during pregnancy.

1. The fetus can be affected regardless of the amount/frequency of alcohol consumed by the mother.
2. Each year, 630,000 babies with FAS are born globally.
3. 1 in 13 women who consume alcohol during pregnancy will give birth to a baby with FAS.

4. The average life expectancy of people with FAS is 34 years of age, with 'external causes' accounting for 44% of all deaths.



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Q2. What Are the Symptoms of FAS?

1. Physical Defects

Brain malformations(microencephaly), heart defects, distinctive facial features (short philtrum, short and upturned nose, small eyes, exceptionally thin upper lip etc.)

2. Mental Issues

Trouble with attention and processing, attention deficit disorder, impulsivity, poor impulse control etc.

3. Neurological Problems

One study found that around 25% of patients have an IQ below 70 and experience various learning problems (trouble reasoning, hyperactivity etc.)

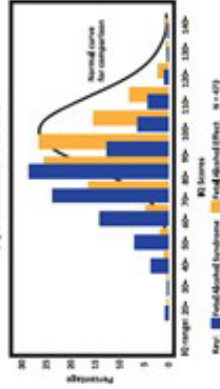
Q3. Does Pre-pregnancy Drinking Also Matter?

A recent animal study by the Korean National Institute of Health found that alcohol consumption before pregnancy is associated with fetal growth and macrosomia (newborn over 4kg). High-risk drinking women were 2.5 times more likely to give birth to a child with fetal macrosomia.

Q4. How Can Society Help?

1. Provide an early diagnosis for patients
2. Create and manage appropriate job opportunities
3. Provide safe and supportive housing where patients feel safe
4. Help those with disabilities, substance abuse problems, and legal matters

IQ Distribution For FAS



Facial Characteristics of a Child With FAS





Anne Bergen
Organization Secretary

In spite of the Covid-19 pandemic, and the problems it has caused, we are all still working for WCTU. Here is some positive news from India and the USA.

The National Woman’s Christian Temperance, USA met June 28 - July 2, 2021 for their **148th Convention**. They used the theme “Arise & Build” from Nehemiah 2:20 which says: “The God of heaven, he will prosper us. Therefore, we his servants will arise and build.”

A spirit of unity and enthusiasm permeated the convention which resulted in the current five general officers being re-elected without opposition; the adoption of the President’s Recommendations; and overwhelming support for the NWCTU 2021-2022 Resolutions.



National WCTU’s legal counsel attended the convention for two days, during which the ongoing litigation was discussed and questions answered. A **“resolution” reaffirming the existence, purposes and goals of NWCTU** was prepared by the law firm, approved by the officers and sent to all Official Board members two weeks prior to convention. Both the Official Board and convention delegates voted overwhelmingly to adopt the “resolution”, thereby, establishing the will of the people to reject all attempts to merge with another entity and continue unhindered as an organization of women dedicated to making America and the world more home-like.

Department directors presented **glowing reports of work accomplished**. The Promotion Director reported **new unions organized**, the stabilization of an organized **work in Tennessee** and a **gain of one hundred fifty plus new members** through the membership contest. Greetings from World WCTU President, Margaret Ostenstadt, was the highlight of an impressive Light Line Service presented by World WCTU officers Merry Lee Powell and Kathleen Johnson.

USA women thank WWCTU members for their continued prayer support.

News from India

Dr. Sheela Lall, wrote: Greetings to all our WCTU sisters of the world. The words of Lamentations 3:22-23 – say, **“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassion never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.”**

In India because of its diversity, population and unprepared infrastructure, the Covid-19 situation had exploded to it’s worse possible, but amidst all this, life doesn’t stop. We lost four of our national members during this time - Mrs. S. Prakash (our past national president), Mrs. C. Davis (our past national treasurer and hostess of WCTU head quarters), Mrs. G.M. Lall (National Director of Social Services dept.) and Mrs. Preeti Das (National Director of our children’s department) have passed into eternity, and many of our members lost their spouse or relatives or church leaders.

We who are left behind do not stop but found new and creative ways to witness Christ’s love, hope, peace and healing under the banner of W.C.T.U.:

- Many who lost their job have been provided with food and groceries
- We have celebrated on-line nationwide, World Day of Prayer on Frances Willard’s birthday, with about 80 WCTU sisters participating. It was a great sharing and encouraging time for all of us.
- We had very good participation for an on-line essay writing and poster competition on No Alcohol Day on May 31st.
- We also asked the Y.T.C. youth to write their lockdown experience and what motivated them and what depressed them. All have been encouraged by reading the word of God!! The best part for most was to spend quality time with family eating home-cooked meals and playing long forgotten games.



Please pray for us as our future is uncertain, but we know God is watching over us. He is the One who never changes in this ever-changing world.

Passing of former WWCTU Officers:

Dorothy Russell (right), former World Treasurer, and Anja Aalto (photo, left), a former President of Finland WCTU and World Fieldworker for Europe, went to be with the Lord recently (Dorothy last November and Anja in May). They made a valuable contribution to WCTU and will be missed.



Social Service Department 2021
Rhona Theodore
Social Service aims to promote the welfare of others.



Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth
Genesis. 1:31 God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.

“The Social Services Department reaches out to the community and individuals who are neglected, suffering or in need, without any prejudice of race, religion, age or gender by sharing the love of Jesus Christ through giving our love and support”. WWCTU

Our World president, Margaret Ostenstad has expressed the opinion that we should include climate change/taking care of the environment in our WCTU agenda, while not forgetting our main work regarding alcohol and other drugs. By caring for the earth God made we are caring for other people too.

In our WWCTU planning we are basing much of our department work on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are a collection of 17 interlinked goals designed to be a “blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all”. The SDGs were set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030 (another 9 years)

SDGs 12, 13, 14, 15 focus on “Saving the Earth” and there are many things we can do to reduce our negative impact on the beautiful world that God created for us.

SDG 12 - Responsible consumption and production - is about doing more and better with less. It is about promoting sustainable lifestyles which can also contribute substantially to poverty alleviation and the transition towards low-carbon and green economies.

How do we respond? In the workplace and in the home:

Source suppliers carefully. Ensure the products are produced ethically. Read the information on each item.

Encourage reduce, reuse, recycle.

Remember every small change makes a huge impact over time.

SDG 13 - Climate Change -

Excerpts from the UN SDG :

1. What is climate change? Goal No. 13

Climate is different from weather. When we talk about the Earth's climate, we are referring to the average weather conditions over a period of 30 years or longer. Weather, on the other hand, refers to what you see and feel outside from day to day (e.g., sunny, rainy).

So, climate change is any change in the climate, lasting for several decades or longer, including changes in temperature, rainfall or wind patterns.

Long-term air and ocean temperature records clearly show the Earth is warming. This might not sound like a lot, but 1.1°C represents a massive amount of extra heat and energy – the equivalent of four Hiroshima bomb detonations per second.

While the earth's climate has changed throughout history, scientists agree that the significant changes we've seen over the past hundred years or so have been due to human activities. Recent warming is also happening at a rate that is much faster than previous climatic changes.

2. What is causing climate change?

The short answer is **the excessive amount of greenhouse gases entering the Earth's atmosphere due to human activity is causing our climate to heat dramatically.**

But **since the Industrial Revolution, greenhouse gases have built up in the atmosphere**, leading to more heat being trapped close to the earth's surface. This is because Western civilizations began digging up and burning coal, oil and gas on a massive scale. At the same time, tree-clearing (deforestation) and the production of waste (landfill) also increased. All of these processes produce greenhouse gases.

Carbon dioxide is the most significant of all the greenhouse gases, followed by methane.

In 2019, carbon emissions rose to a new record. The year was also the second warmest year of all time. Now or never, we need to take climate action.

What can we do?

Reduce Food Waste

Each year, an estimated one third of all food produced - equivalent to 1.3 billion tons worth around \$1 trillion - ends up rotting in the bins of consumers and retailers or spoiling due to poor transportation and harvesting practices. Get a compost bin to turn your waste into good material for your garden.

Most of this wastage is due to cosmetic reasons – food being ugly, bruised, too small, too large, the wrong color, but still very much edible. Let's learn to look past what we've been taught about the 'right' looking food and signal to our food producers that we will eat what is edible, regardless of appearance.

(In Woolworths Stores (where I shop) in the produce section - "the odd bunch" fruit and veggies I purchase this regularly and find that it is just as good - but as it says - different sizes. I also look for and purchase 'specials'.) I am sure there are other places with similar produce.

When shopping for groceries - check 'use by' dates and if possible, avoid bulk buying of specials (this is false economy - as a good portion will end up in the bin).

Prepare meals (and freeze any leftovers). If possible, use glass containers that are reusable

LIFE Under Water

The ocean covers **75% of our Earth** and is a home to over 200,000 species. And yet, approximately 40% of our precious water bodies are being affected by pollution.

Make Conscious Choices Every Day - wherever we are.

When hosting events, request hotels, and facilities to provide jugs and glasses instead of bottled water. In our homes use water wisely. If possible, have a small tank for rainwater - for the garden (this is a big saving).

Volunteer for Beach Clean-Ups

Partner with your local council, and like-minded people, neighbours and friends and organise a beach/road/area clean-up day. It's a great way to do good and bond as a team.

Support Marine Life Protection Projects

Whether it's cleaning up beaches, protecting sea turtles, or preventing illegal shark trading, there is much we can do to stop the abuse of the oceans.

LIFE ON LAND

Remove Single-Use in Your Business and at home.

Single-use and disposable should be the new bad words of this decade. While there is some justified use of single-use material such as in the medical field, here we are talking about convenience.

Convenience can no longer be an excuse for unnecessarily polluting our oceans, piling up landfills, and using precious raw material. Plastic production is extremely harmful to the environment, it starts with fracking for petroleum, all the way until it is buried as waste.

According to the Centre for International Environmental Law, 'plastic is among the most significant and rapidly growing sources of industrial greenhouse gas emissions.

Reduce The Use of Harsh Chemicals in businesses and in the homes

Opt for more natural materials - they may seem to cost a tad more but using them indicates that we are serious in our endeavour. And it saves our planet.

The emergence of COVID-19 has underscored the relationship between people and nature - and revealed the fundamental tenets of the trade-off we consistently face: humans have unlimited needs,

BUT our Planet has limited capacity to satisfy them. We must try to understand and appreciate the limits to which humans can push nature, before the impact is negative. Those limits must be reflected in our consumption and production patterns.

What can we, as consumers, do?

- **Save** electricity by plugging appliances into a power strip and turning them off completely when not in use, including the computer.
- **Stop** paper bank statements and pay bills online or via mobile.
- **Share**, don't just like. If you see an interesting social media post about women's rights or climate change, share it so folks in your network see it too.
- **Speak up!** Ask your local and national authorities to engage in initiatives that don't harm people or the planet.
- **Turn off** the lights. Your TV or computer screen provides a cosy glow, so turn off other lights if you don't need them.
- **Report** online bullies. If you notice harassment on a message board or in a chat room, flag that person.
- **Stay informed.** Follow your local news and stay in touch with the Global Goals online or on social media at @GlobalGoalsUN.
- If people worldwide switched to energy efficient light bulbs the world would save US\$120 billion annually.
- **Use water wisely** - have a small rainwater tank for the garden and for washing dishes etc
- Invest in a compost bin (or similar).

Armed with this information we can

: invite our friends and family to join us in small projects. Listen to their passion and work from that.

: attend seminars held by Council and other organisations.

: Lobby our MPs

Please share any other ideas that will expand our impact and motivate and inspire all to continue in doing the work that our Lord has put on our hearts.

When I started on this - I was looking at the 'big' picture and wondered what we can do. I realised that with knowledge obtained from these SDGs (aimed/intended for Organisations and Companies with billions and trillions) we can implement many of those recommended but on a much smaller and wider scale for all people and nations as we are all citizens in this wonderful World.



And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. Rev. 21:3



The **power of prayer** is the **power** of God. Our **prayers** move the heart and hand of God. Since God is all-powerful, there is no limit as to what **prayer** can do. Jeremiah 33:3 “Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.”

Jantzen Franklin says it this way: *Editor*



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” -1 Thessalonians 5:16

The most powerful people on the face of this earth are those who have learned how to pray. Not people who merely believe in prayer or talk about prayer — but people who take time to pray.

Prayer is that holy communication with heaven that creates an atmosphere for God's presence ... and the Devil's python strategy is to stop or hinder that communication. Our greatest weapon is prayer. Prayer is the power on earth that moves the power in heaven.

Prevailing prayer is the key. It is that consistent, insistent, continual life of communication with God. It is not something you do; it is a part of who you are. Through prayer, fasting, and faith, you can move heaven.

Jesus taught two important things about prayer: pattern and persistence. How did Jesus know what God wanted? He made a habit of praying (Luke 5:16). The Son of God did nothing on His own – he always prayed. Jesus also taught us to ask, seek, and knock through prayer (Matthew 7:8) with persistence.

How do you discover the power of prayer? Start praying!

THINK ABOUT IT—

What is the best time for you to pray? Each person is different. Choose a specific time to pray EVERY DAY and commit to it. Also, choose the best place for you to meet God . . . a place where you can be still and quiet.

PRAYER FOR TODAY—

Heavenly Father,

Help me unleash the power of prayer in my life. Show me how to make prevailing prayer a part of my life. I want to grow closer to You in prayer. Amen.

Challenge

A challenging message from a past president of National WCTU - Ellen Chandler

"Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end," so the song opens.

If we look back through our history we see great and glorious days when membership was high across all ages, when Annual Convention brought together many women filling a city church for the open meeting. Times when there were great achievements such as the Votes for Women, female matrons in prisons, opening of the first kindergarten etc. So the list could go on. But we must remember that these things did not come easily. They were success stories after much prayer, letter writing, personal approaches etc. It was said that politicians looked with dread if they saw an appointment made in the name of the WCTU. They would say, "What do they want now?"

Minutes record activities unusual in this day and age, for example, paying for an ambulance to assist wounded World War One soldiers, developing hostels and a Holiday Home at Williamstown, Victoria. WCTU specialised in meeting needs.

Always WCTU has been at the forefront of change and aware of many problems in society. But there have been enormous changes. Women, if they choose, may now belong to many organizations - providing they can find the time with family commitments when working, plus using virtual communities online. So WCTU competes for a part of women's lives.

Can we plan and act to promote WCTU in 21/22? Can we present WCTU as an organization worthy of time and effort? Can we focus on special actions to raise our profile?

We cannot see into the future but we can prepare. While WCTU is relatively still active, can we develop a contingency plan, put in place some possible actions for the future of our resources, only to be acted on when WCTU is no longer viable?

And, as always, prayerfully say "O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, Be thou our guide while troubles last and our eternal home."



Noontide prayer

Around the world, someone is always praying



The River of Life

YOUNG JOO KIM

태아알코올증후군 예방연구소 설립모금을 위한

자선개인전

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이대서울병원(마곡동)
아트큐브 & 웰니스아트존

This poster announces Young Joo Kim's coming Solo Exhibition which aims to raise funds for the FAS Center at Ewha Womans University in Seoul. The aim of the Center is to prevent FAS through research and education about the harm of drinking alcohol during pregnancy.